

## 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
- Abel and Janet Bonilla SIM (Serving in Missions)
- Those sick amongst the fellowship
- That the Gospel will continue to be proclaimed through Capital Bible Church

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Web: [www.cbc.asn.au](http://www.cbc.asn.au) - The CBC website includes:

- CBC Statement of faith
- Links to missions supported
- Online Sunday morning messages

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## Welcome to Capital Bible Church

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Proclaiming Christ, Teaching and Living in  
the Word of God

## Newsletter – December 2020



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

Please join us on Sunday for the service

At Capital Bible Church, our statement of faith declares, and we believe and teach the following:

**2. There is one God, eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit**

The doctrine of the Trinity is foundational to the Christian faith. It is crucial for properly understanding what God is like, how he relates to us, and how we should relate to him. Scripture is clear that there is only one God: “There is no other God besides me, a righteous God and a Saviour; there is none besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other” (Isaiah 45:21–22; see also Isaiah 44:6–8; Exodus 15:11; 1 Samuel 2:2).

The doctrine of the Trinity is foundational to the Christian faith. It is crucial for properly understanding what God is like, how he relates to us, and how we should relate to him. But it also raises many difficult questions. How can God be both one and three? Is the Trinity a contradiction? If Jesus is God, why do the Gospels record instances where he prayed to God?

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct Persons. The Bible speaks of the Father as God (Philippians 1:2), Jesus as God (Titus 2:13), and the Holy Spirit as God (Acts 5:3–4). Are these just three different ways of looking at God, or simply ways of referring to three different roles that God plays? The answer must be no, because the Bible also indicates that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct Persons.

In the baptism of Jesus, we see the Father speaking from heaven and the Spirit descending from heaven in the form of a dove as Jesus comes out of the water (Mark 1:10–11). John 1:1 affirms that Jesus is God and, at the same time, that he was “with God,” thereby indicating that Jesus is a distinct Person from God the Father (see also John 1:18). And in John 16:13–15, we see that although there is a close unity between the three persons, the Holy Spirit is also distinct from the Father and the Son.

While the three members of the Trinity are distinct, this does not mean that any is inferior to the other. Instead, they are all identical in attributes. They are equal in power, love, mercy, justice, holiness, knowledge, and all other qualities.

A serious error people have made is to think that the Father became the Son, who then became the Holy Spirit. Contrary to this, Scripture teaches that God always was and always will be three Persons. There was never a time when one of the Persons of the Godhead did not exist. They are all eternal.

**December 2020, at Capital Bible Church**

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10 am	<b>Family Worship Service</b> Speaker: Ian Daley Speaking on What is the Gospel?
	11.30am	Morning Tea: TBA
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	<b>Family Worship Service</b> Speaker: Alex Lee Speaking on Young Life Morning Tea: TBA
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	<b>Family Worship Service</b> Speaker: Karl Irving Speaking on Christmas Message Morning Tea: TBA
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<b>Family Worship Service</b> Speaker: TBA Speaking on New Years' Message Morning Tea: TBA
	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm

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

- \* Friday Night Young Peoples Bible Study – See Karl Irving for Details
- \* Women's Bible Study- Thursday mornings – See Judy Irving for details.