

## 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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- 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 – February 2022



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

Hebrews 12:2

Please join us on Sunday for the service

Over 2022 we will be looking at various questions and elements of the Christian faith. Our Second question from <https://www.gotquestions.org/> is:

### What is the Rapture?

The rapture of the church is the event in which God “snatches away” all believers from the earth in order to make way for His righteous judgment to be poured out on the earth during the tribulation period. The rapture is described primarily in [1 Thessalonians 4:13–18](#) and [1 Corinthians 15:50–54](#). God will resurrect all believers who have died, give them glorified bodies, and take them from the earth, along with all living believers, who will also be given glorified bodies at that time. “For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever” ([1 Thessalonians 4:16–17](#)).

The rapture will involve an instantaneous transformation of our bodies to fit us for eternity. “We know that when he [Christ] appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is” ([1 John 3:2](#)). The rapture is to be distinguished from the second coming. At the rapture, the Lord comes “in the clouds” to meet us “in the air” ([1 Thessalonians 4:17](#)). At the second coming, the Lord descends all the way to the earth to stand on the Mount of Olives, resulting in a great earthquake followed by a defeat of God’s enemies ([Zechariah 14:3–4](#)).

The doctrine of the rapture was not taught in the Old Testament, which is why Paul calls it a “mystery” now revealed: “Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed” ([1 Corinthians 15:51–52](#)).

The rapture of the church is a glorious event we should all be longing for. We will finally be free from sin. We will be in God’s presence forever. There is far too much debate over the meaning and scope of the rapture. This is not God’s intent. Rather, the rapture should be a comforting doctrine full of hope; God wants us to “encourage each other with these words” ([1 Thessalonians 4:18](#)).

## February 2022, at Capital Bible Church

Date	Time	Event
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10 am	<b>Family Worship Service</b> speaker: Pete Locke Speaking on Acts 18:1-23 Weak things of the world
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	<b>Family Worship Service</b> Speaker: Graham Cochrane Speaking on 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 Acts 18:24 -20 The responsibility of the Church
Tuesday 22 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<b>Family Worship Service</b> Speaker: Ian Daley Speaking on Acts 21:30 – 22:29 Forewarnings
	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at the church
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	<b>Family Worship Service</b> Speaker: Steve Cochrane Speaking on TBA

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

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

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