

ReCharge

Tasmanian Baptists News | Prayer

May/June 2022

WELCOME to the print version of the May/June 2022 **ReCharge**.

This is made available to you so you can catch up with articles released over the past two months on the Tasmanian Baptist website – and you can also read them there:

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Please read and enjoy!

Blessings,

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Tasmanian Baptists

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PAGE FOR YOUR NOTES

Dan Evenhuis – Citywide

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Ministry Profile

Dan Evenhuis recently began working at Citywide Baptist as the Executive Pastor.



I hail from Smithton, and I spent my early years with my four siblings on a cattle farm. My family had a strong Christian focus, with Bible readings and prayer at mealtimes. Currently, I am Executive Pastor for Citywide Baptist Church. My job is to help the smooth running of our church. I'm also focusing on worship, pastoral care, and outreach.

We lived in Melbourne when I was between the ages of four and 12, while Dad ministered to the Melbourne Jewish Community. Then, when I turned 13, we returned to Smithton. I found the transition very difficult, although it was during this period I met Jesus, who became my best friend. I was constantly aware of His presence and a natural friendly relationship developed, and I was very conscious of God with me. As I rode my bike to the milking shed at 5:30am, I'd talk to Jesus along the way as though it was the most natural thing.

As an adult, I have loved working with the Youth and Community organisation Fusion, with committed godly communities around the world, seeing others being saved. I loved to see the effect no matter what the denomination.

Reaching our communities is the long-game.

Dan Evenhuis

My most recent experience with Fusion was in Oxfordshire UK, bringing the community together in a three-day festival. It was an amazing few days, ending a quite depressing year. I felt people were feeling something like, "I respect and admire these

people and know they are Christians. They're smart and don't seem deluded, but they really believe in this God stuff. I must be missing something." Reaching our communities is the long-game. It's a lot of work and investment, but so worth it.

Family and the BIG move

Danni and I have been married now for 21 years. Back in the UK she taught and did dance instructing. Now, she's teaching at Calvin Christian School in Kingston. We have four children aged from 11 to 17 years old. When I am asked how I do spend my time, I say: "I have four kids!"

Last year, we decided to come back to Tasmania after 18 fulfilling years of ministry in the UK. Back in 2014 a few of us in Oxfordshire started a less formal, and more welcoming, family-friendly Church. It continued to grow due to its unique ministry and had become stable. Now that the church is sustainable, Danni and I thought it's time to go back to Tasmania. Family is important, and yet for 18 years we'd been doing mission on the other side of the world. It was time to expose our English-born children to Aussie culture as well as give them time to get to know their cousins, grandparents, uncles and aunties. Slowly, they're beginning to settle into Tasmanian life. It's going to take a lot of time though for them to feel like they belong. Please pray for them after this big international move.



In Tasmania, we love the nature and the outdoors, the beauty, and the stunning surroundings. We always thought Hobart was one of the most beautiful cities in the world, and now we live here! My family also enjoy having extended family around. It's different to being in a country on our own. I remember on a holiday here seven years ago, my kids were surprised someone had a photo of them up in their lounge room. It was my Auntie from Burnie. Family is like that.

I am really looking forward to getting to know the Citywide family, and other Christians across the state. I think the church seems to be struggling a fair bit here in Tasmania, and I'm so keen for us to work with God and throw all we have into His ministry.

Life Challenges for Dan Evenhuis

The best advice I have received is: “A calm sea never made a good sailor”. God does not ask us to cram our Christian mission beyond our busy life. We decide how much time to allocate. I’m keen for the church to be a source of enlightenment in our community – for us not to be in our Christian ghettos, but to bring Christ within reach of those around us.



“A calm sea never made a good sailor”

I have many challenges in everyday life. Running a church is busy work and I want to be careful that we manage how much of our effort goes into a Sunday Service. Many churches invest around 80% of their time and resources into that one Service. I would instead love to say, if you want to get to know our church, don’t just turn up on a Sunday, come and see us through the week as well. For example at Citywide, there is an amazing craft group which meets on Thursdays, with about 100 attendees. Our purpose is to stay outward focused because we exist for those who are not in the church yet!

I’d really appreciate your prayers for me, that I can stand back and have some time with God regularly so I can work out what he wants me to work on. There are no end of jobs to do, but I want to do what he has for me today.

And Briefly

I am looking forward to ... bushwalking with my family.

I am worried about ... many struggling churches across Tasmania.

I am confident that ... I’m where God wants me.

I am joyful about ... being around family.

I would like to change ... church being performance- and sermon-driven. I’d love to see the church becoming a vibrant, God-centred community of believers involved in whole-life ministry.

I am at my best when ... I am close to God and aware of His love for me.

FIND OUT: [Citywide Baptist Church](#)

READ: [Jeff Percival \(Lwr Barrington\) Ministry Profile](#)

Dan Evenhuis

Around the Churches – Apr/May 2022

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Every two months you can catch up with some of the latest events in Tasmanian Baptist Churches.

[Around the Churches February/March 2022](#)

North

CITY, Launceston

Housing Crisis



City Baptist in Launceston has been heavily involved in discussions with Launceston Council and the Tasmanian Government regarding the housing crisis as it relates to the street community, those fleeing domestic violence and refugee settlement. Our street chaplain, Stephen Avery works hard amongst our street community. And Associate Pastor Kay Hunter relates to a number of women at risk.



Ethnic community update

Our Hazara community garden at St Leonards is flourishing, pictured at top.

Sadly we have not been able to hold combined services with our Nepali congregation due to Covid. We hope these can resume soon.

The “Makeover” continues

Anthea Maynard and Jenna Blackwell have been seeking to build connections with young adults and considering what model of being ‘church’ our Makeover process might lead us to. This is still a work in progress. Our Do N Chew craft program was celebrated in April

when it decided to close after 34 years in operation.

Other news

Steve Cooper continues to lead our worship times most Sundays, pictured below. Settlement for the sale of our current property falls in mid-September. Around that time we will consider relocation in earnest.

PERTH

Our Easter services were very encouraging with strong attendance at both our Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services. On Easter Sunday we had a community Easter egg hunt and morning tea before our service.

We are gearing up to get as many from our community to the Tasmania Celebration with Will Graham. We're inviting the community to meet us and travel with us to the Sunday service, and then come back to our Hall for supper. We are praying for a good response.

GATEWAY, Launceston

David Madden was welcomed to Gateway Church Council and commissioned in prayer during Sunday morning service recently.



RIVERLANDS, Longford

Our Stay and Play Playgroup began for 2022 on Friday May 6 for children aged 0-5 years and their mums/carers.

Associate Pastor Liam Conway and Hannah are hosting a young adults group every Tuesday evening in their home, and Liam has started a once a month youth group at Riverlands on Friday nights.

NEWSTEAD

At the end of February we held a dedication service for Boaz Daniel Hutchison, pictured at top.

At Easter, many attended our Good Friday service and our Son-rise outdoor services. It was a day to celebrate the greatest news ever!

