

# The Thompson Times

with David & Emma Thompson • March 2026



*"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened" Matthew 7:7-8*

Dear BCA family, we are so thankful for your prayers and support. We want you to know that God has been answering what you've been asking for on our behalf.

## Kids' Club

Our four-week Christmas Kids' Club which ran on Fridays after school from 21 November to 12 December went really well.

You can rejoice with us that over 20 kids (ages 5 – 8) attended and heard the Good News of Jesus! The kids had a ball and were sad for it to end. Each afternoon there was afternoon tea, free play, Super Truth (Bible time), singing, craft and games.

We were encouraged to see the kids be so engaged with the story of Jesus' special birth and how he came to earth to save us by dying on a cross for our sin and being raised to new life so that we can live with him forever. They asked good questions, learned a great song about the glorious night that Jesus came to earth, and memorised a Bible verse.

Thank you, God! And thank YOU, for praying! Please pray for fruit.

## Family Carols

The families who sent their children to Kids' Club were invited to our Family Carols event on Saturday 13 December (the kids made a special invite in craft time). It's the first time in quite a while since there's been a family-friendly Carols service in our town.

Aside from those special Kids' Club invites, we also advertised on social media and handed out printed flyers to reach the wider community. We weren't sure who would come along, but praise God we were nearly bursting at the seams! The estimate was 120 people! Many had never been to a Carols service before.



Banner Image: Dongara coastline

Circle Image: The Thompsons

Middle & Bottom Image: Scenes from our Christmas Kids' Club



Everyday Matters

*Continued from previous page...*

We started off the evening in the church with carols, a kids talk, a quiz and a song performed by the Kids' Club kids, then finished outside with a barbecue, ice creams and games. It was a wonderfully relaxed and enjoyable time. We were thankful to have the help from some brothers and sisters from Geraldton (45 mins north of Dongara), particularly with music, welcoming and cooking the barbecue.

**Please pray that God would be pleased to continue to water the seeds that were planted that evening and that He would grow His Kingdom in our town.**

### Everyday Matters

Thank you for praying the lunchtime Christian Values Education program for Years 1-3 we've been running in the local school with the help of two ladies – one from our congregation and one from another church. Last year, we started with eight students and ended the year with 18 regulars! Thank you, God! This term, we've already had 24 sign up!

**Please pray that God would be pleased to continue to water the seeds that were planted that evening and that He would grow His Kingdom in our town**

Please pray for the students as we look at the Old Testament timeline and

they learn who God is. Our first session this term was on Creation. We had a lot of surprised looks and a few utterings of "What?!" as most of them had never heard before that God created everything.

**Please pray that this surprise would turn to awe of our wonderful Creator.**

### Searching the Scriptures

Monday afternoon Bible study continues to be a great encouragement to David and those who attend. It's a group that loves to dive deep into the Word, ask lots of curly questions, figure out what each passage means and how it applies to their



Creation – Everyday Matters

*Continued from previous page...*

lives. Please pray they would continue to thirst after God's Word and not give up meeting together.

We are thankful to God that we've had some new people join us at church and there is now a demand for an additional evening and a morning women-only Bible study group to form.

Please pray that these groups would start well and that those who attend would grow in knowledge and in love of the Lord Jesus as they delve into the Word, and that they would be challenged and encouraged by meeting and sharing life with fellow believers.

### Family news

The new school year has started well for Reuben and Paige. They are enjoying their new classes, reconnecting with friends from last year and making new ones. Please pray that they will continue to live for Jesus even when it's hard.

Emma continues in her part-time role as Safe Ministry Officer for the Anglican Diocese of North West Australia and has also started a new job this year at Mingenew Primary School as one of their YouthCARE Chaplains.

Thank God for the opportunity Emma has to get to know and walk alongside students, staff and parents, showing them the love of Jesus. Please pray for her as she does this.

### Keep praying!

BCA family, it's because of you that we are here, so we thank you again for your prayers, support and encouragement.

Please continue to pray for us, our church and the community. We believe God is doing something here in Dongara so please keep asking for many to seek and knock, and find Jesus.



With love,  
*David, Emma, Reuben & Paige*

Pray for

our work in  
Dongara/Mingenew

Find out more

about  
Bush Church Aid

Give

to partner with us in  
going the distance to  
share Jesus with the bush



*Reaching Australia for Christ since 1919*