

**25TH OCTOBER
2020
1 SAMUEL 6:1-21
STEVE HALES**

Welcome

Ministry team

Senior Pastor:

Steve Hales
steve@carlingford-baptist.org

Korean Pastor:

David Choi

Mandarin Pastor:

Nick Song

Youth & Young Adults Pastor:

Daniel Waugh

Children's Ministry Worker:

Emma Ridley

Business Manager:

Kim Poon 9872 3022
businessmanager@carlingford-baptist.org

Office Administrator:

Karon Linder 9872 3022
office@carlingford-baptist.org

Are you familiar with that problem in church life where someone starts out keen to serve sacrificially for God but over time something changes? Maybe it's due to the constant busy-ness they experience, the never-ending demands, no time to rest until they end up exhausted, disillusioned, maybe bitter and twisted, even burnt out! Maybe this has even been your experience, to some extent. It's all too common.

We choose to serve in response to God's amazing love for us, inspired by the wonder of a God who chooses to work through broken people like you and me. It should be so good, and yet somehow, sometimes it goes horribly wrong.

Today as we turn to 1 Samuel 6 we find a strange little story that helps us in this. It does this by showing us that God's purposes aren't ultimately dependent on you or me; his power *will* prevail. God isn't constrained by my contribution or yours. Even if we fail to cooperate or even deny him, he is God! May God speak to us through his word today, helping us to grow in our maturity in service to him.

Grace and peace,
Steve

English Service
Livestreamed at 10am:
Access via our website
www.carlingford-baptist.org

Dates for your Diary:

A Call to Prayer 7am/7pm	26/10-1/11
LAST DAY HopeStreet Collections	28/10
BaptistCare Celebration Service	1/11
Church Meeting by ZOOM at 3pm	22/11

Mission Spot



COVID-19 continues to wreak havoc across Africa, with countries like the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) dealing with the devastating effects of the disease across the country. In desperate need of testing kits & protective equipment to deal with the growing outbreak (the first case was in early June), Dr. Denis Mukwege (Noble Prize winner) at Panzi Hospital put out a call for help. Many patients with respiratory problems had been admitted, many of whom were dying immediately on arrival because they had sought help too late. The staff needed help with tests to ensure the safety of staff and patients to determine who needed to be isolated at the hospital.

By God's grace, all the moving parts of sourcing and transporting the equipment and tests came together. The material was sent via Entebbe and with the help of the team at MAF Uganda, flown onto the hospital in Bukava. In South Sudan for some months COVID-19 travel restrictions had prohibited MAF from flying people-even critical medical flights were not permitted. Restrictions eased in mid-May allowing an elderly woman with very painful, severely broken leg (sustained 3 weeks earlier) to be flown to Juba for medical intervention & a slow recovery. *"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has prepared in advance for us to do."* Ephesians 2:10

Church News

PRAYER TIPS:

Pray Scripture—

encourages us to meditate on the Words of Truth.
Pray for those God brings to mind—
uphold them before the throne of Grace.

UPDATE FROM THE ELDERS

Following on from the announcements from Steve & Dan about them being led by God to pursue new ministry opportunities in other places, we are looking to discern & understand what are the implications for God's church at Carlingford. We have started this process with both the Church Council & the Elders meeting on Monday with Grae McWhirter (Team Leader -Leadership Development) from the Baptist Association to understand the implications of the changes to the pastoral team for our community. The church leaders will be meeting on Saturday 7 Nov to discuss further about what God is leading us towards and this discussion will also involve Grae. In Deut 31:6 we find the promise that the Lord goes before you and will be with us. He will never leave us or forsake us.

We can look to God's leading as we discern and understand what He has planned for His church. We also want to provide opportunities for all in our faith community as they assimilate the announcements to speak with the elders. **A couple of the elders will be available in the church playground on Sunday 25 October & Sunday 1 November between 2.30 pm and 4.00 pm if you would like to speak & pray about the changes to the pastoral team.**

One the elders could also attend your Connect Group if that would assist your group. We also would be happy to speak with you individually.

Our contact details are as follows:

Patsy Lees 0402 947 367, Amy Li 0415 176 088
Jason Xiao 0432 802 578, Alan Worsley 0422 819 783
We encourage all our church community to be praying that we will be led by God as we discern and understand God's plan for His church.

CONNECTING DURING THIS TIME

Please make the most of the opportunities to stay connected -

-Online services at 10am

-JOIN SUNDAYS IN HOMES

-follow our Carlingford Baptist Church Facebook Page for regular updates:

-Join us on Zoom for a chat over morning tea after the service on Sunday

-Meet with your Connect Group in person or over Zoom -Use FaceTime/WhatsApp or pick up the phone & call each other....



IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO STAY CONNECTED AT THIS TIME!

Don't forget after the Livestream to go back to our webpage to find the curated playlists for reflection and worship. There is also resources for children & families to worship together.



Last day for HOPESTREET COLLECTIONS is this coming Wednesday.



Items needed are: Up & Go, Noodle Cups, Tuna (small tins), Biscuits (small packets), Vouchers (Just for plain Woolworths or Coles cards not more than \$30 each)—

Thank You! Please drop them in to the Office on Tuesday or Wednesday or contact Di Daniel 8677 5447 or 0450 167 895 to make alternate arrangements.

OUR NEXT CHURCH MEETING WILL BE ON SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER AT 3PM BY ZOOM!

ELDER NOMINATIONS

At the time of the November Church Meeting we are planning to also have a Special Meeting to make a change to our Constitution so we can increase the number of Elders from 4 to 5. This will make it easier to include Elders from the different communities that make up our church. If that change is approved, we hope to also be able to appoint that 5th Elder - TODAY IS THE LAST DAY to pass on any nominations to our Church Secretary, Ian Read.

OUR PRAYER FOCUS FOR OCTOBER



CBC Offerings: Here are few options to give your offerings:
Manual Offering -Please contact any church staff or the office office@carlingford-baptist.org or 9872 3022 Direct
Deposit: Account held with **Baptist Financial Services** Account Name: **Carlingford Baptist Church** BSB No: 704-922, No: 100016526 or
Giveway Link: Go to bit.ly/CBCgiveway or Scan this QR code that will bring you straight to Giveway



KIDS HURCH TEAM MEETING TODAY 2PM ON ZOOM

Website Admin Password: admin4Carlo!

Church Family Prayer

Marj Baillie,
Greg, Karen, Claire &
Edmund Baker,
Dave & Cathie Blissett .

Church office
Cnr Pennant Hills Rd & Alamein Ave
Carlingford NSW 2118
Tel: 02 9872 3022
Web page www.carlingford-baptist.org