We have also turned on our Jesus lights to be a beacon to the community as the nights get darker. Pictured below.



Northwest

ULVERSTONE

Food, fellowship and Easter

After our Sunday church services over the summer months, we frequently joined together at Fairway Park for church family picnics. This was a great time of enjoying each other's company in the open air. Now, as the weather is cooler and with the easing of Covid restrictions, we have resumed our regular post-service morning tea.

Over the Easter weekend we reflected upon the events of the cross, Jesus' love for each of us and His gift of salvation. Our own Nerrelie Cann and Carolyn Smith shared their hearts and brought us the word on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. And of course, we enjoyed hot cross buns and Easter eggs with our tea and coffee after the services.

With certainty!

Over the course of the last few months, we were challenged and encouraged by Pastor Louis as he preached his series titled "Spiritual wholeness", and "How to be certain in uncertain times".

In March we celebrated with Cameron Hingston and Abbey Cunningham as they became husband and wife, We also welcomed Greg and Helen Venz into membership.

LOWER BARRINGTON

Lower Barrington Church had a time of encouragement on Sunday 3rd April, with the baptism of Helen Phillips after our Church service at the indoor pool at Silver Ridge resort Sheffield.

This was followed by Lunch, with a great time of fellowship and sharing. Praise God.

WYNYARD

Reaching the needs of the Wynyard and Cooee communities

The Wynyard Baptist Church and the local Lions Club ran a Food Drive to raise food and donations for the Community Food Hub that runs out of the ROC hall (formerly known as the church hall). For those enquiring minds ROC stands for Redeeming Our Community.

Over the two-day period, 21 crates of food were collected, as well as \$1,239 in donations. This was a great achievement and will support the continual work of the community food hub. Wynyard Baptist took on the program after they were approached to take over “Grow, Gather, Give”.

Since then, they changed the name to the Community Food Hub, and the church has experienced continued growth in the program.

The local community supports the food donations as well as farmers, Woolworths supermarkets and local bakeries. The hub runs out of the ROC hall on Mondays and Fridays, and on Tuesdays and Saturdays from the Uniting Church Hall in Cooee.

A group of volunteers from the community as well as the church runs the Food Hub. The church has found this to be a wonderful outreach to the community and it has given many opportunities of witnessing for Christ

[Read more about the Food Drive](#)

South

CITYWIDE

Levendale

At our recent AGM, the Levendale fellowship was formally embraced as a church plant under the umbrella of Citywide. We are in process of establishing Wi-Fi and IT functions there to enable streaming and sharing in our services.

Nepalese

Pastor Paul Rai from our Nepalese congregation spent February in Nepal visiting family, re-connecting with his former refugee camp and encouraging rural pastors and outreach missions. We are in discussions with Baptist Mission Aust to partner with them and formally bring our mission endeavours in Nepal under their covering.



Pastor Owen Muskett (middle) with volunteer Food Hub Coordinator Aileen Charles (left), and volunteer Jacki Harman

Community focus

For Clean Up Australia Day (pictured, top), we closed our Mornington service and encouraged our people to join in three different community clean-up areas (Warrane, Lindisfarne and Lenah Valley). Over 80 of our people joined in. Some older folk prayed together in homes, and others met at Lenah Valley campus where link-ups with the sites were shared and streamed online.



Again focussing on the community, our Anzac Day Celebration in the Park in Lenah Valley (pictured below). This year, with Dan Evenhuis' encouragement, we 'stepped up' the event and served the community with a range of free activities and food to enhance the Anzac Day spirit. An event very welcomed and enjoyed by the Lenah Valley community.



Prayer and dedication

Prayer has been a growing focus at Citywide. We have recommenced our monthly Prayer and Healing services. We have joined with all the Eastern Shore churches in a combined prayer time – well attended and participated in – our unity growing – and ministry interactions developing. There is a work of grace God is growing among us.

CLAREMONT



Here at Claremont Baptist we are delighted with our recently completed outdoor entertainment area. We enjoyed our first BBQ in beautiful weather, and look forward to many more opportunities for eating and sharing outdoors. Hopefully, in time, our neighbours will also want a piece of the action as the smell of onions wafts out!



Many thanks to Alan Firth for his hard work in making this project a success.

HOBART

Harmony Day and Easter services

In March, Hobart celebrated Harmony Day. To encourage and affirm our ethnic diversity, people dressed in various national costumes (pictured, top) and the Karen choir sang.



We held two very special Easter services which included a guest singer on Easter Sunday, and a moving montage displaying some Easter themes (pictured below).

Some special events

We also hosted the Christian Life & Witness Course in preparation for the Tasmania Celebration with Will Graham, coming up on 21st May.



After Easter, we began a new sermon series, “Hope in the Darkness”, exploring how darkness is no enemy to God’s purposes. You can watch all our sermons on our YouTube channel.

On Sunday 8th May we enjoyed hearing guest speaker Scott Pilgrim (Baptist Mission Australia) as he preached about “Crossing the Street” for May Mission Month.

Midyear Assembly 2022

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TB Assembly, May 2022

By Matt Henderson, Hobart Baptist Church

On the weekend of 6-7 May, I attended a Tasmanian Baptist Assembly for the first time.

I must confess to not being a big fan of conferences, and my expectations of Assembly were not high. However, I ended up being pleasantly surprised by how much I took away from the experience.

Tasmania is a highly regional state and there are very few opportunities for pastors and leaders from the different regions to come together as one collective group. Assembly provides this opportunity.

Midyear Assembly 2022 – photo gallery



Combined churches worship band



Musicians: Dan Evenhuis (Citywide) and Noel Eagling (Gateway)



The people gathered for worship (1).
Foreground, Scott Pilgrim (BMA)



The people gathered for worship (2)



Matt and Kylie Henderson (Hobart) and Leeanne Garvin (Citywide)



NEWLY RECOGNISED PASTORAL STAFF

L to R: Matt Holloway, Matt Henderson, Dan Evenhuis, Jeff Percival with Stephen Baxter



Heather Galloway (Hobart) and Samuel - Sung Min Jo (Hobart Vision church)



Dan Evenhuis (Citywide) and Beckie Eagling (Gateway)



Wendy Marston (TB Council/Newstead) and Frans Ammerlaan (Sassafras)



Bob Goolsby (George Town) and Matt Holloway (Westbury)



Somerset Baptist: Max Dudgeon, Pastor Ben Cochrane, Matthias Atkinson



L to R: Owen Muskett (Wynyard) and Jeremy Piet (BFS)

Friday Night – Three Chats

So Assembly was great, but also challenging. On Friday night at dinner, we heard three short talks: Scott Pilgrim, about Baptist Mission Australia; Paul Manning of Baptist World Aid; and Jenny Baxter of Tasmanian Baptist Women – EmpowHer. She spoke about the changing nature of women’s ministry in the 21st Century. This includes the ongoing effort to raise up and recognise women in leadership across Baptist churches.

