

Tuggeranong Baptist Church

Ian's Update— 31 May 2021

The Church empowered by the Holy Spirit

Last Sunday (23 May 2021) we celebrated the birthday of the church when the Holy Spirit was sent and the apostles and others who were gathered in an upper room were emboldened by the coming of the Holy Spirit and began to preach the gospel to a crowd who assembled because of the commotion.

Thousands were converted and became followers of Christ in a single day.

Without the Holy Spirit, the group (and we) would simply be living according to a set of teachings.

It was the indwelling and empowerment of the Holy Spirit that caused the spread of the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

And the work continues today—we get to work with the Holy Spirit to spread the good news of the finished work of Christ and the love of the Father to all.

The main place that we get to do this is

in the places where our everyday lives take us .

Shortly I will be preparing a training package about our *Safe Church Policies and Procedures* and the process for *volunteering in our teams*. There are some very big changes in the way we recruit volunteers in the church. We are required the processes in place to comply with the Child Safe standards that the government has developed in response to the historic abuse of children in institutions.

The volunteer jobs that we need done in the church (organisation) serve to provide services where we can worship and learn of God's ways and where we can mature in our faith to go out and be salt and light in our community and draw people to Him.

In this edition of the *Update*, there are examples of work that we have been doing with others further afield and new opportunities that I commend to you.

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SleepBus—Pilot starts 12 June 2021—Volunteers needed



The Canberra Sleepbus is set to commence on 12 June. The Sleepbus pilot will operate at a location in Tuggeranong for 3 nights per week.

Operational and location decisions for the future will follow after a reasonable trial period.

The Garratt St Centre is one site that may be considered at a later date.

Volunteers are needed now to train for the trial and into the future.

HOW THE CANBERRA SLEEPBUS –BUILD AND ANNUAL RUNNING COSTS WERE FUNDED

The National Council of Women (NCW) ACT, made a decision to help the women of Canberra and rallied the community. A collective of organisations, businesses, community groups and individuals came together to raise the funds required to build a Sleepbus®. The NCW have obtained sponsorship from two major donors to meet the annual running costs of the Sleep Bus.

The Canberra Sleepbus is now nearing the end of construction. The build of the bus is almost complete. Watch carpet being installed in the sleeping pods <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Zrqqz6zhuY&t=97s>

WHAT DOES THE BUS DO?

Sleepbus provides a safe, temporary overnight accommodation service, getting people off the street by offering an immediate, first stop, cost-effective solution for our society's most vulnerable; catching them early until they can get back on their feet. Sleepbus is an Australian Registered Deductible Gift Register (DGR) not-for-profit charity. Check them out here - <https://www.sleepbus.org>.

VOLUNTEER ROLES

The success of Sleepbus depends upon a band of volunteers to fill the following roles:

Caretaker If you take this on, you're the boss of the service for that night; you make sure all guests are allocated a sleep pod and get tucked in. You also get to sleep on sleepbus for the night in the private Caretakers Cabin to ensure all of our guests are well taken care of and to provide assistance overnight.

Service Volunteer You're there to assist our guests (and their companion animals) to get into their sleep pod for the night or out in the morning. You may also assist with tucking in or waking up a companion animal in the pet pods or storing/retrieving belongings kept under sleepbus.

Housekeeper The Housekeeper's role is to strip all the bedding from each sleep pod; wipe down and vacuum surfaces; and remake all beds with clean linen.

Driver

Picks up sleepbus from our depot and drive it to the service location. Picks up sleepbus from the service location in the morning and drive it to the depot. Must hold the relevant drivers licence.

Register to volunteer To register your interest to volunteer and find out more about the roles, follow this Link: <https://www.sleepbus.org/volunteer>

Thanks from Peter Abood of Prison Fellowship Australia

Good morning Pastor Ian,



I just wanted to say a very big thank you to you and your church members for allowing me to visit and speak at your church.

My wife and I truly felt at home and were blessed by the loving welcome and support of all.

We had a few people sign up to support us in prayer and we also received \$1,370 in donations of which \$1,220 has been allocated to your church as per the receipt attached. Further, a \$100 donation is to be processed via credit card and \$50 was donated by another member. Both receipts will be forward directly to these donors.

Thank you to the church for its prayers and generosity. I will allocate \$1,000 towards assisting children in need as requested by one donor.

Please pass on my thanks and appreciation to the church.

Praying blessing and favour over all.

Kids' Church

Parents and teachers met with the Children's Ministry Leader and agreed a plan for Kids' Church to operate on the **First and Third Sunday** of each month. Kids' Church will use the booking system so that teachers can prepare the required number of activity kits each for each lesson and to organise age-appropriate groups and activities.

The Kids' Church event provides instructions for how to fill in the RSVP so that we know the names and ages of your children for planning purposes. Parents be sure to book for church to secure seats in the Auditorium as when you book your children for Kids' Church.



Please continue to pray for the volunteer workers and for the children as God has a special plan for this important sector of the church of today.

