

Church Family News, July 2022



Hobart Baptist Church, Sunday, 31st July

Where is the Location of your Hope?

Join us this Sunday as Matt Henderson speaks on the Location of Hope as part of the *Living Hope* sermon series.

Kids' Church is back during the service this week.

SERMON: The Location of Hope

BIBLE READING: 1 Peter 3:15-17

WATCH: LIVE YouTube service at 10.00am Sunday >>

(Yes! The Service is now streaming live. Please be patient, as there may well be teething problems. We welcome your feedback.)



CHURCH LUNCH AND ALPHA AT HBC

The first week of the Alpha series will be combined with a church lunch this Sunday, 31 July.

Soup and bread will be provided. To make it special, each person or family is asked to bring a dessert to share.

There is no need to commit to the entire course beforehand, but attending the first session will help you make up your mind about continuing. Who could you invite to come with you?

The Alpha course is a world-renowned Christian discipleship course that will blow your socks off!

HBC is running Alpha over lunch every Sunday from 31 July until 9 October. It will be available BOTH in-person and online – so if you can't be there on the day, you could still participate.

The course is suitable for enquirers, new Christians, and old hands. Why not invite someone who wants to know more about faith, and has questions to ask?

Any and all questions are valid!

DATES: Sunday, 31 July until 9 October, starting with a church lunch!

WHERE: Soundy Lounge, 284 Elizabeth St Hobart

WATCH: [Alpha Video >](#)



HOW TO REGISTER: Registrations are already coming in!

1. Hit the red REGISTER button
2. Scroll down to FIND AN ALPHA
3. Type Hobart into the location box
4. On the map, click on the flag that comes up over HBC

REGISTER

LIVING HOPE SERMON SERIES 10 JULY – 11 SEPTEMBER

Jesus-followers are called to a Living Hope – hope that is alive and a hope that is lived. This is a profound challenge when we live in a world that seems to be full of doom and gloom on a daily basis.

This series will work through Peter's two letters and allow his words to encourage us to exercise a living hope amid a hostile world.



READ MORE

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are getting very close to producing the next church directory! A Draft copy will be available on Sunday – please see the secretary to check your details.



WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU TO SERVE?

Exciting opportunities exist to serve here at Hobart Baptist.

- **Participation in 10am Service** – praying, reading the Bible, singing, helping with technology . . . Contact Matt Henderson, matt@hobartbaptist.org.au or Sean Priest, seanwaynepriest@gmail.com
- **Hospitality** – serving, cooking, morning teas, special functions, coffee shop . . . Kath Smith is the one to email, kathsmith@y7mail.com
- **Behind the scenes** – with some vacuuming, mopping, cleaning, dusting . . . Please get in touch with Duncan Sinclair, duncsinc@yahoo.com.au to find out more.
- **Data Team** – Matt and Ryan are keen to train new data operators for the 10am service. If you would like to participate in the Data Team please email matt@hobartbaptist.org.au



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>>>

Living Hope, until 11th September



Living Hope sermon series

Changing Your Life for the Better

Jesus-followers are called to a **Living Hope** – hope that is alive and a hope that is lived. This is a profound challenge, living when we live in a world that seems to be full of doom and gloom on a daily basis. What's more, Jesus-followers in the West, including Hobart, have found themselves on the end of much criticism and hostility over the past few decades.

How can we live hopefully, amid such an avalanche of bad news and hostility?

READ MORE below the table ...

SERIES SCHEDULE

WHEN	Bible Reference	SPEAKER	Title
10th July	1 Peter 1:1-3	Stephen Baxter	<i>Why Hope Matters ></i>
17th July	1 Peter 1:1-25	Matt Henderson	<i>The Hope-Driven Life ></i>
24th July	1 Peter 2:4-17	Scott Ambrose	<i>People of Hope – Living the Good Life ></i>
31st July	1 Peter 3:15-17	Matt Henderson	<i>The Location of Hope ></i>
7th Aug	1 Peter 4:7-11	Michael Henderson	Love with the Strength God Provides, Not in Your Own Strength
14th Aug	1 Peter 5	Stephen Baxter	
21st Aug	2 Peter 1	Sean Priest	
28th Aug	2 Peter 2	Stephen Baxter	
4th Sept	2 Peter 3	Stephen Baxter	
11th Sept	1 & 2 Peter	Matt Henderson	Series Conclusion

Love One Another

Although the apostle Peter comes across as a brash, passionate fisherman who speaks first and thinks later, the letters that bear his name clearly come from a wise and seasoned follower of Jesus who has endured much opposition and persecution.

His letters encourage fellow Jesus-followers to find inspiration and encouragement remembering how Jesus faithfully endured suffering and death, only to experience resurrection and glory. He urges them to repay evil with goodness, to love one another, and safeguard their reputation as good citizens of high integrity and virtue. In doing so, he suggests they remove all doubt of the injustice of their sufferings.

Peter's 2nd Letter

In his second letter, Peter focuses in on the second coming of Christ, attributing its apparent delay to God's patience giving time for people to come accept the truth found in Jesus. He warns against false teachers, encouraging them to stay strong in the face of persecution.

Taking a chapter at a time, we will work our way through Peter's two letters allowing them to courage us to exercise a living hope amid a hostile world.