Myself, and I’m sure many others, took to heart the challenge for us to do better in this space.

Community Partnerships

On Saturday morning, we heard about some of the exciting community partnerships that Baptists in Wynyard have built. As well, we watched a video from Citywide. It told the story of their ongoing partnership with the Lenah Valley RSL in putting on a special day for the Lenah Valley community on Anzac Day.

We heard from and formally recognised myself and three others as Pastoral Leaders.

It’s great to hear these stories, as they are both inspiring and challenging to the rest of us to find ways to support and ally with other churches doing valuable community engagement. It also shows us the kinds of things that are possible if we do the work and build the relationships.

It was very exciting to hear from Maddy Svoboda about how much things have changed during his time working pastorally across Tasmania. During the morning session, we heard from and formally recognised myself and three others as Pastoral Leaders. This was really exciting and humbling.

One significant moment during Assembly was the vote agreeing to the inclusion of Hobart Vision Church within our Union of churches.

Stephen Baxter, TB Mission Director

Baptist Agencies

On Saturday afternoon, we heard more from both Baptist Mission Australia and Baptist World Aid. I found it important to get these updates, as it helps us to not just be completely fixated on our local context, but to see and think globally about the ways in which God is working right across the world.

The opportunity to build networks which are not just regional, but state-wide, is a something very valuable. Our Mission Director, Stephen Baxter, and the entire Tasmanian Baptist were named and applauded during the day on Saturday. The team has done a tremendous amount of work particularly over the past two years – during a pandemic – to keep the networks and lines of communication for Baptist churches and leaders in Tasmania working, and healthy. It was good and right that their work was recognised and commended at Assembly.

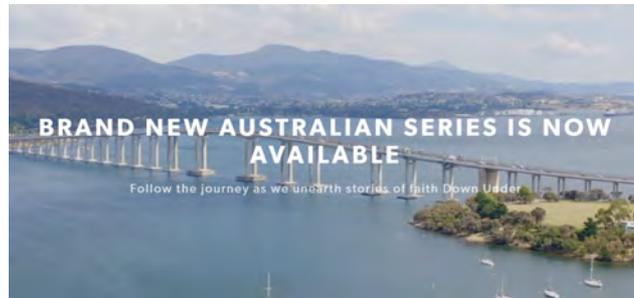
The Midyear Assembly 2022 was a valuable experience, certainly a more important experience than I expected to have. I'm glad I went along, and I will look forward to the next one.



Matt Henderson is the Associate Pastor at Hobart Baptist Church. He is married to Kylie, and they have three boys, one daughter-in-law and a baby granddaughter!

Faith Runs Deep

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Release of a 12-part video series, exploring stories of faith across Australia, through Olive Tree Media

Faith Runs Deep unearths stories of more than 40 Australians, past and present, who have been impacted by Jesus and have gone on to have a significant influence within the Australian community.

Production company Olive Tree Media also made the award-winning series, Jesus the Game Changer and Towards Belief. Olive Tree CEO Karl Faase, worked with his experienced production team. As well, Karl's wife Jane produced the series. They filmed some of the material as they drove across Australia in an iconic Australian Holden ute.



The series tells stories that few know about, and unearths the deep influence of Christian faith in the Australian culture.

Karl Faase

Watch the Trailer:

Shifting the narrative

Karl commented, "This is a unique video series, with high production values telling stories that few know about and unearthing the deep influence of Christian faith in the Australian culture.

"We need a shift in the narrative around Christian faith in our country. Telling inspirational stories of people who have had a deep influence in our country and culture is what we are seeking to do."

Multiple storylines

The series has three plots. First the historical and academic reflections. The second is personal stories from today of people with lives impacted by the Gospel. These include musician Colin Buchanan, ex-deputy PM John Anderson, bull rider Tim Kelly, indigenous artist Narelle Urquhart, AFL premiership winner Shaun Hart and Olympian Eloise Wellings.



Karl and Jane Faase

Lastly, stories of the host and producer behind the series, Karl and Jane Faase. They will introduce viewers to some of the unique and untold stories from their lives and journey of faith.

“We see the series being used in churches and ministries across Australia as a demonstration of where faith runs deep in our nation. It will serve as an inspiration and encouragement to the church.”

FIND OUT MORE: faithrunsdeep.com.au



Karl Faase is a well-known Australian Christian communicator. He is the CEO of Christian media company **Olive Tree Media** and host of *Jesus the Game Changer* TV/DVD series. As well, he is the presenter of the *Daily Nudge* radio spots. Karl is also the Board chair for Samaritans Purse and BGEA Australia.

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Pictured Above: Citywide helped organise ANZAC Day in the Park, in Lenah Valley

Family Faith Rhythm Cards

The Australian Baptist Ministries Next Gen team have created a set of cards families can use to dig deeper in discipleship practices.

“It’s a really good resource for households.”

Jenna Blackwell, Tas Baptists’ Mission Leadership Coach

This set of cards has been designed for families of all types and stages.

The twenty included activities fall into four broad categories – discovering God’s big story, experiencing Jesus, showing God’s love and remembering and celebrating.



GET HOLD OF A SET!

[Download Here >](#)

OR

Order printed cards from the Tas Baptist office: (03) 6391 2202; info@tasbaptists.org.au

Hybrid Conference



BWA Annual Gathering, 10-15 July 2022

It's less than two months until the 2022 Baptist World Alliance Annual Gathering, hosted in the United States for the first time in 40 years, and the first in-person event since 2020.

Gathering on the beautiful campus of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama (USA), Baptists will unite July 10-15 for a strategic time of prayer, fellowship, learning and planning together with a special emphasis on racial justice.



Committed to make participation possible for as many Baptists around the world as possible, the event includes:

1) **Affordable Accommodation:** Through BWA's partnership with Samford, convenient and affordable lodging includes meals on campus. However, space is limited, so it's important to reserve your spot today. The deadline for accommodation reservations is May 31.

2) **Virtual Registrations:** Understanding that travel is still difficult for many, the Annual Gathering is planned to be the first hybrid BWA event. There is a virtual registration option, which includes streaming access to key corporate sessions, the online event networking platform, and unique on-demand content.

ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE on June 30, 2022.

[Find out more about the Conference](#)

[REGISTER for VIRUTAL Conference: \\$50USD](#)

SHELTER Retreat

EmpowHer, south

5pm to 5pm, FRI/SAT 24-25 June 2022 , Blackmans Bay

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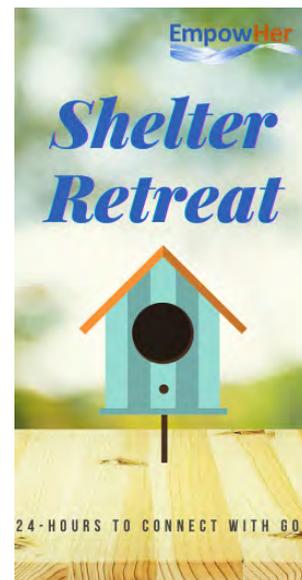
Everyone needs it. God provides it. We sleep, eat and live in it.

