

Church Family News, February 2022



Hobart Baptist Church, Sunday, 27th February

SERMON: Join us for our Vision series as Michael Henderson speaks to us this Sunday on how to learn like Jesus.

Our vision series this year focuses on the life of Jesus exploring how we might see and live like Jesus did. Asking the question, “Do I see the world as Jesus sees it?” [READ MORE HERE >>>](#)

PS: Don't forget to wear your COVID mask!

BIBLE READING: [Luke 2:41-52](#)

WATCH: [YouTube service, available 10.15am Sunday >>>](#)

STAY FOR Lunch after morning tea! Everyone is welcome to morning tea after the service and, following that, to hang around for a BYO lunch.

PLEASE NOTE: Kids' Church and Youth activities are on today.



DIARY DATES



SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY, 10am. Vision Sermon Series “To Learn like Jesus” continues in the 10am Service

FRIDAY 4 & 11 MARCH, 10am to 12pm. Hobart Christian Life & Witness Course at HBC.

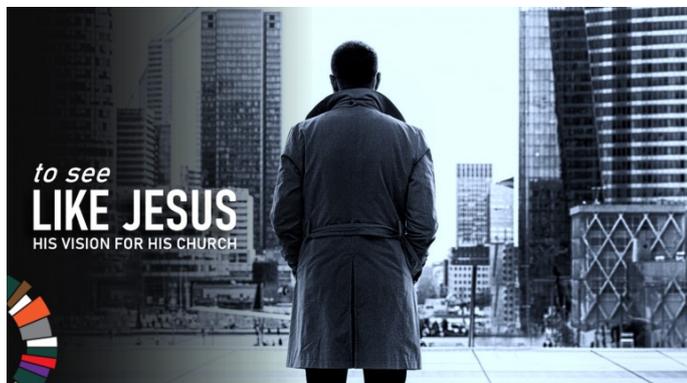
MONDAY/TUESDAY 7 & 8 MARCH, Tas Baptists Pastors' Muster at HBC

SUNDAY 27 MARCH, Church Members' Meeting after the service, including the presentation of the 137th Annual Report for HBC

VISION SERMON SERIES

To See Like Jesus: his vision for his church.

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NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY (NCLS)

Hurry, last chance to return paper survey today.

Or complete the survey online by, [clicking here to begin the survey](#)

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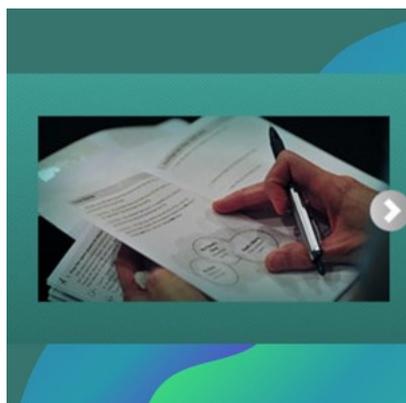
Our Church Code is: BA601000

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete the survey, we appreciate the time taken and the information we receive will be useful on a number of levels.



Heather Galloway
Secretary HBC

TASMANIAN CELEBRATION: HOBART CHRISTIAN LIFE & WITNESS COURSE



“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.”

1 Peter 3:15, NIV

As part of the Tasmania Celebration, you're invited to come and deepen your faith in Jesus Christ and learn to share Him with others in three, 90-minute sessions that will equip you with Biblical truths and practical insights. You will also learn about how you can pray with those who want to make a decision for Christ.

The course will be taught in 3 sessions at HBC on Fridays over 3 weeks from 25 February. 10am-12pm Fridays 25 February; 4 & 11 March.

Session One: How to Live an Effective Christian Life

Session Two: How to be Prepared to Engage Those Far From God

Session Three: How to Identify the Needs of a New Believer

Other session times are available at other locations. [More Information here >>>](#)

This course is required for those who wish to serve as a counsellor during the Tasmania Celebration events. See TasmaniaCelebration.org.au

YOUR ROLE AT HBC IN 2022

What is God putting on your heart to do at HBC in 2022?

Maybe the Vision Sermon Series is prompting you to answer that little voice telling you what you can do!?

The possibilities are endless, but a reminder that we are not just wanting a list of good ideas, rather we are looking for people to put their hand up to lead and make that good idea that God has put on their heart happen.

If you have any ideas, send an email through or talk to Stephen (stephen@tasbaptists.org.au) or to Michael (michael@tasbaptists.org.au).



FOSTERING HOPE DEVOTIONAL



Do you want to respond to the needs of children around you, but not sure how or if it's right for you or what role you could play?

Fostering is a big life choice and needs prayer, time, and intentional conversations. To help with this, Fostering Hope hosts a Thinking about Fostering Devotional on zoom. This is as a great opportunity to prayerfully consider next steps.

Starts 1 March 7:30-9:00pm on zoom

Runs for five weeks

RSVP to Mary_mary@fosteringhope.community

This is a great opportunity to spend the time exploring how you could respond or find encouragement for the role you are already playing. For more information, visit the Facebook event [here](#).

THE FUTURE WITH COVID-19

We are doing well, but we are not immune. At least one family has had Covid, but are recovering. With schools back and case numbers on the rise in the community again, it is important to keep doing the right thing.

