

A Word from Heather

connector

Sunday October 25, 2020

PLEASE FEEL VERY WELCOME to attend the 10am service in the Tab, or if you are unable to make it, **tune in to the online service from 10.15am >>>**

It is an opportunity to come together for worship: to give thanks for the life of our long time member Graham Clements; to dedicate the OCC Shoeboxes; and pray for those who will receive them.

After church, we will start to plot the course for the church to become the prophetic voice into the City of Hobart that God has called us to be.

Today, Stephen Baxter continues our sermon series **Citizen H: Citizen of Hobart, Citizen of Heaven**, with a message entitled “**Courage and resolve in the face of opposition**”.

Bible reading for today: **Acts 4: 1-22**

I look forward to seeing you if you make it to the Tab!

Blessings,

Heather Galloway
HBC Secretary

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Sunday Church Online



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WELCOME TO CHURCH ONLINE!

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

Don't forget we are also meeting at the Tab from 10am.

10:15AM SERVICE BEGINS ON YOUTUBE

Today's Bible Reading: Acts 4: 1-22

Click the blue button below to watch live from our YouTube channel:

Watch [HERE](#). Weekly release: 10:15am Sunday

Church Family News



Sunday October 18, 2020

You are welcome to join us for our 10am service in the Tab as we continue our Sermon Series from Acts: [Citizen H](#).

The Online service, continues to be available on [YouTube >>>](#).

GRAHAM ROBIN CLEMENTS, 7/1/1932 – 17/10/2020

Graham Clements passed away peacefully on October 17, 2020. Dearly loved husband of Elizabeth (dec). Loving father and father-in-law of Peter and Mary Jane, Bruce and Anita, Rosemary and Chris. Devoted Grandpa of Hugh and Claire; Lucy; Jessica, Jazlyn, Lucinda and Ashlee.

For so many of us, Graham and Hobart Baptist Church have been inextricably linked for ever. He was heard to say on many occasions, "I was carried in to HBC as a baby, and I expect to be carried out!" He was right!

Graham, the son of active church members of long standing, grew up in the church. At the age of 14, Graham was baptized and welcomed into membership of HBC on 12 January 1946. Graham devoted his life to the church serving as a Deacon, Assistant Secretary and Secretary, as well as an Elder. Graham also served as President of the Baptist Union of Tasmania for a year. Graham was a member of the Pastoral Care, Meet & Make and the Tab News and Views committees.

Graham's career was with the Education Department of Tasmania, starting as a high school teacher at Queenstown, and ending as Principal of Taroona High School from 1975-1990, before becoming a superintendent for the department. He was much loved and respected by all who had the privilege of knowing him in that context.



Outside of church, Graham's love of trains was well known and he had many stories to tell. Graham was a former President and Life Member of the Tasmanian Transport Museum. Graham also volunteered at RPH with regular time slots reading on air.

Graham was a humble, unassuming disciple, who loved to share his knowledge and joy of life with others. Graham was devoted to his family and to the work of the Lord, through the Hobart Baptist Church.

Graham will be remembered as a loyal and faithful servant with a wonderful sense of humour and for the many stories he shared. He will be greatly missed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 25 October (10am Service): TODAY!

- OCC Shoebox dedication
- [Visioning/Planning Workshop](#), in the HBC Hall, after Church.

Thursday 29 October (7.30pm):

- [Visioning/Planning Workshop](#), in the Tab

Friday 30/Saturday 31 October:

- [Tas Baptists Annual Assembly](#), Riverlands, Longford

Wednesday 11 November (6.30am for 6.45am start):

- [Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast](#), Hotel Grand Chancellor. Online only.

Saturday 21 November:

- ["Meeting Jesus at the Beach"](#), Family Day out

Sunday 22 November:

- [HBC Members' Meeting](#), Election of Deacons and Officers. More details below.
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VISIONING/PLANNING WORKSHOPS

The first workshop is TODAY in the Hall, after the 10am service

or

Thursday 29 October in the Tab, 7.30pm

You are invited to be part of the future of HBC. There will be numerous ministry possibilities for our new facilities. We're in for an exciting time!

You can be involved in determining what that future looks like. Bring your ideas, your gifts and your talents, as we discern what God has planned for us in the new space.

Heather Galloway, Secretary
secretary@hobartbaptist.org.au

HBC REDEVELOPMENT APPEAL

Further responses to the **HBC Redevelopment Appeal** and donations have been received this week. Every dollar makes a difference.