But how do you live in the SHELTER of the Most High God?

“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.”

Psalm 91:1

- **Led by** Denise Stephenson (LifeWay) and Jenny Baxter (Hobart)
- **\$45/person** Covers food and materials. (This is a non-residential retreat.) Contact us if you have hesitations about cost. There are other ways you can contribute.
- **Get your Rego form** SMS Jenny: 0401 652 566
- **Invite Others!** [Download brochure](#)



Faith Runs Deep

Video series with Karl Faase

A unique 12-part video series unearthing stories of faith that have impacted Australia was released by [Olive Tree Media](#) on Wednesday, 4th May.

Faith Runs Deep unearths stories of more than 40 Australians past and present who have been impacted by Jesus and have gone on to have a significant influence within the Australian community.

The series is produced by Olive Tree Media, makers of the award-winning series, *[Jesus the Game Changer](#)* and *[Towards Belief](#)*. Olive Tree CEO and former Senior Pastor of Gynea Baptist Karl Faase, worked with their experienced production team, as well as Karl's wife and series producer Jane Faase.



MORE: [Faith Runs Deep in ReCharge, 25 May 2022.](#)

Tasmania Celebration

Will Graham event to bring HOPE

Silverdome: 7pm Friday/Saturday 27/28 May; 6pm Sunday 29 May

The [Tasmania Celebration](#) is a free event with live music.

Don't miss the *Tasmania Celebration with Will Graham*, a free, family-friendly event.

Musical guests will perform, and Will Graham will offer a message of hope. Will, the grandson of the late evangelist Billy Graham, has shared the truth of the Gospel with more than one million people on six continents.



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS! The main event is preceded by Kidzfest and Youth events.

KIDZFEST Launceston: 10am 28 May

Tailored for primary school kids but the whole family is welcome! All children must be accompanied by an adult/carer.

Featuring:

Dan Warlow: a leading Australian Christian Kids' Music artist and entertainer performing in schools, churches, festivals and community events.



Kidzfest with Dan Warlow

The Quest: A new, 20-minute interactive video Gospel presentation, that combines live action and animation to share the hope of Jesus with children.

YOUTH! Launceston: 4pm 27 May (Friday)

For Highschool kids up – suggested age range (12–25). Youth under 16 years must be accompanied by a responsible person 16+.

Featuring:

PlanetBoom – a Youth band and ministry of Planetshakers.

+ Youth activities | FREE food and more!

Youth ticket (Hobart) includes main Celebration with **Cass** (Cassandra Kanda), **The Afters** and Evangelist **Will Graham**.



Youthfest runs into the main event with PlanetBoom at 6pm

Hobart Wrap-Up

- Attendance for the Hobart Celebration: (Kidzfest | Youth | Celebration) was OVER 2000!
- Over 220 people responded to the call for salvation.
- Almost 50% of responses were young people (10-25 years)
- Over 70% of responses were 1st time salvation
- *Plus over 1100 viewed online with 24 responses so far!*
- This week, Churches are being contacted to start the process of follow-up.

Support Refugees in Kyev

The main Evangelical Free church, in Kyev Ukraine, is one of many hubs assisting refugees out of danger zones.

DONATE TO ASSIST REFUGEES

Refugees are brought to the hub, fed and tended to medically if necessary. Then they are taken on buses to various other cities in Ukraine.

Director of City Networks, Kelvin Smith (Hobart Baptist) is friends with Anton, a pastor with the Evangelical Free denomination. Anton's father, Antonoli, is Bishop of that denomination which represents about 80 churches. Both men have remained in Kyev throughout the invasion.



Refugees at the church's bus in Kyev

Thankfully, the church was donated two 51-seater buses, and have two drivers and a van to aid their efforts. A free medical service is stationed at the hub. More than 3000 refugees have been moved in this manner.

The cost of fuel for continually running the buses is about USD\$1500 per week. The cost of food at the shelter is about USD\$1000 per week.

If you contribute, 100% of proceeds will go to fuel and food for refugees.

DONATE TO ASSIST REFUGEES

Find out more: kelvin@citynetworks.org.au

Domestic Abuse Resource

Tas Baptists would like to make you aware of a new resource from [ABM](#) called the *Safer Spaces Toolkit*. A team of Australian Baptist women created the toolkit to equip churches to address domestic abuse, and help build relationally healthy cultures.

Domestic abuse continues to be a significant issue for our nation, and it's an issue that doesn't discriminate. Sadly, domestic abuse occurs in every ethnic, social and economic group throughout Australia, and it also occurs within our churches.



[CLICK FOR THE TOOLKIT!](#)

Domestic abuse continues to be a significant issue for our nation, and it doesn't discriminate. It occurs in every ethnic, social and economic group throughout Australia, *including* our churches.

Despite this, we are not a people without hope. Churches can be (and often are) at the forefront of providing safe and caring environments for victim-survivors of abuse and can build cultures that model healthy and respectful relationships.

We are grateful for the work our churches have already done to address domestic abuse in their churches and communities. The [Safer Spaces Toolkit](#) helps pastors and church leaders continue on that journey.

Materials in the [Safer Spaces Toolkit](#) include:

Sermons: A trauma-informed preaching lens

Videos: Subject matter experts on various topics related to domestic abuse and building healthy relationships

Training modules created specifically with church leaders in mind

Resources: Links to a number of other resources

It's all free because of the generous sponsorship of [Baptist Insurance Services](#), [Baptist Financial Services](#) and [Baptist World Alliance Women](#).

May Mission Month

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



The theme for May Mission Month 2022 is 'Crossing the Street'.

Resources are available for your faith community to engage with mission and Baptist Mission Australia's ministry in a new way.

[MMM RESOURCES](#)

Gateway Baptist Church

 tasbaptists.org.au/gateway-baptist-church/



Church Profile

Gateway was once known as Memorial Baptist Church, and is one of Tasmanian Baptists' oldest continuously used church buildings.

Pastor Noel Eagling oversees a vibrant church which engages regularly with the local Launceston community.

Read on for an overview of Gateway's ministry by *Linda Guy*; the beginnings of Gateway as Reed Memorial Baptist Church; and the precious memories of a lifetime by *Lee Campbell*.

GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

OUR MESSAGE: Jesus Only, Mighty to Save

OUR MISSION: In the heart of the city, with a heart for the people

By Linda Guy

Old church. Old people. Past our use-by date? Absolutely not!

The current Gateway congregation is very aware and appreciative of its rich heritage in the faithfulness of previous generations. Gateway is a place of intersections: people connecting and then dispersing in service across the city, the state, the nation and the world.

The faithful commitment to mission of those who came before, echoes into the present, and encourages us to continue the story.

| We can address our three priorities: These Walls, Within These Walls and Beyond These Walls.



