

Matters for Prayer

- Lael and Laura Luxford, South Sudan
- Australian Christian Lobby
- Jacob Damkani, Trumpet of Salvation, Israel
- Young Life
- Island Gospel Ministries, Bohol, Philippines
- Maranatha Christian School, Talibon, Philippines
- Creation Ministries International • Herald of Hope
- Sri Lankan Fellowship • Korean Fellowship
- Those sick amongst the fellowship
- That the Gospel will continue to be proclaimed through Capital Bible Church

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Proclaiming Christ, Teaching and Living in the
Word of God

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*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of
our faith*
Hebrews 12:2

Please join us on Sunday for the service

Question: "Why do we celebrate Christmas?"

From: <https://www.gotquestions.org/why-celebrate-Christmas.html>

Answer: Christians the world over celebrate [Christmas](#) in honour of the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. Various Christmas traditions have been associated with the celebration of Christmas, and different cultures celebrate different ways. The unifying factor is the historical fact that Jesus was born, [c. 5 BC](#). The angel who appeared to the shepherds the night of Jesus' birth said, "I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord" ([Luke 2:10-11](#)).

We celebrate Christmas because, as the angel said, the birth of Jesus Christ is "good news." Good news is meant to be celebrated. In fact, the angel said the news of Jesus' birth would cause "great joy" and would be "for all the people"—the joyful celebration would be universal. People around the globe would be glad for this occasion.

We celebrate Christmas because, as the angel said, "A Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." The three titles the angel applies to Jesus are important. Jesus is the *Saviour* who delivers us from sin and death ([Matthew 1:21](#)). He is the human *Messiah* (or Christ) who fulfils the Law and the Prophets, showing that God is faithful (see [Matthew 5:17](#)). And He is the divine *Lord* who has entered our world: the Almighty has taken on human flesh; God and man have been fused together in an indivisible, eternal bond; God is truly with us (see [Matthew 1:23](#)).

In celebrating Christmas, we celebrate the Saviour, because we needed deliverance. We celebrate the Christ in whom all of God's promises are "Yes" and "Amen" ([2 Corinthians 1:20](#)). We celebrate the Lord who in humility took on "the very nature of a servant" for our sakes (see [Philippians 2:6-8](#)).

We celebrate Christmas with gift-giving because of the "incredible gift" that God gave to us ([2 Corinthians 9:15](#)). We celebrate Christmas by stringing lights because the Light of the world has come to us ([John 1:4](#); [Isaiah 9:2](#)). We celebrate Christmas with carols and choirs because they are expressive of joy and follow the examples of Mary and Zacharias and Simeon and the angels, all of whom extolled the Lord in poetry ([Luke 1-2](#)). We celebrate Christmas by decorating evergreen trees with stars and angels and tinsel because of the eternal life Jesus brings ([John 4:14](#))—and stars and angels and beauty were all associated with Jesus' birth.

December at Capital Bible Church

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 1st	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10 am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Karl Irving Colossians 3: 18 – 4:6
	11.30am	Morning Tea: TBA
Tuesday 10h	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday 8th	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Karl Irving Colossians 4: 7 – 18 Morning Tea: TBA
	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday 15th	9.30 am	Family Prayer
Tuesday 17th	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Karl Irving Morning Tea: TBA
	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Karl Irving Morning Tea: TBA
Sunday 22nd	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Karl Irving Morning Tea: TBA
Tuesday 24th	7.30pm	Friends of Creation Ministries International Meeting in the church
Sunday 29th	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Karl Irving Morning Tea: TBA
Tuesday 31st	7.30pm	Friends of Creation Ministries International Meeting in the church

See also: www.cbc.asn.au/calendar

* Friday Night Bible Study – See Karl Irving for Details

* Young Adults Bible Study- Wednesday evenings – See Karl Irving for details.

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