

13TH FEB 2022
JAMES 1:1-18
SID GRINDLEY

Welcome

Ministry team

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Starting this Sunday we are starting an 8 week series on James entitled – **James: A real world faith.** We'll be having a break in the middle for a 6 week Lent Series leading up to the Passion narrative over Easter. James is a very grounded letter dealing with the practical implications of how a Christian should live, if they truly follow Jesus. James' letter to the early church, and to us, is quite different in style to anything Paul wrote. Whilst Paul tended to start his letters reiterating what a Christian believes, then moving to the practical, ethical, and moral out workings of that belief, James is thoroughly and immediately practical in his approach. This week we discover that, from James' perspective, the Christian life is shaped by hardship - not surprising when we understand how James saw what his brother Jesus went through - and we look at the life of Jesus our Saviour, Lord & King,

"Nothing about our faith makes us pain-proof. It does hurt. It does make us cry. And we must dry our eyes and continue our until our time is finished."
Jesse Jackson

Blessings,
Sid

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

Dates for your Diary:	
Church Grounds Working Bee	19/2 8-11am
NCLS Survey	20/2
Quarterly Business Meeting in the CBC Auditorium	20/2 at 3pm

Mission Spot—Baptist World Aid

At Christmas CBC gave with a generous heart to support the work of BWA for the people of Afghanistan working with partners to assist those fleeing the Taliban's regime. Through Giveway members donated \$7047 and others donated directly. *Thank you.*



Other ways Christians can serve where we are is to consider how we spend. Australians are expected to spend \$415 million on Valentine's Day gifts this year. How many of those consumer dollars are funding human rights abuses like child labour? BWA offer some slavery free options for this February 14th.

<https://bwaa.co/valentines-day>

Each year BWA put out the Ethical Fashion Guide. More than 400 brands have been graded on their efforts to reduce worker exploitation and environmental degradation in their supply chain. To see the full list of brands, go to: <https://baptistworldaid.org.au/resources/ethical-fashion-guide/>

The Modern Slavery Act has not yet delivered on its promise to address this global issue. A recent report by multiple partners is available; <https://bwaa.co/paper-promises>

Please consider and pray about the work of BWA and the issues they address.

We have some amazing cooks in our Church who lovingly prepared yummy treats for the refugees attending the Sydney refugee Team Christmas gathering. It was much appreciated so a big thankyou to you all.

Church News

February Prayer Theme - Recommitment

Paul in Ephesians 4:22-24 observes that we were taught, about our former way of life, to put off our old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of our minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.



As we give focus in prayer this month to renewing and deepening our commitment to God we might use Paul's words as part of our prayers, asking God to help us leave the old behind and to be transformed, so each of us are the light to the world, reflecting God's true righteousness and holiness in all that we are, say and do.

CBC OFFICE— Closed 3rd Feb-15th Feb

The **CBC Office** is having some much need work done over the next week and **will be closed from Thursday 3rd Feb until Tuesday 15th Feb**. If possible please contact the office by email during this time.



Average Weekly Offerings-

Dear Fellow CBC members/believers,

Here is an update on average weekly offerings:
Average weekly - Actual = \$5290
Average Weekly - Budget/Forecasted = \$5904

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.giveaway.org.au/general-offerings>



Our Quarterly Business Meeting will be held next Sunday 20th February at 3pm in the CBC Auditorium.

Reports will be available on the website later this week and hard copies will be available next Sunday.

CHURCH HEALTH CHECK -

I would like to take this opportunity to say a **big thank you** to all CBCers who took part in the Forum sessions over the last two Saturday's.

Tim and Kevin also call out to thank you for your openness and willingness to contribute. Stay tuned for updates as we move on with the Church Health Check.
Thank you,
Ian



CHURCH GROUNDS WORKING BEE— Saturday 19th February - 8-11am

Any help would be much appreciated. If you are unable to come on the day, contact George Gourlay as he has a list of jobs that need to be done!
Many hands make light work!



SAVE YOUR STAMPS!

In our Church Foyer we have a box for people to put their used stamps in. **Thank you to all those who save them!** Joy Arnold collects these and sends them on to be sold with collections from other churches and the monies then sent to Global Interaction which is now called Baptist Mission Australia. See below for how much has been raised!



Period	Amount Raised	Note
Jan – Dec 2020	\$8460.03	Donations and record prices at Auctions
Jan – Dec 2021	\$7244.31	Record prices at Auctions

Brendan Willoughby died last Thursday 3rd February after loosing his battle with cancer. **Funeral will be at Allen Drew Chapel at Castle Hill next Tuesday 15th Feb at 2pm.** Please remember his family in your prayers.

CBC Roster

	13th February 2022	20th February 2022
Welcomers	Colin & Patsy Lees	Colin & Patsy Lees
COVID Warden	Don Mathewson	George Cini
Prayer	Joy Arnold	Di Copelin
Bible Reading	Wendy Hatton	Trevor Hayes
Offering Count	Carol Hu/David Tan	Lindsay Casey/Ken McGill
Livestream	Jeremiah Hodgson	TBC
Sound	Brendan Ridley	TBC
AV	Betty Moore	TBC
Other		

Church Family Prayer

Brank Young,
Cerys Akam,
Norma Archibald.

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