

Church Family News, April 2023



Hobart Baptist Church, Sunday 30 April

Stephen Baxter speaks on the topic of Family and Faith this week as we hear about *Growing People: Learning to live like Jesus*.

Can't make it? Watch [LIVE on YouTube at 10.00am Sunday](#)

We have a Q&A session with the speaker each Sunday after the sermon. To join, text your question to **0491 070 718**.

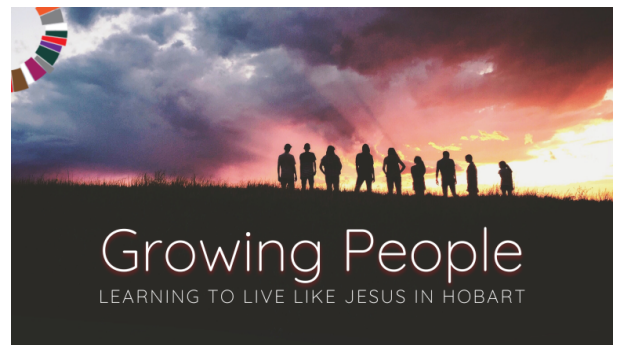
SERMON: When Church is First

BIBLE READING: [Luke 8:19-21](#), [Luke 12:51-53](#), [Luke 18:27-30](#)

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Kids' Church and the Youth program are resume for term 2.

You are welcome to a time of fellowship over morning tea after the service and a BYO Lunch.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



THE MONTH OF APRIL Operation Christmas Child – Collecting items for personal hygiene. See details below.

SUNDAY 30 April 10:00am Service.

THE MONTH OF MAY

Operation Christmas Child – Collecting items to play with.

May Mission Month – Baptist Mission Australia.

FRIDAY/SATURDAY 5/6 May Tas Baptists Mid Year Assembly, Newstead Baptist Church, Launceston.

SUNDAY 7 May 10:00am Service. Communion Service. Special Church Members' Meeting straight after the service. See below for details.

SUNDAY 14 May 10:00am Service. MOTHERS'DAY!

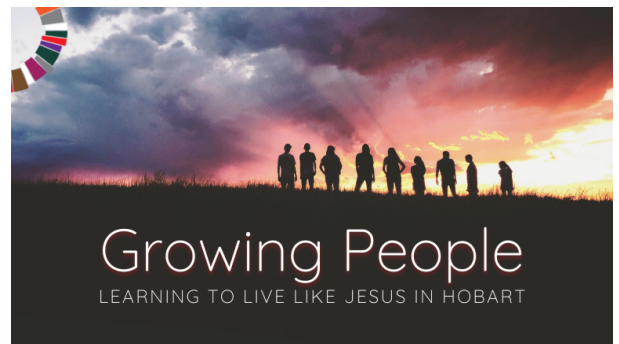
COMING UP! 8-25 June – HBC's Luminous Festival. See below for opportunities to participate in the Christmas Carol Service.

GROWING PEOPLE SERMON SERIES

Following on from the Great Road Trip, our next series is called "*Growing People: Learning to Live Like Jesus in Hobart.*"

Jesus spent a lot of time with his disciples teaching, demonstrating and living the Kingdom of God.

In this series, we return to the gospel of Luke and touch on key moments when Jesus taught his disciples the specifics of what the Kingdom means for practical, everyday living. Join us in walking with the disciples as we continue learning how to live like Jesus in Hobart. [For more details, click here.](#)



SPECIAL CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING

A brief meeting will be held in the Tab after the 10am Service on Sunday 7 May.

Recent issues with the sound desk leave us no option but to purchase a new sound desk. As this is an unbudgeted item, approval for expenditure of church funds from Church Members is required.

Planning is ongoing for the development of our facilities to make them fit for purpose. To this end, quotes for new doors are currently being sought, and will be presented to the meeting for discussion along with their priority and possible financing options.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE TAB, 23 JUNE

Item submissions wanted!



HBC's Luminous Festival is a mid-winter arts festival with a vision to engage with our city in a distinctive way that meets our vision of prophetically serving Hobart. It's designed to deliberately position the church on the fringe of the Dark Mofo and engage in a dialogue about 'light' and 'dark.'

During the festival, we celebrate Christmas within its original context of the dark, cold of winter. This enables us to engage in the rich themes of light and hope, which often go missing in our summer celebrations.

This year, HBC will hold its Luminous Christmas Carols service on Friday, 23 June, 7-9pm.

We are inviting creative performances for the carols service. This is an ideal opportunity to tell the Christmas story in a fresh way!

If you are interested in performing or joining a group to perform, please speak to Matt Henderson or email info@hobartbaptist.org.au about your idea before **Sunday 7 May 2023** (only two weeks away)!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2023

Hobart Baptist Church are again supporting Operation Christmas Child in 2023. In **April**, we will be collecting **Something for Personal Hygiene:**

- Soap, face washer,
- toothbrush,
- hairbrush, comb,
- scrunchies, hair clips etc.

If you prefer to give a financial donation instead of shopping for items that's great! We also need money to cover the sending costs of \$12.50/box.



For further information please speak to Celia or Kylie. THANK YOU for your generosity!

PRAYER FOR THE CITY



Church Together Tasmania invite everyone to gather together and pray for our city, believing that God will touch our city, making the impossible possible in His name.

One hour of prayer, the last Wednesday of the month.

7.15am for a 7.30am start.

Future dates to mark in your diary.

May 31st – Your Church (29 Charles St, Moonah)

June 28th – Your Church (29 Charles St, Moonah)

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

Growing People: Learning to Live Like Jesus



16 April to 28 May 2023

Following on from the Great Road Trip series, our next series is called Growing People. On his way to Jerusalem Jesus spent a lot of time with his disciples teaching, demonstrating and living “the Kingdom of God”. One of the profound implications of his death and resurrection in Jerusalem is that he left the disciples to carry on with his vision and mission, after returning to Father. Jesus had helped the disciples to grow to a certain point so that they, now inspired, empowered and equipped by the Holy Spirit, were ready to take all they’d learnt and move out into the world.

Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ continues the work of growing mature followers. In this series, we return to the gospel of Luke and touch on key moments when Jesus taught his disciples the specifics of what the Kingdom means for practical, everyday living. Come, let’s walk with the disciples as we continue learning how to live like Jesus in Hobart

Series Schedule

Date	Sermon Title (click linked titles to watch YouTube)	Bible Passage	Speaker
16 Apr	Growing Pains	Luke 6:46-49	Stephen Baxter
23 Apr	Listen to him	Luke 9:28-36	Matt Henderson
30 Apr	When Church is First	Luke 8:19-21 Luke 12:51-53 Luke 18:27-30	Stephen Baxter
7 May	Attitude Counts	Luke 10:38-42	Stephen Baxter
14 May	Handling Opposition	Luke 6:29-36 Luke 23:33-35	Stephen Baxter
21 May	For the Love of Money	Luke 16:10-13 Luke 18:18-27	Matt Henderson
28 May	Love without limits	Luke 10:25-37 Luke 14:12-14	Michael Henderson