Each contribution is acknowledged with sincere gratitude. It is so encouraging to know how many people have a heart for the mission of the church in the community.

Our Target: \$100,000 (gifts) and \$250,000 (loans).

To date we have received or had promised \$72,532 in donations, a significant increase from last week. and \$57,500 in loans.

If you would like to know more or make a donation please email secretary@hobartbaptist.org.au, or [indicate your intention here >>>](#)



Challenges with the Building Redevelopment continue

Thank you for your prayers to date. Please continue to pray for resolution of issues that confront us. Pray for God's wisdom in determining the next steps, that the right path will be clear.

Pray too for the future ministry of the church, for your involvement, whatever shape that may take: together we can be the prophetic voice in the City of Hobart that God had called us to be.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Week 1 of the Marriage Course was held on Tuesday Oct 13 with a *Date Night @ HBC*. Six couples were treated to a delicious meal and quality time with the significant other in their life.

Please pray for the ongoing Marriage Course series (up to week 7): For the couples

who have chosen to invest in their marriage, and for those who have a supporting role.

You can learn more about the Alpha Marriage Course here >>>



PARLIAMENTARY PRAYER BREAKFAST

The 15th *Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast* will be held on the **Wednesday 11 November, 2020** at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Hobart.

Numbers were limited to 240 this year because of Covid-19, and therefore we were unable to book a table for HBC. But you can watch it online. For the first time in its 15-year history a Live Streaming Access option is available for \$25 per head. Contact the Secretary know if you are interested in this option: secretary@hobartbaptist.org.au.

HBC ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

The Hobart Baptist Church Annual Members' Meeting for 2020 will be held in the Hall on Sunday 22 November, after the 10am service.

Please put this date in your diary and prayerfully consider if God is calling you to be a deacon or office bearer at this time.

The meeting will include the election of Deacons and Officers for 2021. The nominations book is now open.

A number of vacancies exist, including that of **Treasurer** and **Assistant Treasurer**.

More information can be found on the **HBC Members – and Others** page by [Clicking Here >>>](#)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Today is the day! During the service we will be praying for the shoeboxes, and for the children who will receive them. The shoeboxes are an opportunity to show God's love from afar, and they also enable those who receive them to hear about Jesus.

I will be in church to receive the boxes this Sunday, but if you if you are unable to get to

church or you forget to bring your box, please contact me, Celia Munro: chmunro@bigpond.com. to talk about getting the boxes to Samaritan's Purse.

Thanking you , Celia Munro.



COVID-19 REMINDERS

As we continue to meet together with relative confidence at this point in time, it is important we remind each other of the simple things that can help protect us as individuals, and the community at large.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

WHEN WE ARE TOGETHER PLEASE REMEMBER:

- * If you are unwell, you are asked to stay home*
- *Please use hand sanitiser when you arrive and before you leave*
- *Please sit in designated rows, allowing for others who come after you*
 - *Family members may sit close together, but*
 - * Social distancing of 1.5m needs to be observed at all times*
 - * You are welcome to bring your own cushion*
 - * More details can be found on **Elvanto** >>>*

GIVING – YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS



Thank you to all who have been faithfully continuing with regular giving during the

current economic climate. Many have been using EFT for some time now, but there are others who have made the switch since we had to close our doors. Your ongoing support is much appreciated.

Now that we are meeting in person again, there is an offering box available for your use as you leave the sanctuary. (A change to the way we do things as a result of COVID-19).

[Give Online Here>>>](#)

HBC Members – and Others!



Hobart Baptist Church would not exist without the support and care of our official membership.

Annual Members' Meeting

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2020

INCLUDES ELECTION OF DEACONS AND OFFICERS

The Hobart Baptist Church Annual Members' Meeting for 2020 will be held in the Hall on Sunday 22 November, after the 10am service.

Following the AMM, a Members' meeting will be held as per usual.

Agenda items for the Members' Meeting will be presented closer to the meeting.

THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING WILL INCLUDE:

- Election of Deacons and Officers
- Appointment of Ministry Leaders
- Reception of the Audited Report and Financial Statements for 1 July 2019-30 June 2020.
- Appointment of an Auditor for the current financial year

The Nominations Book is now open, and will close at midday on Thursday 12 November. Normally the book would be placed in the Foyer, however, due to Covid-19 it will be in the hands of the Secretary.

NOMINATIONS ARE CALLED FOR OFFICERS:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer
- and Deacons

The term of office is one (1) year for Officers and three (3) years for Deacons.