JESUS ONLY | MIGHTY TO SAVE

The present – where we are

With 146 years of history behind us, where are we today? We are nowhere near the capacity of our beautiful heritage church. Many of us are not as young, or as capable, as we once were. We have just a few treasured families with young children. Our aging buildings present ongoing challenges for maintenance, and with equipping with ever-changing technology.

We are small in number, small in resources, and limited in the manpower we can bring to ministries and projects. Yet we can address our three priorities: These Walls, Within These Walls and Beyond These Walls.

We want to see our history echoing faithfulness through the present, and into the future.

These Walls

Noel and Beckie Eagling (pictured), our pastors who joined us in 2019, have directed us through some changes breathing new life into our old walls. Much needed repairs and painting by Mobile Mission Maintenance transformed our hall into an art gallery now known as *Artway*. Christian artists come and work in the space, and their paintings now decorate the walls.

Visiting groups such as lacemakers, miniaturists and school students spend mornings engaged in creative activities. Evening painting sessions raise funds for missions. A willing group of talented cooks provide lunches in this relaxed and inspiring setting.

There are plans to grow the *Artway* ministry through offering lessons. This will provide opportunities for people in the community to come and enjoy the process of creating an artwork.



Within These Walls

Within our walls there is warm fellowship, as people connect with, and support, each other through life's difficulties, challenges and heartaches. The experience that comes with weathering the ups and downs of employment, and bringing up families in changing circumstances, translates to wisdom to be shared with those who are not so far through the journey.

| People are knitted together by their love for Jesus, and for each other.

Many roles are quietly and efficiently carried out to help ministries and programs to run smoothly. Age is no barrier to continuing service or taking up new ministries. People gather in various groups for craft, or walking, or Bible study, or mentoring, or morning teas. They are knitted together by their love for Jesus, and for each other.



Beyond These Walls

Beyond our walls, our heart for mission is revealed.

- We have a strong connection with a church in Thailand, forged through the sponsorship of children facilitated by Compassion.
- A school in Haiti has commenced in the last four years through the efforts and connections of a retired couple.
- A washing basket at the front of our church is filled with groceries that go to families with a member in prison.
- Shoeboxes, 150 of them! were packed with donations and handmade items last year for Samaritan's Purse.
- Friday night markets are well received by our local community.
- Other people are involved with various agencies such as Barnabas Fund, City Mission, Gideons, Shekinah House and Prison Fellowship, generously giving their time and energy to the good work of these organisations.

Not too old to dream, we want to see our seats filled, our spaces spruced up and purposeful.

We want to see our history echoing faithfulness through the present, and into the future.



Linda Guy has been attending Gateway for the past 16 years and has appreciated the loving and supportive fellowship. She is a busy grandmother who enjoys retirement and currently serves on Church Council.

Why “Reed Memorial” Church?

Reed Memorial Church began as a missional church. In 1872, Wesleyan Henry Reed began street preaching and used his wealth to purchase Parr’s Hotel in Wellington Street. Then, 146 years ago in 1876, he had a long shed, used as a skittle alley, renovated and seats installed, and the Christian Mission Church became a reality. Reed replaced the skittle alley with a rear brick building, which is still there today (now Artway). Following his death in October 1880 widow, Margaret, took charge of the work. She named it Reed Memorial Church in honour of her husband. A new pavilion was soon erected and opened in July 1882. An average of 600 would regularly worship there Sunday mornings.

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City Baptist - Photo Gallery



Memorial Baptist Bible study group, 1896



Memorial Baps Christian Endeavour Society, 1948



Memorial Baptist Choir and Band, 1900



Memorial Baptist Youth Group, 1990

The Church I See

By Lee Campbell

Looking back over the years at Gateway (formerly Memorial Baptist church), I see a church that has had a significant past in the life of Launceston and beyond.

Our church celebrates 146 years of ministry this year, and it amazes me that God has allowed me to be a very small part of his greater picture for half of those 146 years! As an inner-city church, and due to its seating capacity, Gateway has been able to hold large, combined services, Evangelical Missions and many, many large events.

My Father and Mother were always very involved in the ministry of the Church, as were my Grandparents. I remember my family being the first there of a Sunday morning to open the building, and the last to leave, such was the commitment. I have had the privilege of sitting under the teachings of 14 full time Ministers, and numerous interim Pastors since I was young.

Early Memories

My first memory at our Church is Sunday School, held every Sunday before Church. In the 50's and 60's, the Sunday School was very active and even if the parents didn't attend Church, they would make sure their children went to learn about God.

Every year there was a Sunday School Picnic at Paper Beach, a beach well known for its jellyfish! This didn't seem to matter though, as the day was a family day, filled with all sorts of food, ginger beer, beach cricket, running races, and a small bag of boiled lollies to eat on the bus on the way home.

Every year there was a Sunday School Picnic at Paper Beach

A memorable annual event was the Christmas Social with games, items and of course an enormous supper consisting of homemade cream cakes, sandwiches and fresh fruit salad and cream! On the Sunday School Anniversary, the children sang and shared what they had learnt, each one decked out in a new outfit hoping for a book prize for their achievements.



Events, and more events!

Evangelists such as Hudson Taylor, Gordon Moyes and Bill Newman conducted meetings in the building, resulting in many decisions made for Christ. From the late 70's, gospel concerts were regular events as artists such as David Meece, Larry Norman, Evie

Tornquist, The Proclaimers and many, many more. As well, the Christmas and Easter Pageants included many people from outside the church, who came to hear the gospel and witness the stories of Jesus.

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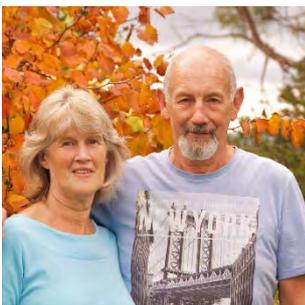
Of course, there were also the Baptist Union Assemblies and Christian Endeavour Conventions. Three-course hot meals were prepared and cooked in the kitchen for all the delegates, with the help of other ladies from local Baptist Churches.

Seeing the church with gratitude

I can still see the long trestle tables with white tablecloths set out in the Hall, adorned with shiny cutlery and plates, while a lovely blazing fire burnt bright in the fireplace. There was always lots of talk and laughter at these meals as people formed new friendships.

I am so grateful that the church I have been part of for 72 years has always made it a priority to preach God's word and truth and to proclaim 'JESUS, ONLY, MIGHTY TO SAVE'!

Our God truly is an awesome God. Give HIM the GLORY for ALL HE HAS DONE.



Lee Campbell and her husband Ian have been very active in the life of Gateway over the years. Their role nowadays is to uphold people in prayer and be an encouragement whenever they can.

Take Courage in Dark Times

 tasbaptists.org.au/take-courage-in-dark-times/



New Perspective in the Dark

Stephen Baxter suggests we can take courage, even when things feel really dark.

