

# Church Family News, September 2021



## HOBART BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

**SERMON:** Michael Henderson

*Image bearers – God's co-creators*

### BIBLE READING

Genesis 1:26-31

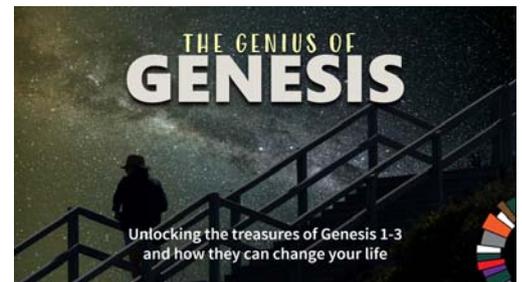
### WATCH

YouTube service available from 10.15am Sunday >>>

**KIDS CHURCH** Now IN RECESS!

**YOUTH** Will be invited to join their activity during the service

**Stephen and Jenny Baxter are visiting Burnie Baptist Church today**



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## DIARY DATES

**10am, 3 OCTOBER NEW! Conversations with Jesus**

Read more about the new sermon series >>>

**2pm, 17 OCTOBER Rest of Life**

Hebrews Bible study, Block Two begins

**21-24 OCTOBER** Church Camp at Spring Beach

**POSTPONED to 2022**

**24 OCTOBER** Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Dedication Service

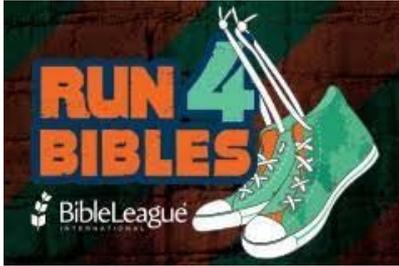
**28 NOVEMBER** Hobart Baptist Church AGM, following 10am service

**TBC NOVEMBER** (a Saturday) **Church Garage Sale**



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## BIBLES FOR AFRICA



**Elektra Simmonds** is raising funds to send Bibles to Africa.

Please catch up with her on Sunday to donate.



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## MEMBERS' MEETINGS

- **Last Sunday**, 19th September

At the Church meeting last Sunday, members voted to welcome **Jing Vista** and **Sean Priest** into membership. They will be officially welcomed into membership next Sunday, 3rd October.

*Interested in becoming a member? Please contact HBC Secretary,  
Heather Galloway [secretary@hobartbaptist.org.au](mailto:secretary@hobartbaptist.org.au)*

- **Save the Date: HBC AGM**

**Sunday 28th November** after the 10am service. ALL WELCOME!

More details to follow.

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## ADVANCE NOTICE GARAGE SALE

We will be holding a garage sale in November (date TBC) to raise some funds to help with fitting out our new facilities.

Spring is a great time for cleaning and sorting. As you do, please put aside anything of value for our garage sale.

**Hold on to these things for now, and bring them in the week before the sale.**

More details to follow, but for now it will be held on a Saturday, and will include the ever popular cake stall.



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## ACCOMMODATION FOR 2022 – 1ST SEMESTER ONLY

Hi, my name is **Bridie Weaver** and I am from Western Australia.

I will be studying Fine Arts at the University of Tasmania in early February next year for the final semester of my degree. I am looking for a room to board in, a house to share or a family to stay with for this semester. If you know of anything available or are willing to have me board, I would really appreciate it. I can provide contact details for my pastor if you would like a reference.

I will have my own car and bike for transport. I'm looking forward to coming to Tassie and meeting a new church family! If you can help me please contact [bridieweaver2000@gmail.com](mailto:bridieweaver2000@gmail.com)

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Are you or your family collecting gifts to fill an OCC shoebox for a child this year? Hope so! HBC is again sending as many gift boxes as we possibly can to children overseas.

What a great ministry. Everywhere these gifts go, the Gospel is shared.

**How-to Brochures** and **boxes** will be available soon. In the meantime, watch the video, below!

**DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR THIS MINISTRY? Then Heather would love to know.  
A Coordinator is needed.  
Anyone, teens and young adults included, are welcome to find out more.**

## PACK A BOX ONLINE!

This option costs only \$30 total. If you choose this option please let us know so we can add to the HBC tally. Find out how to do it by clicking the button:

### PACK A BOX ONLINE



**How to Pack a Shoebox**

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=aRxEOCb4O58>



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## SPRING BEACH CAMP CANCELLED

Sadly, the Church Camp in October has been cancelled by the campsite (we wonder if it is because of Covid.)

The recent **Movie Night** was organised by the *Church Camp organising team* in anticipation of similar enjoyment over a long weekend camp.

We anticipate that a Church Camp will be possible in 2022. In the meantime, let's make the best use of our building to continue to build that sense of community and belonging.



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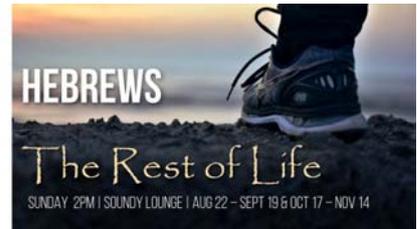
## BIBLE STUDY – LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

**WHEN** Block Two begins, 2pm Sunday 17th October

**WHERE** *Soundy Lounge*

**WHO** All welcome.

First time? No worries!