Our current Treasurer, Peter Tattam, will not be seeking re-election. After three and a half years as Treasurer, during possibly the busiest period in our Church history, he is in need of a well deserved rest.

Retiring Deacons are Heather Galloway, Joshua Lattimore and Celia Munro. Josh has decided after two terms (six years) as a Deacon it is time to step aside. This opens the door for one or two new people to step up and serve.

The church is poised to begin a new chapter in its history. So now is a perfect opportunity for anyone who feels they are being called to a leadership capacity at HBC to step forward.

Please pray about how you may further serve in the life of Hobart Baptist. Feel free to speak with any of the current deacons and ministry leaders if you are at all interested.

Members who would like to nominate someone please do so through the Secretary, Assistant Secretary (Kaaren Stott) or one of the Nominating Committee members (Scott Ambrose and David Needham).

Heather Galloway, Secretary

Members' Meetings are held quarterly, and are open to members and non-members alike.

The Members are led by the Deacons, who meet monthly.

HBC Diaconate

Chair: Scott Ambrose

Secretary: Heather Galloway

Assistant Secretary: Kaaren Stott

Treasurer: Peter Tattam

Assistant Treasurer: vacant

Ex-officio: Stephen Baxter

Ordinary Deacons: Celia Munro; Joanna Sinclair; Josh Lattimore; Moo Lay Graham; David Needham

Tasmanian Baptists News & Prayer



Sunday October 25, 2020

ABOVE: Last Tuesday, Tasmanian Baptist pastors gathered at Longford for the annual Muster – postponed from July due to COVID-19.

They began their day reflecting on the importance of taking a Sabbath rest. For more, please read next week's update for **ADVANCE | step by step >>>**

PRAYER FOR OUR ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Assembly will be held **Friday night and all-day Saturday, 30-31 October** at Riverlands, Longford. Pray for this important gathering.

Annual Assembly papers have now been distributed. Contact Karen if you need to receive them – karen@riverlands.org.au.

PRAYER FOR PART-TIME TASMANIAN BAPTIST STAFF

Pray for the part-time staff of Tasmanian Baptists: Stephen Baxter, Maddy Svoboda, Jeff McKinnon, Rodney Marshall, Karen Buckney, Jenna Blackwell, Michael Henderson, Jenny Baxter and Joel Ortiz; as well as our voluntary Chairperson, Peter Clark.

PRAYER FOR ACTIVITIES IN OUR TASMANIAN COMMUNITIES

Have you checked out **Michael Henderson's** podcast, *Recapturing Wonder*? Michael is Artist in Residence at Hobart Baptist Church and works in Leadership Development within Tasmanian Baptists. Click **HERE** to listen.

Since 21 September, series 2 of *Evenings With Ann*, has been running on the Citywide Baptist Church Hobart YouTube channel. *Evenings With Ann* goes to air every weeknight at 8pm. Presented by Citywide's **Ann Herbert**, the current series reflects on endings and beginnings and seasons and rhythms in life.

Click [HERE](#) for your invitation to join her.

Mary Dickins from Fostering Hope is planning a meeting in the north on a Sunday afternoon soon for any Baptists (or others) interested in knowing more about foster care. This date will be finalised and made known soon. Mary can be contacted on **6240 4834** or at mary@fosteringhope.community

PRAYER FOR PASTORAL CARE IN EMERGENCIES

Gus Yearsley, State Officer for TCC Emergencies Ministry is seeking expressions of interest for training and accreditation in **Pastoral Care in Emergencies** (eg in evacuation centres and the like). He is seeking new volunteers to be trained and accredited for future deployment. This training day is a prerequisite to becoming an accredited Emergencies Ministry volunteer, which opens the door for volunteers to serve as part of Tasmania's Emergency Management Arrangements. Training opportunities are as follows:

In Devonport: Saturday, **5 December** (9.30am to 4.00pm), Paranapple Convention Centre (Aberdeen Room). Cost \$110 (including GST). Snacks, lunch and course materials are included.