On one occasion when the Jewish religious leaders again questioned Jesus why he healed on the Sabbath, he replied, *“My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working ... the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.”* ([John 5:17, 19 NIV](#)) These words are the inspiration for my prayer for many years, “Father, help me to see *what you are doing* so I may be like Jesus, and do nothing by myself, but mimic your work in the world.”

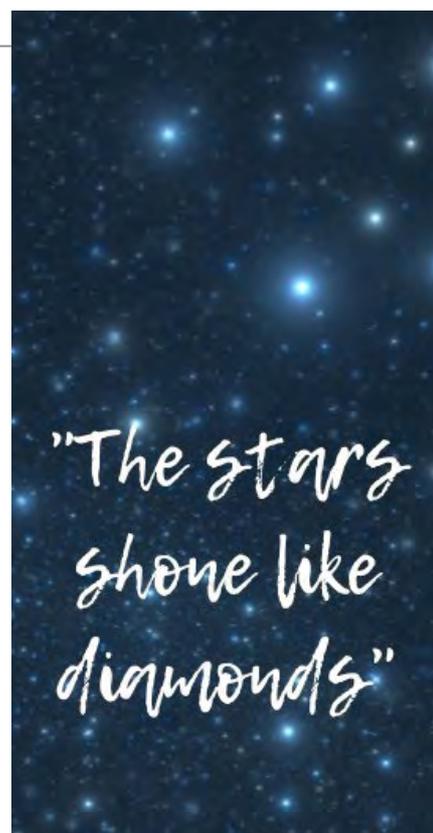
However, I’ve discovered that sometimes it’s difficult to see what God is doing.

Let me explain . . .

It was a dark moonless night in early Spring. I was about 12 years old, and we were holidaying at my grandfather’s farm. A highlight of any stay was staying up late to go spotlighting. On this particular night, just after turning into our first paddock, we got bogged. The ute was up to its axles in mud, and it was going nowhere.

After my uncle set off to fetch a tractor from the farmhouse a few kilometres away, my brother, father, grandfather and I sat in the back of the ute. While we were waiting, we gazed in awe at the night the sky.

There are some things about God, and the beauty of creation, which can only be seen and appreciated in the dark.



It was in the outback, a long way from anywhere with no moon and no lights. The stars shone like diamonds. It was a magical moment as we followed satellites and shooting stars and talked of planets, suns, galaxies and God. The display of beauty and power filled my heart with wonder and awe.

An unexpected realisation

Recently, I've reflected on how that moment illustrates a profound insight. There are some things about God, and the beauty of creation, which can only be appreciated in the dark. This realisation is somewhat counter-intuitive, because we normally associate God with light, and for good reason. The Bible is full of metaphors about God being light, and the opposite of darkness. However, it also speaks of God creating darkness, and darkness being as light to God ([Ps 139:12](#)).

The Bible is also full of people who encountered God in the darkness, not just physical darkness, but the dark times of life. I'm thinking of Job, Jacob, Esther, Jonah, the sisters of Lazarus, the apostle Paul, and Jesus himself.

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Some things, it seems, can only be learned through dark times. Suffering and loss, grief and betrayal are the fertile soil where deep lessons to do with wisdom and compassion germinate and grow.

There are many who suggest we live in dark times. A global pandemic, wars in Europe, Asia and Africa, concerns around the changing climate and culture wars across the West are just a few examples. It is a challenging moment for the Church too, particularly in the West. Our churches on the whole, are shrinking, there is much antagonism towards us, and many are working to suppress our voice and action.

Our response: to take courage

It is right to lament and work for solutions to the challenges we face, but there is more to this moment than that. Although our natural reaction is a "fight or flight" response, there is another way – we can take courage.

In this dark moment we can trust in God's goodness. We can be assured of God's love, presence and good purposes. And we can be alert to all God has to show us: things new and profound, things we have never seen before, things we could never see in the light.

So my encouragement is for us to pray, and keep on praying, "Father, help us to see what you are doing that we may be like Jesus and do nothing by ourselves, but mimic your work in our world, to the glory of your name."



Stephen Baxter is Tasmanian Baptist's Mission Director

Hobart Baptist Youth

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June 15, 2022



ABOVE: HBC Youth From left, Yvette, Elizabeth, Fiona, Bryce, Hyland, Hannah, Timothy, Jeremiah.

The youth at Hobart Baptist meet three times a month on Sundays, and have some great events happening every so often on Saturday nights. They are led by two of the dads, who are hard-working and valued members of the Hobart Baptist congregation.

In this issue of ReCharge, some of the youth wrote reflections on their activities.

HBC Youth is all about knowing God and His word and inviting others to do the same. We have heaps of fun together, and do some pretty cool stuff.

Activities nights

One week we had a scavenger hunt, when we ran around the church finding Bible verses and looking for the clue. Another time we went to K-Mart, and we were given \$10 and had to buy specific items under the 4 categories: the most things (in a packet), the most useful, the bluest, and the healthiest things. But all for under \$10.

We did these things to spend time together and focus on creating and establishing relationships

We also did some mini golf at Putters. That time, we split up into four teams of 3-4 people and spent two hours competing against group members.

It was great to do these things to spend time together outside of a youth session and focus on creating and establishing relationships and getting together with people outside of our church.

Fundraising initiative

At HBC we have a strong refugee Karen community. Last year, Pastor Paw Nay, a significant member in the Karen community, informed us of the need for Bible school teachers within the refugee camp in Thailand. So, as a youth group we raised over

\$1800 for one teacher's salary to teach in the Bible school in a refugee camp on the Thai border.

To raise this money, we held barbeques and collected donations from the people in the church. We also had a 'volunteer' outside advertising the barbeque to invite people. In December we were able to present pastor Paw Nay with legit stacks [of money]. This year we hope to raise the same amount of money, but in two instalments.



HBC Youth Fundraiser, 2021

What else is going on?

Our youth have big plans for the rest of the year!

In addition to a regular Sunday morning Bible study, we make time to get together for some fun activities. These plans include a bonfire night, movie night, Zone 3, games night, rock-climbing, aquatic centre, and BBQ and activities night. Our Saturday night activities are a great chance to invite friends who mightn't be involved in churches or youth group.

Find us on the HBC website: hobartbaptist.org.au

Written by HBC Youth

Hobart Vision Church

 tasbaptists.org.au/hobart-vision-church/



Growing Tas Baptists

The Hobart Vision Church is a Korean-speaking church which was accepted into Tasmanian Baptist at the May 2022 Assembly. Usually, 60-70 people (including about 27 kids) meet at Hobart Baptist on Sunday afternoons, as well as a smaller number for early weekday prayer meetings.

The church also streams their services, which are picked up in Hobart, across Australia and also in Korea!

About Pastor Samuel at Hobart Vision Church



Pastor Samuel Jo has been with Hobart Vision Church since July 2019. Samuel has five children. The oldest son, Abraham, is in Melbourne for his 2nd year at Monash University. The youngest is five years old in kindergarten. Pastor Samuel graduated from HHillsong Leadership College majoring in worship-leading.

