

CBC News

Welcome

8TH NOVEMBER 20
1 SAMUEL 7:1-17
STEVE HALES

Ministry team

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Next week:
Dan will be speaking from
1 Samuel 8

Dates for your Diary:	
Monthly Prayer Meeting 3-4pm by ZOOM	15/11
Church Meeting by ZOOM at 3pm	22/11
Farewell Gathering Groups for the Hales	29/11
Thanksgiving Service	6/12

Have you come across the idea that in the Old Testament God is a holy God of justice who demands people obey his laws if they want to be accepted by him (and is sometimes quite oppressive and horrible) ...in contrast to the New Testament where God has changed the way he relates to people, having become a loving God of grace who sent Jesus so we could be forgiven?

This is partly because of stories like in 1 Samuel 4-6 which show the fearsome power of God that can't be manipulated or defied and which leaves even his own people asking '*What will we do with the power of God?*' (6:20)

One problem with this view is that God appears fickle. It's a major change – *so can God really be trusted now to be gracious and forgiving?* Another problem is we might find ourselves feeling embarrassed about big parts of the Bible especially in the Old Testament that don't seem to fit our preferred version of God.

Today we open up 1 Samuel 7 where we are reminded that God has always been a holy God whose power and judgment is to be feared, but he's also always been a loving God who graciously rescues those who cry out to him and put their trust in him. Always. And it matters that we understand this, because *it's only then that we begin to grasp the depth and wonder of his grace.*

Grace and peace,
Steve

Justice Spot

Later this month Lyn Kidson will be sharing a small part of her years of research & reflections on the theology of the new testament, and what this has to offer the topic of domestic & family violence in the modern world. As statistics increasingly confront our societies, our justice system, & our churches...statistics like, the number one cause of homelessness for women in Australia is due to domestic & family violence...how do we respond? This issue is complex, yet there is consensus that a major factor driving this reality are different forms of gender inequality. As Christians, we hold that men & women were created in God's image...created to portray His character, & to enact His good purposes. How do we as men and women of God depict the kind of peace we say is available through knowing Jesus? How ought the church respond to a hurting world? Lyn will explore these ideas, in light of Matthew's gospel...specifically Matt 5:5 and Matt 14:1-12.

Approaching these realities will take patience, humility, creativity, generosity, & prayer. If this topic is something you would like our church to explore in 2021, there are organisations planning to address this, so please speak to a pastor about getting involved.



Church News

Farewell arrangements for Steve, Erica & Jasmine

As the last day of Steve's ministry with us is 29 Nov we want to express our gratitude to him & to God for his ministry. There are 3 ways that as a Church we are planning to recognise the Hales' contribution to our church's ministry:



1. Farewell Gathering for Groups of 30 on Sunday 29 Nov from 1 pm

We are planning for Steve & Erica to be with us in Don Moore Reserve, Tiernan Ave, in North Rocks & having groups of up to 30 people at a time including children, to catch up with Erica & Steve.

Each group would catch up for 45 minutes the first starting at 1pm & then on the subsequent hour during the afternoon. We will have some people allocated to manage the movement of people during the day. To make sure we are meeting our obligations to be COVID-19 safe, we request that you pre-nominate an hour on that Sunday afternoon for you to catch up with Erica and Steve. Please use the on-line form to nominate the time. The form is available through the following link- <https://reopen.church/r/TYBH9oOp>

or if you cannot access the form online then please contact Karon in the church office to notify your preferred time. As sharing of food & beverages at this event will create difficulties, we will not be able to provide any catering.

2. Gift for Steve

We have created a GiveWay fundraising campaign through the existing giving arrangements we have with Baptist Financial Services. Go to bit.ly/CBCgiveway & select Farewell Gift - Pastoral - Steve Hales campaign or drop your gift into the Church Office Tues-Thurs. Please arrange to make your gift by **Monday 23 Nov.**

3. Send a message of thanks & encouragement

We will also get together your individual messages of thanks and encouragement for the Hales. So if you would like to electronically send your message then please send it to office@carlingford-baptist.org You could also drop a note into the church office. We will put all the messages received together in a card for Steve. We will need you to send us any messages by **Monday 23 Nov.**

We encourage all involved with our church to take advantage of these opportunities to recognise the ministry of the Hales amongst us.

If you have any questions about any of these arrangements, then please contact Alan Worsley 0422 819 783 or Karon Linder in the church office 9872 3022 (Tuesday to Thursday).

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

Giveaway Link: Go to bit.ly/CBCgiveway or Scan this QR code that will bring you straight to Giveaway -



PRAYER TIPS:

Pray that in all we do and say— we honour God. **PRAY OFTEN - & about everything.**

Prayer theme for November

GOD'S HEART FOR **Justice** & OUR RESPONSE....

THANK YOU CBC!

On behalf of HopeStreet, Naomi & myself a sincere thanks to all of you who have given so generously to help meet the needs of so many needy people in the Woolloomooloo area. During the 3 collections this year we have sent 125 boxes of food 50 boxes/ bags to the op shop 15 Food vouchers valued at \$25 each 8 Food vouchers valued \$20 each. Thankyou, Di Daniel



KIDS CHURCH FAMILY PARK DAY

15th Nov 11:30am. BYO Lunch

Book in:

<https://reopen.church/r/s6p7wcYM>



CHURCH MEETING 22ND NOVEMBER AT 3PM BY ZOOM

The Agenda and all Reports and will be available from the Admin section of the Church website from 16 November. There will be an information session relating to the Constitution change, with formal voting to take place early in 2021. Contact: Ian Read, secretary@carlingford-baptist.org

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 5th December

Breakfast in small groups & streaming in to hear from our guest speakers. Breakfast from 8am. RSVP to office@carlingford-baptist.org. **Let us know if you will join a hosting house OR if you are happy to host a few men at your place OR if you will just tune in from home!**



Download the 2020 COVID fashion guide...go to

baptistworldaid.org.au/resources/ethical-fashion-guide/



SOUND/AV MEETING

We are looking for Tech volunteers. Meeting Wednesday night. Please contact Dan if you are interested.

ANGELTREE COMING SOON!

Please contact Margaret Gourlay if you would like to support a child.



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Church Family Prayer

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