In Hobart: Saturday, **13 February** 2021, venue TBC

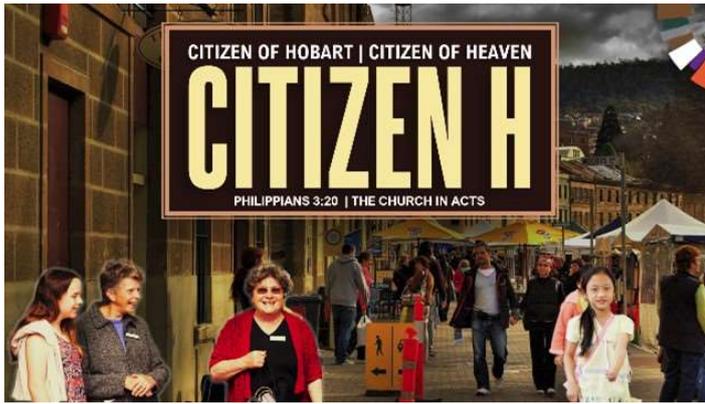
For more information, contact Gus: gusy@tccem.org.au or click [HERE](#).

Please note that this training day requires 2 or 3 hours of pre-reading.

Reflect: is able to save completely those who come to God through him because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 7:25

CITIZEN H Sermon Series



October 4 – December 13, 2020

In this series we will look at the experience of the early church as Luke describes it in the first half of Acts. Here, we read the story of how we can take the message of Jesus across social, ethnic and religious boundaries in the face of stiff opposition.

INTRODUCTION

Being a citizen is important and is desirable. A citizen is an inhabitant of a nation who not only gives allegiance to its government, but is entitled to its protection and privileges.

Being a citizen of heaven is a lot like being a citizen of any country. It requires allegiance to its government along with its privileges, responsibilities and blessings.

A “COLONY OF HEAVEN”

The city of Philippi was a colony of Rome, situated within the country of Greece. Paul uses this imagery to picture the church as a ‘colony of heaven’ situated on earth. In just the same way that the Greeks living in Philippi lived as Roman citizens, the Christians, though living in Philippi, are to live as “heavenly” citizens living out the values of the Kingdom of God.

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ . . .

Philippians 3:20

When Paul writes to the Christians at Philippi saying, “**our citizenship is in heaven**” he is not talking about a future destination, but a present

reality. It's all about how to live day-to-day on planet earth when our allegiance is to Jesus, as Lord and King.

Paul goes on to say that as citizens of heaven, "we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ." As we live today and look to the future, our anticipation is not that we will be taken away from this world, but that Jesus will return. This is the day when the prayer, "your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven," will be fulfilled.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US, TODAY

Being citizens of heaven is like being members of another country. Our attitudes and lifestyle will not be the same as the world around us, but aligned to the country to which we belong, the kingdom of God and the gospel of Christ.

In this series we will look at the experience of the early church as Luke describes it in the first half of Acts. Here we read the story of how these *citizens of heaven* take the message of Jesus across social, ethnic and religious boundaries in the face of stiff opposition.

The message that Jesus is Messiah contradicts and unsettles the world. Whether it is the world of Roman authority, the world of Jewish certainty, or the world of Greek sophistication, Jesus is dangerous. He refused to tone down his message to make it more palatable to the authorities. His followers do the same, and turn the world upside down.

What does it mean for us, citizens of Hobart and citizens of Heaven, to follow in their footsteps? What does that mean for us? How are we to live?

Sermon Schedule

Date	Text	Focus	Preacher
Oct 4	Acts 1:1-11	<i>A fresh start: witnesses = resident aliens</i> WATCH >>>	Stephen Baxter
Oct 11	Acts 2:1-16, 36-41	<i>A fresh start: The Gift of Life</i> WATCH >>>	Stephen Baxter
Oct 18	Acts 2:42-47	<i>A fresh start: A new community</i> WATCH >>>	Scott Ambrose
Oct 25	Acts 4:1-22,	<i>Courage and resolve in the face of opposition</i>	Stephen Baxter
Nov 1	Acts 4:23-35	<i>Confrontation: how to pray</i>	Liam Conway
Nov 8	Acts 5:17-32, 41-42	<i>Confrontation: Worthy of suffering disgrace</i>	(TBC)
Nov 15	Acts 8:1-8, 14-17	<i>Crossing boundaries: Samaria and Samaritans</i>	Michael Henderson
Nov 22	Acts 8:26-40	<i>Crossing boundaries: Ananias meets Saul</i>	Stephen Baxter
Nov 29	Acts 9:19b-30	<i>Crossing boundaries: Welcoming the persecutor?</i>	Joel Ortiz
Dec 6	Acts 10	<i>Crossing boundaries: Peter and Cornelius</i>	Michael Henderson
Dec 13	Acts 11:19-26	<i>Crossing boundaries: Speaking to Greeks</i>	Stephen Baxter