**The letter to the Hebrews is unique.** It gives insights into the life of Jesus that are quite different from anything else in the New Testament. Jesus is acknowledged as Prophet and King, but only in Hebrews is he regarded as a Priest.

All are welcome to join *Stephen Baxter* and *Liam Conway* as they lead the second five-week block each Sunday from 17 October to 14 November.

*Let's explore the life and teaching of Jesus from this unique vantage point.*

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## GIVING – YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS



Offerings – why do we give?

Baptist churches operate independently – they do not receive financial support from a parent body or government agency. We therefore have to generate our own income to support our budget: to pay our Pastoral staff, cover administrative costs and general running costs as well as supporting local and overseas missions.

Offerings from the congregation are the major source of our income, and as such are very important. We thank all who continue to give faithfully on a regular basis. We could not operate without this support.

Currently our offerings income falls short of meeting our budget, hence we are looking forward to the whole building being available for use by the community, and the revenue from hiring the spaces increasing our potential to reach out and minister to the community.

EFT is a great way to ensure regular giving and as well there are offering boxes available for use as you leave the Sanctuary.

**You can give online here>>>**

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## COVID-19 IS STILL AFFECTING OUR LIVES!!

Unfortunately, we are not free of this pandemic yet, as the Baxters can attest! I'm sure you have all been watching the latest news and the result of opening up the country to travel has meant another wave, this time with the delta variant causing even greater concern because of its rapid spread.

**Have you had your Covid vaccination yet?** It is the best way to protect ourselves and our community. Can I encourage you to consider your position prayerfully and ask questions if you are uncertain.

We have been extremely fortunate in Tasmania, but with people moving around it is important not to be complacent and to remember the simple guidelines to keeping everyone safe, including:



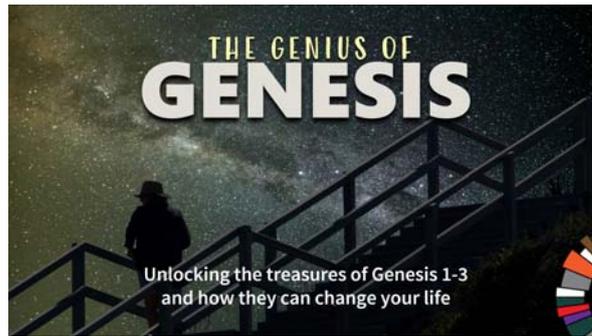
- Get vaccinated
- Stay at home if you are unwell – always cover coughs and sneezes, and get tested if you have symptoms
- Please use hand sanitiser when you arrive and before you leave
- Check In – Everyone over 16 years of age is now required check in whenever they enter the building – Please scan the Check in TAS QR code or sign the attendance sheet.

Thank you for your assistance.

*Heather Galloway*

*Duty of Care Officer*

# The Genius of Genesis



## The Great Invitation

### Sermon Series 22nd August to 26th September

#### Unlocking the treasures of Genesis 1-3 and how they can change your life

Although controversy and disagreement surround the book of Genesis it is, no doubt, a work of inspired brilliance and a profound literary masterpiece. In recent centuries, Christians have busied themselves arguing how Genesis reconciles with science without appreciating how our understanding of both science and the text are growing and changing, and in the process losing so much of what Genesis is trying to help us understand. However we reconcile the Genesis account with science, it is wise to do so with grace and humility and certainly important not to vilifying those who think differently.

In this series, we will explore the first three chapters of Genesis and allow it to address us with its insights, rather than looking for it to answer our questions. As we put the 'science' question to one side we will explore the treasures waiting and accept its invitation to reframe our understanding of reality.

Date	Text	Title	Preaching
Aug 22	Genesis 1:1-3	In the beginning – Finding meaning   <b>WATCH</b>	Stephen Baxter
Aug 29	Genesis 1:1-2:3	Evening and Morning – Sabbath Rest   <b>WATCH</b>	Stephen Baxter
Sept 5	Genesis 1:26-31	Created and chosen – Being special   <b>WATCH</b>	Liam Conway
Sept 12	Genesis 1:24-31	Good and very good – God's delight   <b>WATCH</b>	Stephen Baxter
Sept 19	Genesis 3:1-11	When sin is good news – special but marred   <b>WATCH</b>	Stephen Baxter
Sept 26	Genesis 1:26-31	Image bearers – God's co-creators	Michael Henderson

## Blue Miracle – Sat 11th September



### Movie Night at HBC

**BLUE MIRACLE** The incredible true story of Casa Hogar, the Mexican boys home that entered the world's biggest fishing tournament to save their orphanage.

### Let's get together and have some fun as a Church Community

**WHEN** Saturday afternoon/evening 11th September

**WHERE** Soundy Lounge, 284 Elizabeth Street Hobart

**PROGRAM** 4pm All-age games and activities | 5:45pm Dinner: Pizza and cake! Yum! (Soup will be available for those who prefer not to have pizza) | 6:30pm Movie begins – intermission included

**BYO** Movie food (popcorn, chips etc.); picnic rugs, cushions. Chairs will be provided for adults

**COST** \$5/person or \$5:40 with credit card. Dinner, tea, coffee included.

**REGISTRATIONS** were essential

### WATCH THE TRAILER



Blue Miracle | Official Trailer | Netflix  
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=pXHCBnT3d4k>

