

## Matters for Prayer

- Lael and Laura Luxford, South Sudan
- Australian Christian Lobby
- Jacob Damkani, Trumpet of Salvation, Israel
- Young Life • Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF)
- 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
- Abel and Janet as they commence work with SIM
- That the Gospel will continue to be proclaimed through Capital Bible Church

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## Welcome to Capital Bible Church

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Proclaiming Christ, Teaching and Living in  
the Word of God

## Newsletter – October 2020



*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher  
of our faith*

Hebrews 12:2

Please join us on Sunday for the service

Question: "What is the importance of Christian baptism?"

From: <https://www.gotquestions.org/Christian-baptism.html>

**Answer:** Christian baptism is one of two ordinances that Jesus instituted for the church. Just before His [ascension](#), Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" ([Matthew 28:19-20](#)). These instructions specify that the church is responsible to teach Jesus' word, make disciples, and baptize those disciples. These things are to be done everywhere ("all nations") until "the very end of the age." So, if for no other reason, baptism has importance because Jesus commanded it.

Baptism was practiced before the founding of the church. The Jews of ancient times would baptize proselytes to signify the converts' "cleansed" nature. John the Baptist used baptism to prepare the way of the Lord, requiring *everyone*, not just Gentiles, to be baptized because *everyone* needs repentance. However, John's baptism, signifying repentance, is not the same as Christian baptism, as seen in [Acts 18:24-26](#) and [19:1-7](#). Christian baptism has a deeper significance.

Baptism is to be done in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit—this is what makes it "Christian" baptism. It is through this ordinance that a person is admitted into the fellowship of the church. When we are saved, we are "[baptized](#)" by the Spirit into the [Body of Christ](#), which is the church. [First Corinthians 12:13](#) says, "We were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink." Baptism by water is a "re-enactment" of the baptism by the Spirit.

Christian baptism is the means by which a person makes a public profession of faith and discipleship. In the waters of baptism, a person says, wordlessly, "I confess faith in Christ; Jesus has cleansed my soul from sin, and I now have a new life of [sanctification](#)."

Very simply, baptism is an outward testimony of the inward change in a believer's life. Christian baptism is an act of obedience to the Lord *after* salvation; although baptism is closely associated with salvation, [it is not a requirement to be saved](#). The Bible shows in many places that the order of events is 1) a person believes in the Lord Jesus and 2) he is baptized. This sequence is seen in [Acts 2:41](#), "Those who accepted [Peter's] message were baptized" (see also [Acts 16:14-15](#)).

## October 2020, at Capital Bible Church

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10 am	<b>Family Worship Service</b> Speaker: Ian Daley Speaking on 1 Peter 1
	11.30am	Morning Tea: TBA
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	<b>Family Worship Service</b> Speaker: Karl Irving Speaking on 1 Peter 2 Morning Tea: TBA
	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	<b>Family Worship Service</b> Speaker: Ian Daley Speaking on 1 Peter 3 Morning Tea: TBA
	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<b>Family Worship Service</b> Speaker Abel Bonilla Speaking on SIM Morning Tea: TBA
	7.30pm	Friends of Creation Ministries International, Meeting in the church

See also: [www.cbc.asn.au/calendar](http://www.cbc.asn.au/calendar)

\* Friday Night Bible Study – See Karl Irving for Details

\* Women's Bible Study- Thursday mornings – See Judy Irving for details.

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