

Around HopeNet and HN around

HopeNet members have been attending Christian witness classes and preparing for the crusade when Franklin Graham will bring the powerful message of hope. An exciting evening of live music from Crowder, Planetshakers and more. Bring your friends and family! [Titanium Security](#) Arena 44A Crittenden Road Findon, South Australia 5023 "it was the quietness that descended on the crowd when Franklin Graham started to speak that was the most telling. His message was simple, but profound. The response was something to behold. My prayer is that our churches will step up to the task of discipleship" Wendy Francis, ACL at opening celebration, Perth



The HopeNet general meeting last week attended by 120 reps and observers (pictured) offered [six options](#) and recommendations for the guidance of our faithful churches as they navigate their way forward in the uncertainty caused by the Assembly resolution and the developing challenges in our society and law. These are part of the 'Future Directions' document. Congregations may make different decisions about their future. We will support each one in the process of their journey.

With Dean Whittaker and Warren Mack at HopeNet regional office

suite (aka TTG Cibo's) conspiring and discussing resources of gifted evangelists and music amongst Congress and multicultural congregations for public Gospel events. These are days to declare and demonstrate the wonderful benefits of Christ's kingdom into our local communities. Any local churches resonating with this impetus and would like to plug into information, let us know.

Welcome Pstr Darian Jones who will be inducted to serve in Waikerie congregation on Friday March 1st at 7pm. Any who can, welcome to attend. Christ's blessings for all in Waikerie church !

Some of our churches podcast their sermons-check them out.

The latest from Victoria outside of football. And its not funny. The latest attack on the [Gospel of sanctification](#). The author, James Parker will be speaking at a special seminar for pastors, counsellors and church leaders March 27th, a Wednesday, at Burnside City Church. Family Voice are sponsoring and have invited HopeNet to input on the day as well. Details coming. But what about



this: can a pastor read Romans 1? Can a pastor name sin? Can a pastor preach the reality of being a new creation in Christ? Actually – forget the pastor – can anyone proclaim these truths? [Is the Gospel legal?](#)

Do we recognize the imago dei? Deliver righteousness into SA. Record [your voice](#) against the proposed full-term abortion laws . Several Hopenet folk were at the public meeting to oppose the proposed State abortion Bill which would be brutal to babies and devastating to many women.

Does your church remember some part of the persecuted church every Sunday and include them in prayer? Barnabas offers information to do this through their [newsline](#). One of the reformers said we have not worshipped unless we remember the suffering family of Christ.

And beyond

Discuss an AFL game with friends? What about reading Scripture with a friend in the same kind of way? Check this workshop sponsored by Trinity Anglican at Modbury with guest [Richard Borgonon](#)

Exposing radical Islam in Australia it its roots. This is a **sensational set of sentencing** remarks by [Justice Fagan](#) in NSW. A much more detailed report for those of you following Islamic politio-theology and its impact in Australia, [here](#) .Dr. Patrick Sookhdeo remarked that this was a most interesting and helpful statement (in Australia)

Where are the fastest growing churches ? Here is one that may [surprise you](#). And this [statement](#) from the President of Egypt. All in the same week when we heard Aasia Bibi is declared innocent and free to leave Pakistan after counter-jihadist appeal fails. This is the working of our Lord's gentle majestic kingdom. Pray on, give and keep hope alive!

*Background article on **religious freedom** for those of you who want historical [knowledge](#) about our root.*

Quote: Has leadership replaced Discipleship? *“Every one of us came into the world looking for one thing. The moment we were born we were looking for one thing: a face. Because until we see a face—until another sees us — we do not know who we are.” And we never stop looking for a face. This is the brilliance of discipleship —while tech giants and their products are pulling us further and further away from embodied community, discipleship requires that we resist that pull and devote ourselves to one another. That we see a face. Discipleship is exactly what humans need, and it flies in the face of innovation and progress. . . . to truly make disciples, it will mean we spend less time on our phones and online and on stage. It will mean we travel less, move less, and work less. It will mean we recover the practice of friendship, citizenship, and embodied community. And finally, it will mean we commit to the people around us. Being a disciple looks more like being a mother or a neighbour than it does being a “leader” or an “influencer.” Andy Crouch*

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