We all have the opportunity to care for each other as Jesus would have – those we love, those who are vulnerable, whether we know them or not, by :-



- **Respecting social distancing** – and foregoing shaking hands
- **Wearing a mask** – in all indoor settings and others as required
- **Remembering** to use the hand sanitiser provided and by washing hands frequently.
- **Being vaccinated** – If you're not already, you can book by calling the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738 or visiting www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/booking. **Booster shots** are recommended and are now available.
- **Check In where required** – *No longer required at church.* Thank you to everyone who has been faithfully doing so for well over 12 months.
- **Considering** your health and the health of others – **stay home if you feel unwell** -If you have any **cold or flu-like symptoms**, no matter how mild, **stay at home** and **get tested**. To organise a test call the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738 or register at www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/testing
- **Keeping informed** and up to date with Public Health and Government requirements.

How are you feeling? Are you coping? Remember to talk to someone if you are concerned, and don't forget, God is with you, hold on to your faith at all times.

Thank you for your assistance.

*Heather Galloway
Duty of Care Officer*

GIVING – YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'

2 Corinthians 9:7

We thank all who give faithfully on a regular basis, as without this support we would not be able to operate. Your offerings support our budget: and through that it enables the church to continue to be an important part of the North Hobart landscape and the place from where



we can prophetically serve the City of Hobart.

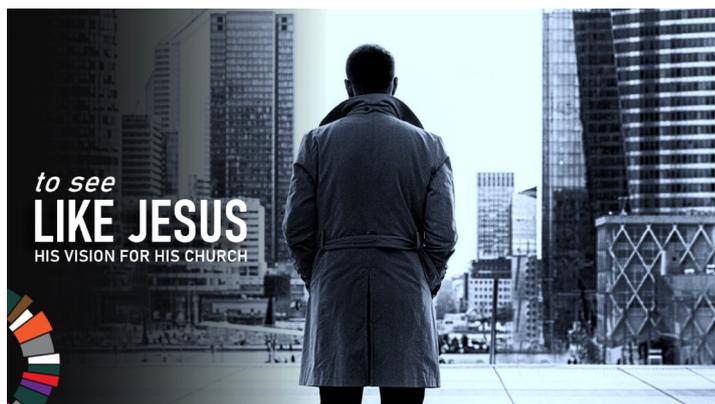
It is where we can know the benefit of worshipping with others, where we hear the stories of Jesus and how they apply to us, where we are encouraged in our journey with Jesus, from where we can share God's love with others and help them to know and trust in God themselves. Our influence can also

be far reaching – there is no limit to God's love through our deeds and actions. Thank you for your generosity.

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>>>](#)

To See Like Jesus, 16 February-10 April 2022



Jesus' vision for his church

When Jesus taught about the kingdom of God, he invited us to into a **new way of seeing**. Our vision series this year focuses on the life of Jesus exploring how we might see and live like Jesus did.

“My kingdom is not of this world,” Jesus said to Pilate. Nevertheless Jesus was part of God’s plan to bring that kingdom to earth. That plan had a long history starting with Abraham, working out through people like Moses, David, the prophets and finally supremely in Jesus the Messiah, who in turn passed it on to his “body” the church.

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SERMON SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Text	Title	HBC Value	Preacher
1	13-Feb	John 17:20-26	Like Jesus	Series Intro WATCH >	Stephen Baxter
2	20-Feb	Matt 11:16-19	Live Like Jesus	We value life WATCH >	Stephen Baxter
3	27-Feb	Luke 2:41-52	Learn like Jesus	We value growing	Michael Henderson
4	6-Mar	John 11:1-44	Love like Jesus	We value each other	
5	13-Mar	Matt 5:17-20	Honour like Jesus	We value our heritage	
6	20-Mar	Luke 19:37-44	Weep like Jesus	We value our city	
7	27-Mar	Matt 6:5-15	Hope like Jesus	We value our future	
8	3-Apr	Luke 23:26-34	Forgive like Jesus	We value grace	
9	10-Apr	Mark 8: 31-38	Die Like Jesus	Introduction to Easter	

Jesus taught his disciples to pray that “ kingdom come and will be done on earth as in it is heaven.” Nearly 2000 years later, Jesus followers continue to pray it.

By doing so we acknowledge **we are not the architects of God’s restorative work in this world.** However, we also accept we are active participants in it. Jesus calls us to be with him in God’s kingdom project. **Jesus’ kingdom vision should be the primarily influence in the forming of our hearts and minds that flows out in our faith and action.**

To envisage what it is to be church God wants us to be we need to return **to learn again from Jesus of Nazareth** who, “through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power” (**Romans 1:4**) and **how he lived out the kingdom of God on earth**, and ask the question, “Do I see the world as Jesus sees it?”

Each week we will use the template below as a tool to help us explore different aspects of the Bible reading to enable us to see how Jesus saw things and what it would mean for us to see things the same way.

Who	What did they see...	What did they feel...	What did they do...	What did they believe
Recipients				
On lookers				
Jesus of Nazareth				
Me	What do I see	What do I feel	What do I do	What do I believe