

30TH JAN 2022
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13:17-14:5
SID GRINDLEY

Welcome

Ministry team

Senior Pastor-Interim:

Sid Grindley

Korean Pastor:

David Choi

Mandarin Pastor—Interim:

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Embracing the Promise, Engaging with Change:-

The story of the spies entering the promised “inheritance” in Numbers 13 is firmly entrenched within Israel’s history and grounded in the promise of Yahweh to Abraham at the site of the “great tree of Moreh” near Shechem in Canaan, Gen 12:6F. It was there that Yahweh declared “To your offspring I will give this land”.

As we look at the questions Moses asked the 12 spies before they embarked on their mission – they are all good questions, Numbers 15:17-20.

As I read this passage a couple of weeks ago I was struck that similar questions need to be asked by every church plant before commencing a plant – it’s all about knowing the culture, the context, the challenges, the possibilities before taking the plunge.

Similar questions should be asked by churches such as CBC as they seek to discern what God has next for them. What is almost inevitable is that it will not be continuing on as usual.

I suspect that our community underestimates the possibilities that can come from the forums taking place on the 5th & 12th February. However, it is important to engage with the process – your voice counts. Let me encourage you to register for the Forums. The future of CBC depends on us all – and relies on us fully trusting God to work in the process.

Blessings,
Sid

[English Service Livestreamed
at 10am:](http://www.carlingford-baptist.org)

Access via our website
www.carlingford-baptist.org

Dates for your Diary:

Church Health Check Forums—10am & 2pm	5/2
Celebration Service All together at 10am In-person & livestreamed	6/2
Church Health Check Forums—10am & 2pm	12/2

Mission Spot -

The scope of HopeStreet’s work is huge, and the need is growing. 3 in 10 Australians now experience food insecurity. In one year, hunger has doubled from 15% in 2019-31% in 2020. Pre-Covid it was fuelled by low incomes/pensions. Rents have jumped 9% on average in 2021. 12.5% was the largest jump. This has forced some into homelessness and competing for lower rental properties. Statistics are dry and don’t convey the personal cost to individual lives/families/children and the hard choices that are made to live through these trials.

The 16 HopeStreet Teams know their communities and the where the gaps are in support of them. As part of the HopeStreet team, Port Kembla, client support worker Nicole connects clients to services in mental health and drug and alcohol prevention, and advocates for healthy living and community programs.

There are encouraging partnerships with Woolworths(via Canberra Region Joint Organisation’s food donation network) and the generosity of other food businesses. That is providing BaptistCare tenants in Goulburn with free cuts of meat, eggs, grocery items and bread.

At CBC we get the chance to serve into the work of Hope Street by sending in food at times throughout the year and in doing so show, by caring, the love of the Lord.

This year we will be holding collections in March & September.



Church News

LAST DAY TO GIVE-

CBC Christmas Appeal BWA – Afghanistan Crisis

Please prayerfully consider what you might be able to give to help this crucial work. To give please Scan this QR code for our Giveaway account or go to: <https://carlingford-baptist-church.giveway.org.au/baptist-world-aid-christmas-appeal-hope-for-afghanistan>



CBC OFFICE—

Closed 3rd Feb-11th Feb

The **CBC Office** is having some much need work done over the next week and **will be closed from Thursday 3rd Feb until Friday 11th Feb**. Please note you can still contact the office by email during this time. **If anyone is able and available on Wednesday 2nd Feb 10am—12pm to help move some furniture that would be appreciated. Please let Kim Poon know if you can help.**



NEXT WEEK—We are meeting once again IN-PERSON and ONLINE for our Celebration Service . All communities together at 10am.



January Prayer Theme - Drawing closer to God.



The start of a new year can be a time to spend time with God with the freedom of some routines. An ideal time to take some time to reflect on your relationship with God.

Psalm 46:1-3, "Lord Jesus, thank You for being my refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble. Because of Your presence I will not fear...even if the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea... though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging."

In taking the time to reflect on your relationship with God pray about the things that has swirled around you in 2021. Give God thanks for everything He has walked you through. Thank Him for the blessings, expected and unexpected, that have come your way. Thank Him for the way He has shown up in your life this past year. Ask God to give you the grace gift of forgiveness to extend to people that have hurt you during the year. Pray that God will also show areas where He would each of us grow as a Christian in 2022.

CHURCH HEALTH CHECK -

Friends, as we move forward with the Health Check we will be holding a total of 4 forum sessions for Church Members and friends. *(Please note change of Date.)*



5 February:

Session 1 - 10am-12pm-Reflections on the constitution, the governance of the Church, & the decision making process

Session 2 - 2-4pm-Reflections on the relationships between the various communities

12th February

Session 3 - 10am-12pm-Reflections on the Church's Vision

Session 4- 2-4pm-Reflections on the Church's Ministry Life Each will be facilitated by Tim Burns who is leading the Church Health Check team.

Please register online at this link -

<https://rsvp.church/r/TYBH9oOp> for each forum of choice.

If you are unable to register please contact the office and Karon will record your registration details.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to

ALBERT & JEREMIAH HODGSON
who turned 21 yesterday!



Anthony Pulford passed away on Sunday 23rd January. His funeral will be on **Wednesday 2nd February, 10am at Alan Drew Funerals 221 Old Northern Rd, Castle Hill.** Covid precautions will be in place.

Average Weekly Offerings-

Dear Fellow CBC members/believers,

Here is an update on average weekly offerings:

Average weekly - Actual = \$4,758

Average Weekly - Budget/Forecasted = \$5,904

Despite the easing of restrictions, we understand that many families in our communities are still experiencing some hardship. If you are not able to tithe due to current circumstances, please do not feel obliged. We encourage all church members/fellow believers to give according to their ability and not beyond their means. Thank you, Kim.

CBC Offerings:

Direct Deposit: Account held with Baptist Financial Services

Account Name: Carlingford Baptist Church

BSB No: 704-922, No: 100016526 or

Giveaway Link: Go to <https://carlingford-baptist-church.giveway.org.au/general-offerings>



CBC Roster

	31st January 2022 Livestream Only	6th February 2022 all together at 10am
Welcomers	N/A	David Tan Bible Study TBC
COVID Warden	N/A	Ian Read
Prayer	Patsy Lees	David Choi & Arthur Chan
Bible Reading	Di Daniel	TBC
Offering Count	N/A	George Gourlay/David Arnold
Livestream	Mark Chan	TBC
Sound	Kim Poon	TBC
AV	Milton Purkiss	TBC
Other		

Church Family Prayer

Lynette Todd,
Marion White,
Ian & Rhonda White.

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