

# The Hope in Tottenham Family Meeting

## Sunday 2nd December 2018

*Verse of the Week: Revelation 21:3 "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."*

The Hope in Tottenham Family once again came together for the first of several meetings for December to celebrate the community.

With our best attendance from the community to date, the Hope in Tottenham Family Meeting opened with a moment of reflection on the song 'Straight Ahead' by Amy Grant.

With lyrics such as 'straight ahead, through the dark' and 'carry on through the night, when the road is hard to find.' Straight Ahead invoked the family to reflect on the type of week we each had and how there is hope for all of our situations.

One such moment included coming together around Sharon and her family as December 2nd marked eight months since the tragedy of her Tanesha, daughters' death.

For the children of the family though, attentions were firmly on the upcoming Christmas period with each getting a chance to scratch their itch for arts and crafts by making their very own Advent Wreath. Made up of paper plates, tinsel and glue, the first of the four candles 'Hope' were lit, with the three remaining candles being lit each week till Christmas Day.

Teenagers were once again given their own platforms to speak in their groups, where each got to talk about their positive, negative and God guided moments of the past two weeks in a safe environment amongst peers before getting to write their own prayers to share with the group.

With December being such a busy month, the Hope in Tottenham Family is proud to make a number of announcements:

1. The Police and Community Carols will be at Lily White House on December 12th at 6.30pm. This is a free event and is open to the community.
2. The launch of the Tanesha Melbourne Blake Foundation will take place on Tuesday December 20th at the Bruce Grove Youth Centre, with doors opening at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.
3. There will be a New Years Eve party hosted by Hope in Tottenham that is open to the community. The location will be unveiled closer to the date.

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