



The Informer



After the Resurrection—Sunday teaching

While our Lead Pastor, Ian Reid is on leave, our guest preachers have taught on aspects to Resurrection as relates to ur 2024 theme of Going Deeper. Some of the highlights are:

**14 April—Phil Waugh** echoed the apostle Paul’s declaration that the death, burial and resurrection is of first importance and taught how the resurrection transforms how we may live and how we die in faith. He explained how the resurrection gives us meaning as we participate in the Kingdom of God and that we do not share in the fears of those who do not have faith. 1 Cor 15:3-

**21 April—Steve Coster** shared how Jesus connected with Thomas in response to his questions and how the principle of autonomy reflects how the resurrected Jesus appeared and invited the disciples to work out the next steps together in the power of the Holy Spirit. Based on the work of Shannon Hopkins and an article The Church is being Remade, Steve took us through the acronym BLESS using illustrations from this encounter between Thomas and the risen Christ in Jn 20:19-31.

- **Back**—to not be paralysed by always looking back—we are called to look and move forward
- **Lament**—to deal with the past. Jesus invited Thomas to touch the points of his pain and deal with them. If we don’t grief then grief will overwhelm us.
- **Experiment**—look for ways to engage and connect with our community and experiment that requires bravery, courage, faith and prayer. The release of the Holy Spirit on everyone was a brave new experiment for God as the Holy Spirit had previously been poured out selectively.
- **Serve**—to give ourselves to show God’s love to the world. No longer acting as though their past determines how we will treat you in line with whose sins you remit, they are remitted.
- **Surprise**—to be open to be surprise and to surprise others to bring blessing and to connect though this may be uncomfortable.

**28 April Jim Curtis**—Implications of the Certainty of the Resurrection

**5 May Ian Alcorn**—From Perishable to Imperishable

**12 May James Ramsay** identified the resurrection as the hinge of Christianity 1 Cor 15:13-19 [NIV] quoted in the side bar and introduced us Gary R Habermas’ Minimal Facts Argument for the Resurrection distilled from multiple independent sources and agreed by 90+% of scholars:

1. Jesus died due to crucifixion.
2. Followers believed that they saw the resurrected Jesus.
3. Followers proclaimed the resurrection immediately.
4. Followers lives were completely transformed.
5. Jesus’ brother became a believer.
6. Paul, the greatest persecutor becomes a believer.

If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. **And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.** Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 1 Cor 15:13-19 [NIV]

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## Finance—Facts and Figures

### Budget

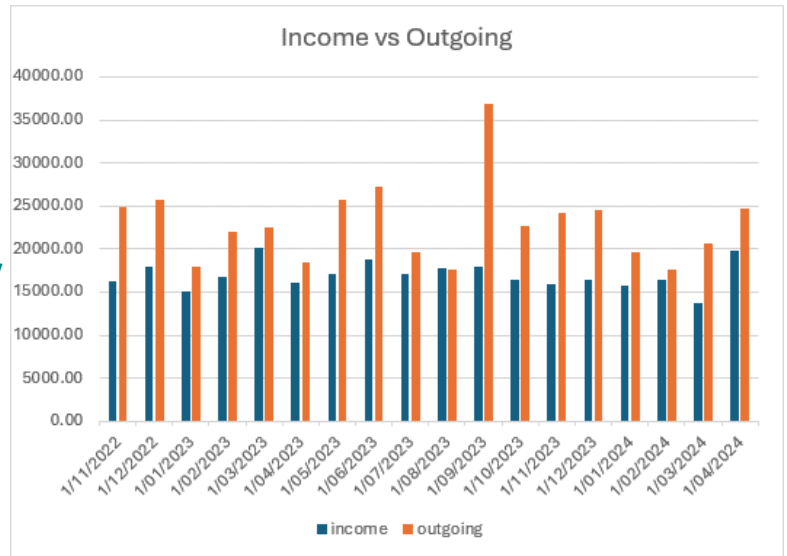
The Treasurer presented a balanced budget for 2024 that depends on an **increase in our annual offerings of \$58,086.**

**Our budgeted monthly offering is \$20,375**

Offerings since the last *Informer* were— March \$13,643, April \$19,810

Shortfalls for March \$6,965.99 and for April \$4974.86. The Total shortfalls this year is \$107,526.41,

Each Baptist church is



responsible for its own expenses.

The bank balance at 30 April was \$29,707.55.

**Ways to Give:**

**Electronic Giving**  
Direct Deposit via Internet banking to:  
BSB 704 922  
Account: 100 014 987  
Name: Tuggeranong Baptist Church

**Credit Card** -Use [iGive](#) service.

**Cash Deposits**  
Cash offerings may be placed in the Offering Containers at the doors to the Auditorium.



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## Biblical Principles—Myths about Money

Some of us have sat under teaching that says that God guarantees us spiritual blessing but not necessarily material blessing need to align with John 10:10. God intends for us to be overcomers and to allow the knowledge that we have the God of limitless ability living within to stir our hearts and challenge us to think differently.

3 In 2 Beloved, *I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health even as your soul prospers.*

The prosperity referred to is not a case of, "If you do this, you'll be blessed and you'll have whatever you want whenever you want" Instead it is when your heart becomes enlarged with truth and commits to activate the will and purposes of God in material things

Biblical blessing lies between the two extremes of lack and unsundered excess.