Samuel is pleased to tell ReCharge about Hobart Vision church, saying, "First of all, I am very grateful to introduce our church, and thank Tasmanian Baptists for giving me this opportunity."

How it all began

Hobart Vision Church dates back 28 years, when it started with one faithful family of an ordained deacon under the name of 'Hobart Cheil Church'.

The church was without a pastor and the Sunday service was all about playing a tape brought from Korea, and having a meal together after the sermon. For those who missed Korea, meeting Koreans once a week, and eating Korean food, was a time to experience their hometown.

At this time, regardless of their beliefs, the non-Christians who shared a longing for Korean food with Koreans later became truly valuable leaders.

The church had a pastoral ministry and gathered in Sandy Bay to serve Korean Christians for over 24 years as a part of the Uniting Church.



Worship service and sharing a meal

Making moves

However, four years ago the current Hobart Vision Church left the Uniting Church as a result of theological differences over sexuality. Consequently, it planted again as an independent church, without a pastor.

Finding a church building wasn't easy, but the church was able to rent and use St Stephen's Church (the Red Chapel church, Sandy Bay), where they have worshiped for the past four years. Then, earlier this year, the meeting venue changed to Hobart Baptist Church.



Hobart Vision Church children sing in the Red Chapel, Sandy Bay

A place to come back to

Since 2019 the church has seen steady growth. The church originally planted with 70 members, and shrank to 30 within a year. It then grew to 70 again within a year. Pastor Jo Sung-min once confessed that all of this was God's grace, saying, "I'm really happy that it is a church where the members, who have forgotten the church before, can come back to Christ!"

The church is so pleased to have been accepted into the Tasmanian Baptist Union.

To determine the denomination we would join, our members needed a firm biblical position in relation to sexuality. However, the biggest reason is the member-centred voting policy of the Baptist denomination. And further, rather than insisting on white Australians, the Baptists opened wide doors for us to become one with them.

Vision and Mission

Hobart Vision Church has a grand vision. The goal is to grow the Korean diaspora into influential believers in Korean and Australian society, trained in Hobart. That is why we are doing our best to provide Sunday School and Korean Language School for the next generation.

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Meeting in the Hobart Baptist "Tab"

Hobart Vision Church is closely connected to the Korean community in Hobart by serving and supporting elders in Hobart, and helping the Hobart Korean community committee.

The church also uses the parent network through schools to create opportunities for connection.

We regularly stream our services such as our weekday early morning services, and Sunday services. There are not great number of viewers in Hobart yet, however there are many more viewers in Melbourne and Sydney, and also in Korea who are support our eMinistry.

What you need to know . . .

Meeting times

- ◆ 6-7am Weekdays: Early Morning Services
- ◆ 8-9pm Fridays: Holy Spirit Prayer
- ◆ 3-4:30pm Sundays: Worship Service

In addition to Sunday services

- ◆ Korean Language School
- ◆ Taekwondo in Long Beach
- ◆ Friday Night Prayer Meeting
- ◆ Cell Meeting (small group meeting)

Contact

- ◆ Phone: 0409 987 690
- ◆ Message via Hobart Vision Church on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hobartvision>



Stories from carers

Churches make a HUGE difference for carers. Below are some quotes from our foster carers. Sometimes, church support can be the factor which enables a family to step into fostering in the first place:

“There are many ways our church has shown they are with us and for us as we foster. We received so much encouragement and prayer as we started the process. One church member looked after our birth children every week so we could attend the training.

| It really makes a big difference to know people are standing with us.

*“We asked our small group to be our ‘official’ support network. They have provided meals, babysitting, sourcing a cot – as well as emotional support for us. **It really makes a big difference to know people are standing with us, who understand what we are doing and why!**”*

Having people respond when things are exceptionally challenging, can make impossible things possible:

“Our two little girls entered our home at 18 months and three years old. Although we’ll never know the full extent of all they experienced in early life, one thing we knew for sure was that food caused them extreme anxiety. It’s likely they hadn’t always been given food regularly, so when mealtimes approached or at shared meal events, like church morning teas, they saw food and ate.

“We had older biological children in our home, so managing the four children after church was extremely challenging. Our church stepped in to help. Each of our foster daughters had someone with them during morning tea. The aim was not to discipline them, but help get a plate of food and sit down. This reduced anxiety for me after church so much. It meant I could enjoy a cuppa and fellowship, and my biological children could hang out with their friends.

| This was simple and practical, but showed acceptance of our children



“This was simple and practical, but showed acceptance of our children, not judgement, and a willingness to see what we needed. I don’t know if I’d be going to church if this hadn’t happened.”

It is amazing to find a church who are willing to learn about trauma. To learn why children come into care, and **goes the extra step to ensure structures and processes work** for carers’ children too. Fostering Hope has trauma-awareness training to meet this need for churches.

“Sadly, we had to leave our last church. It broke our heart to do it, but we had to put our foster child first. The church they just didn’t understand our concerns when they started using Facebook to broadcast services live.

“We explained the risks of him being on social media. But their solution was that we should just keep him to the side – meaning he would never be able to engage in services with the other children.

| *They learnt about trauma, understood the complexities of being a carer*

“Our new church now is completely different. They learnt about trauma, understood the complexities of being a carer. Through this learning, they can offer a more child safe program not just for our son, but all children.”



Caring for Foster Carers



To find out about Fostering Hope's trauma-awareness training for your church, please contact Mary Dickins: mary@fosteringhope.community

Website: <https://www.fosteringhope.community/>

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Pictured Above: Worship time at the Mid-year Assembly, May 2022

Citywide Prays for Hobart

Encouraging prayer event

During the shortest daylight week of 19-26 June, coinciding with Dark Mofo, Citywide people were encouraged to seek God through prayer and fasting. In addition to personal resources, everyone was encouraged to do a neighbourhood walk, praying over the homes and people as they passed. As well, they met on Rosny Hill on the shortest night to pray for and over the City.

Maybe you could organise a time for your church to pray for your town or city?



Library Aid International

Burnie, Tasmania

We are ecstatic at Library Aid International in Burnie. Ten more boxes will fill our ninth shipping container of teacher resources, school supplies, books and computers that will head to Zimbabwe (pictured right). It was expected to be ready in September but will now be in the next month or so.

Our greatest need

We want to make a start on our tenth container, but our inwards goods container is pretty empty, (pictured next page).



Our greatest need IS NOT for finances! It is for books and school supplies as per the attached list. Please pray for these to come our way, especially via school and public libraries that we have good contact with.

To send books and other educational aids to Library Aid International contact Ian Hubble:

libraryaidinternational@gmail.com



APBF Hybrid Congress

5-7th September – online

The Asia Pacific Baptist Federation Congress meets regularly every five years,



touching thousands of Baptists every time. APBF has witnessed the faithfulness of God in Asia and the Pacific over the period of 40 years as they have grown to almost 40,000 churches today.

