

**20TH FEB 2022**  
**JAMES 2:1-13**  
**SID GRINDLEY**

## Welcome

### Ministry team

**Senior Pastor-Interim:**

Sid Grindley

**Korean Pastor:**

David Choi

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**James: A Real World Faith –**

*"My brothers and sisters, as believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favouritism"*

Showing favouritism – this word is, to us, quite respectable in many ways, it can seem harmless. We all have our favourite restaurant, favourite colour, favourite music/band – no issues there really. What about a favourite child, grandchild? But what if the child's perception is that they are not the favoured one? Ummh, getting a little trickier now?

The destructive outcomes of showing favouritism in the Old Testament are striking – Genesis 25:27-28 Isaac loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob; Genesis 29:30 Jacob loved Rachel more the Leah; Genesis 37:3 Now Israel/Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other sons. The consequences were often ugly. But what could James be saying to us as a faith community? Maybe the rich and poor picture is not so relevant, James 2:6-7. Yet do we exalt the gifted ones above those with lesser talents? Does external beauty in the church play the same part as it does in our culture?

*"Money still does the talking far too loudly in Christian circles, and where and when it does, the glory of God departs"....Alex Motyer*

Blessings,  
Sid

### Mission Spot—

**Baptist Mission Australia  
formerly Global Interaction)**



As followers of Jesus, we are called to cross the street, step out, build bridges and meet people where they are. We are called to live alongside our neighbours with the hope of Jesus. That's what our cultural teams around the world do! And it's what church communities in Australia are called to as well.

Christ's life and ministry is the pattern for all valid Baptist Mission Australia activity. It seeks to embody God's love, truth, justice and mercy in persons, not only in words. At the same time, we recognise that we are still in the process of being transformed into Christ's likeness and so live God's forgiving grace in our relationships.

The mission of God's people is under the direction of God by his Spirit. Thus Baptist Mission Australia seeks to be sensitive to the Spirit's guidance as to where and how he is calling Baptist Mission Australia to be involved, alert to ways in which he is already at work.

One implication is that mission is concerned with positive change as well as individual change. Institutions, authorities, laws and societies that undermine human dignity or that oppose the just and loving rule of God are objects for redemptive transformation. The good news of Christ concerns all relationships, with God and with others and with all creation. Excerpts from Baptist Mission Australia online site.

*On the mission stand the current magazine is available to find more detailed information and stories about their work and individual mission fields.*

**English Service in-person & Livestreamed at 10am:**  
Access via our website  
[www.carlingford-baptist.org](http://www.carlingford-baptist.org)

Dates for your Diary:	
NCLS Survey after the service	TODAY
Quarterly Business Meeting in the CBC Auditorium	TODAY at 3pm
Youth Service commences 10am in the Centre	6/3

# Church News

## February Prayer Theme - Recommitment



As we consider recommitment as a focus for our prayer in February 2 Corinthians 5:17 reminds us that if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here. The verse emphasises in Christ we are new and so we can ask in our prayers this week that the Holy Spirit make us new, not burdened by the past but that make us new each day in God's creation.

## CHURCH HEALTH CHECK -



On Saturday 5 and 12 February more than 50 people participated in one or more of the four forums as part of our Church Health Check. The forums were facilitated by Tim Burns and Kevin Jin, the church consultants. The elders are so appreciative of the time and effort people have given to be involved in the forums and for all those who helped with the logistics behind the scenes. We also thank you for the constructive and thoughtful contributions. Over 100 responses were received to the survey issued last year, which again we want to say thanks to all for such a great response. Please be praying that God will use the ideas and thoughts expressed in the forums and the responses to the survey to lead the consultants as they seek God's guidance in developing recommendations for His church at Carlingford. Sid, Sylvia, Amy, Jason and Alan

## Average Weekly Offerings-

Dear Fellow CBC members/believers,  
Here is an update on average weekly offerings:

**Average weekly - Actual = \$4811**

**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

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



## Our Quarterly Business Meeting will be held today at 3pm in the CBC Auditorium.

Reports are available on the website and hard copies are available in the Church Foyer.

## NCLS – at the conclusion of each service today



The NCLS provides a helpful snapshot of Churches in Australia every 5 years. This Sunday is our opportunity to contribute. *The plan is to immediately fill out the survey at the end of each of our worship services.* Whilst we are encouraging everyone to do the survey online through their smart phones or tablets, there will also be some paper copies available for the less technically savvy. There will be a slide display at the end of the service with the link surveys: [ncls.org.au](https://ncls.org.au) and the **Church Code BA122000** Simply go to the link and click on "Attender Survey" – takes around 20 mins. If you are Church Pastor, Church Council member, an Elder, or a Ministry Leader click on the "Leaders Survey" – takes around 45 mins. If you prefer, you can complete the survey at home prior to Sunday if that is more convenient.

## Youth Service commences Sunday 6th March @ 10am in the Centre

Since David Chang commenced his role as Youth Worker in the last Quarter of 2021 he has been assimilating himself into the community life at CBC and he has already made significant contributions in the areas of worship ministry, Tech, and as a valuable member of the staff team. In addition he has been speaking to youth and their parents, young adults, and the existing leadership team in that space about the next steps in developing a vibrant Youth Ministry at CBC. I am pleased to advise that David & his Team are only a couple of weeks from starting the new Youth Service at CBC and we are all excited about the possibilities for the new life and discipleship that will take place. In essence the Youth Service will run every Sunday in the Centre starting at 10am. In a normal 4 week month they will be meeting together in the Centre 3 Sundays and the last Sunday in every month they will join the English service at 10am in the main auditorium. Our intention is to engender this service with a more creative feel. More details will be provided at the Quarterly Church Meeting Sunday afternoon.

**To help people feel welcome, please wear a NAME TAG if you have one.** Otherwise there are some labels in the foyer which you can write on.

**FREE ITEMS in the small hall.** We have had a clean up & are getting rid of items we no longer need. If you would like any of them please take them or let George Gourlay know.

## CBC Roster

	20th February 2022	27th February 2022
Welcomers	Colin & Patsy Lees	Colin & Patsy Lees
COVID Warden	George Cini	Dianne Daniel
Prayer	Di Copelin	Patsy Lees
Bible Reading	Trevor Hayes	Karen Read
Offering Count	Lindsay Casey/Ken McGill	TBC
Livestream	John Dawkins & Tim Ridley Sound: Jeremiah Hodgson	TBC
Sound	David Chang	TBC
AV	Milton Purkiss	TBC
Other		

## Church Family Prayer

David & Joy Arnold  
Marj Bailie  
Greg & Karen Baker

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