In Proverbs 10:22: *The*

*blessing of the Lord is rich, and adds no sorrow with it, the original word for "rich" translates as rich in every sphere of living, including money and material things*

*"God gave me my money, I believe the power to make money is a gift from God. It is to be developed and used to the best of our ability for the good of mankind. [John D. Rockefeller, whose faith was the guiding force of his life and key to his success].*

**It is a myth that God's**

## Upcoming Events

**ANNUAL ASSEMBLY** 14 and 15 June 2024 including vote on the Process for disaffiliation of churches.

**WELCOME HOME IAN REID** will preach at Tuggeranong Baptist Church on Sunday 16 June.

**BELIEVERS' BAPTISM** 21 July 2024. If you have not been

baptised since your decision to accept Jesus as your Saviour, you may wish to join with others on this occasion. Check out details of [Believer's Baptism](#) in the App or on our Website where you can view Ian's for an explanation of Believers'

Baptism as part of the Baptism service on 4 February 2024.

**SOUP AND BREAD ROLLS** lunch on Sunday 21 July 2024.

## Association with other Baptist Churches—Open Baptist

Since 2019 when the question of Affiliation and Same-Sex Marriage has been debated through a number of processes ant at various Assemblies including the Special Assembly I February 2021. To trace the whole saga, refer to the many attachments stored on our website [here](#). Throughout, we have maintained that the Baptist distinctives of autonomy of the local church, the priesthood of all believers and freedom of conscience have been overridden by a move towards compliance with a centralized model as the basis of association. In relation to the Assembly Council’s proposed [Process for disaffiliation](#) of churches to be put to Assembly in June 2024, we remain firm in the conviction that:

**WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO DIVIDE OUR CHURCH OR DISENFRANCHISE THOSE WHO CALL TUGGERANONG BAPTIST CHURCH THEIR SPIRITUAL HOME ON THE BASIS OF THEIR BELIEF ABOUT THIS SOCIETAL ISSUE OR THEIR MARITAL STATUS OR STYLE.**

There are many other churches and pastors who share our concerns and some have taken action to come together as Open Baptists to prepare for the inevitable disaffiliation of churches and disaccreditation of pastors who value their the Baptist distinctives whether of not they agree with the Association’s Position Statement on Marriage which is the current focus.

Churches leaders from New Zealand and Victoria also had concerns about moves in their Associations that threatened the autonomy of the local church joined in the conversation and the Open Baptists emerged *as a group/network of Baptists and Baptist churches across Australia and beyond, committed to acknowledging Jesus Christ as the head of the church, the priesthood of all believers, freedom of conscience and the autonomy of the local church. We partner together, aware of our differences, in mutual support and mission to see the good news of Jesus made known.*

Many submissions have been made to the Association of Baptist Churches of NSW & ACT urging that a single issue not bring division while, at the same time, preparations for continuation of the churches if that division does occurs have been made—a case of preparing for the worst while hoping for the best.

In August 2023, Open Baptist Ltd was registered with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) as a Public Company limited by Guarantee and is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC).

Our attention is now focused on the outcomes from the Assembly that convenes on 14 and 15 June, several days after Ian’s return from leave.



## Church Family News—Births, Deaths and Marriages

Isobel Rose Dale arrived on 18 March—daughter to Patrick and Hannah and sister to Evelyn and Maisie.

On 10 April, Solomon and Chelvi Yoganathan’s daughter Rathini married Sanjeev Ravindra with Ian officiating. Their marriage will be celebrated with other family members in Sri Lanka in July.

Sue Mitchell’s mum, aged 102 years, passed peacefully into Glory on 6 May. The funeral was on 13 May and was a beautiful service conducted by her grandson, Rev Ken D. Noakes at the Coast Chapel Little Bay, just 10 minutes walk from the Aged Care Facility where she spent the past 6 years.

Marijke Tod’s aunt Ineke passed into the Lord’s presence on 8 May. Marijke recorded a tribute to be played at her funeral in the Netherlands 16 May (our time).



### OUR LOVE IN ACTION

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Rom 12:15 [NIV]



## Communications

### Our Groups

Worship team, Operations Team, Kids' Church, Explorers, Bible Study for Women, Girls' and Boys' Brigades, Coffee on Wednesday, CAP Money, Connect through Craft, Op Shop. [More.](#)

### Hosted activities

Canberra Bible College

## The Informer

The official **communications channels** of Tuggeranong Baptist Church are:

- App—a quick way to keep you in the loop
- Website
- YouTube channel
- Sunday Notices
- Notices published on boards
- Emails to our distribution/ mailing list.

### Mailing List

When you complete the [Request to have personal details recorded](#), create an account in our App, email us or RSVP to attend an event, you provide us with some of your personal details.

### Prayer Requests

Compose your request in the App or on the website following these [guidelines](#).

### App Notifications

Notifications are sent when new items are published in the App. This includes Daily Verse, Prayer Requests (if you are a member of the Prayer Team), Events you may wish to attend among others. You must be logged into your Account/Profile to receive notifications

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## The Last Word

### IAN'S TRAVELS

Ian and Sharon's travels are very busy as they move about Britain and Ireland and various cities in Europe.

Picture included here are the Long Room in Trinity College Dublin where they enjoyed the Book of Kells Experience and Windsor Castle tour.

### OUR TRAVEL

Our prayer guide has taken us through our intimate relationship with God, establishing our solid foundation and we are about to move to consider facets of the obedient walk.

### A NOTE FROM ROB

Thanks to you and to the various teams who have

continued the ministry of the church while Ian is away.

Thanks to Mosaic Baptist Church for releasing their teaching ministers Phil Waugh, James Ramsay, Jim Curtis and Ian Alcorn and organising for Steve Coster from Canberra Baptist Church to minister to us during April and May. We look forward to ministry from Belinda Groves of Canberra Baptist Church and the annual visit of The God's Squad before Ian's return to the pulpit on Sunday 16 June.

Rob James  
Vice President  
Tuggeranong Baptist Church Inc for the Leadership Team