The 10th APBF Congress calls Baptists to gather with the theme **Stronger Together** in its first Hybrid Congress (available to both in-person and online attendees) and witness yet again God's faithfulness. In-person in South Korea will allow delegates to interact face-to-face with the speakers. While the online version will provide a seamless flexibility to join the Congress from your location.

FIND OUT MORE:

<https://www.apbf.org/congress2022/>

The Values Project

Australian Baptist Ministries

A great resource for your church or small group!

The Values Project is designed to help organisations, churches and groups reflect, talk and learn about our identity and values as communities of faith within the Australian Baptist movement.

As we are reminded of the values that underpin the historical and cultural backbone of our movement, we reflect on how these values impact our attitudes, practices and decisions in our unique contexts.



The Values Project strengthens our sense of identity, encourages connectedness and community across our movement, and informs decision making and leadership. Four free episodes are available, along with corresponding Scripts, Facilitator's Guide, Discussion notes, and sermon ideas.

The 4-5 minute videos each focus on one of our four values: 1. Jesus-Centred 2. Community 3. Mission 4. Freedom. They are a great basis for discussion and understanding Baptists, particularly for those new to the movement.

PROXIMITY Pastors' Muster

Tuesday 26th July (start with lunch) to Wednesday 27th July (end with lunch)

The July Muster will be held in Burnie and is themed around the idea of PROXIMITY.

Proximity is about living close to people so you see them, love them and can listen to them. It will build on from our exploration of Courage at the March Muster.

Over the past 50 years or so, pastors have often been trained to keep people at arm's length – in our programs and systems and organisations. This is quite strange given that Jesus became like us and “moved in to the neighbourhood” (Jn 1:14 MSG).

At this Muster we will focus in on being driven to get to know people as people, rather than as demographics, target markets or workers.



TB MUSTER - PROXIMITY



- **WHEN** Tuesday July 26 (start with lunch) to Wednesday July 27 (end with lunch)
- **VENUE** Burnie Baptist Church
- **THEME** Proximity
- **ACCOMMODATION** Attendees are responsible for their own accommodation. If you need assistance, please let us know.
- **COST** \$95 – Covers lunch, afternoon tea and dinner on Tuesday and morning tea and lunch on Wednesday
- **BOOKINGS** Contact RODNEY MARSHALL via email: rodney@tasbaptists.org.au

HEADS UP! Our final Muster for the year will be over two nights at the Silo Hotel, Launceston, 19th-21st September 2022. All expenses paid.

Alpha: You're Invited!

Join with Hobart Baptist's Alpha course

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment.

ALL WELCOME! In-person and online options are available.

- **WHEN** 12:30pm, Sundays from 31st July until 9th October
- **WHERE**
 - Online via Zoom OR



- Hobart Baptist Church, 284 Elizabeth Street Hobart
- ♦ **REGISTER** Email info@hobartbaptist.org.au
- ♦ **INFO** alpha.org.au

Emergencies Ministry Training

Tasmanian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry

REGISTER for TRAINING: https://www.tccem.org.au/register_for_training

9.30am to 4pm, FRIDAY 1st July



Campbell Town – Memorial Oval Function Room Lunch and snacks provided.

Registrations close 20th June 2022

TCC Emergencies Ministry deploys faith-based volunteers to care for affected people in situations such as evacuation centres during fires and floods. To train for this ministry no formal qualifications are required but a positive reference from your faith community leader is essential.

The Federal Government is funding the training scheduled training, so the usual day-long Personal Support training is now offered at the very reduced price of \$20+GST (usually \$100+GST).

The training day is for both new volunteers and for current volunteers who are due for a refresher course (due every three years).

Topics covered include:

- ♦ Understanding the emergency setting
- ♦ Tasmanian Emergency Management Arrangements
- ♦ The impacts of emergencies on individuals and communities
- ♦ Psychological First Aid principles
- ♦ Emotional & Spiritual Care principles
- ♦ The role of a TCC Emergencies Ministry volunteer

Stamps for Overseas Mission

Help raise funds for Baptist Mission Australia
Your Used Stamps Can Make a Huge Impact

For more than 50 years, Australian Baptists have collected and sold stamps to raise money for Baptist Mission Australia.

This simple fundraiser generates about \$70,000 every year!

With electronic mediums replacing much of our posted mail, used stamps are becoming harder to source. Thankfully, they are becoming more valuable owing to scarcity.



Jill Ashdown, of Gateway Baptist, oversees this ministry for churches in Tasmania, and she invites anyone to assist by collecting stamps. Stamps received from our churches can be delivered to the Tasmanian Baptist State Office at Riverlands Longford. Accumulations, old stamp albums, postal history and other stamp memorabilia are also very welcome.

What to do:

- Prepare the stamps by cutting the stamps off the envelope, leaving a 5mm border around the edge.
- Collect a bundle in a box, envelope or bag.
- Drop them off to Riverlands Longford, 159 Wellington St, Longford. The office is open Mon-Fri 9am-1pm. Or else, call to arrange a suitable time: 6391 2202

Other questions? Contact Jill Ashdown: 0439 354 849 | mjashdown@netspace.net.au

Unholy Matrimony

Nonviolent Direct Action on the Streets of Launceston

In April, Extinction Rebellion Northern Tasmania (XRNT) held a street theatre, *Unholy Matrimony*, in the centre of Launceston. It aimed to light-heartedly draw attention to the 'love affair' between the Australian Government and the fossil fuel industry.

Sally Staley and Jeff McKinnon from [City Baptist Church](#) were amongst four who were arrested that day and face court on 8th June. In all about ten people from City Baptist were involved.



Recharge: What did XRNT hope to achieve by presenting *Unholy Matrimony*?

Jeff: *Despite 30 years of formal reporting by climate scientists and lobbying by concerned citizens, XRNT believes the response of the Australian government has been far too little. Since 2019, XRNT has held mildly disruptive events at which volunteers may be arrested. XRNT maintains an excellent relationship with Tasmania Police.*

ReCharge: Why participate in XRNT events given you face the risk of imprisonment?

Sally: *Imprisonment is not something I think about. Many Christians throughout history, starting with Jesus himself, faced court, imprisonment and more. I am nothing like those great saints. But when there is an issue so important as what we face today, with the degradation and destruction of our Lord's creation, there is a drive within me to alert people to the need to stop polluting creation. The thought of imprisonment does not enter the frame!*

Tasmanian Baptist Key Dates, 2022

Dates for your Diary

6-7 May 2022	Mid-Year Assembly at <u>Riverlands</u>
2 July 2022	Council Meeting
26-27 July 2022	Muster in Burnie: PROXIMITY
10 September 2022	Council Meeting
3-5 October 2022	Muster: Launceston
28-29 October 2022	Annual Assembly, <u>Riverlands</u>
19 November 2022	Council Meeting



Midyear Assembly May 2022

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