This ministry reflects Jesus who insisted that children be brought from the back of the crowd to him so that he might bless them.

Giveway—system improvements

We have received notification of an upgrade to the Giveway system. All who use Giveway to manage their offerings will receive a letter shortly to explain the upgrades which include more flexibility. The system is particularly useful if you wish to use your credit card for your offerings.



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Message from Paul Kyalimpa

Dear Pr. Ian and all at TBC

Love greetings from Uganda.

I have sent you this email to appreciate the TBC for the grant of 3,838,381 ushs I received on 15th April 2021 to support the orphans under our care. This is a timely support that will assist the orphans especially at this time of corona crisis thank you so much.

We have seen the primary seven children sit for their exam in March 2021. Now we have primary five, and four classes. We are open with a few classes to enable social distancing due to prevention means to corona. This has put us under a lot of financial pressure to manage the orphan pupils in this corona crisis. So we are so thankful to God for you and your prayers and the support you have extended to this project in times like this. thank you so much.

Commonwealth Grant to upgrade the Community Room



We have been advised that an application for a grant to upgrade the Community Room has been approved by the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources on behalf of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

The application was prepared at the invitation of David Smith MP, Federal Member for Bean as part of the Stronger Communities program. The Transition team designed the upgrade, applied for the grant and will project manage the work.

The upgrades increase the usefulness of the Community Room to us and to others who wish to use the building.

Creating Safe Spaces

A face-to-face workshop has been arranged for Saturday 19 June at the Garratt St Centre. The workshops are an important part in meeting our commitment to provide a safe environment for all who attend activities at Tuggeranong Baptist Church and to meet our legal obligation to meet the Australian Child Safe Standards.



This last workshop we hosted was in April 2018 and all who attended that course are now due to attend again.

If you have recently joined a team, have started volunteering at the Op Shop or on the COVID Safety team or wish to in the near future, you should complete the on-line training module and attend the workshop.

The presenter of this workshop is Mandy Gray, Youth Pastor at Mosaic Baptist Church and she brings a wealth of knowledge of ACT legislative requirements and working experience in the area of child safety to her presentation.

These workshops are difficult to schedule so I urge all existing and possible volunteers to attend. Speak to your ministry or team leader if you want to know whether you need this training.

An event has been created on the website and in the app. Please check out this event for further details and RSVP as a matter of urgency.



Equipping for ministry

The purpose of the teaching program is to equip us for the good work that God has planned beforehand for us to do. Two upcoming series are:

Yesterday (30 May), we explored the wonder of the blessing of technology which has done so much to facilitate the spread of the gospel when we looked at the topic *All by My Self*

Others in the series are:

Sunday, June 13 *How many faces on Facebook? Part 1*

Sunday, June 13 *How many faces on Facebook? Part 2*

Sunday, June 20 *Requesting Real Friendship*

Sunday, June 27 *The Time Factor*



Jesus changes everything—July

Change. It's not always fun.



Some people do not like change. But, being a Christ-follower requires change. These days, the idea of necessary change is not popular. There are many who want to claim Christianity without having to actually live a Christ-like life.

It's not enough to just claim to believe or say that you're a Christian. There has to be a change. There should be evidence in your life that you truly follow Jesus. You have to be transformed..

Finance

Analysis of Income from 1 October 2020 to 30 April 2021

Date	Total Direct Deposits only	BFS direct transfer	Westpac direct transfer	iGive	iGive Credit Card	Cash deposited at Bank	Govt Boosts/Jkpr
6/10/2020							\$5,000.00
9/10/2020							\$3,000.00
30/10/2020	\$18,319.00	\$11,009.00	\$2,540.00	\$3,640.00	\$1,130.00		
14/11/2020							\$2,400.00
30/11/2020	\$17,799.00	\$9,539.00	\$2,950.00	\$2,160.00	\$3,150.00		
10/12/2020							\$2,400.00
14/12/2021						\$400.00	
15/12/2021						\$900.00	
16/12/2021						\$450.00	
30/12/2020	\$17,605.00	\$9,125.00	\$1,540.00	\$3,770.00	\$3,170.00		
31/12/2021						\$450.00	
15/01/2021							\$3,600.00
31/01/2021	\$16,350.00	\$9,030.00	\$1,940.00	\$2,930.00	\$2,450.00		
11/02/2021							\$2,000.00
26/02/2021	\$14,859.00	\$7,469.00	\$1,140.00	\$2,790.00	\$3,460.00		
17/03/2021							\$2,000.00
26/03/2021						\$500.00	
31/03/2021	\$17,444.00	\$9,099.00	\$1,825.00	\$4,420.00	\$2,100.00		
13/04/2021							\$2,000.00
19/04/2021						\$1,300.00	
21/04/2021						\$50.00	
30/04/2021	\$25,606.00	\$20,546.00	\$1,340.00	\$1,740.00	\$1,980.00		
Total Offerings	\$132,032.00	\$75,817.00	\$13,275.00	\$21,450.00	\$17,440.00	\$4,050.00	\$16,400.00
Offerings + Subsidies	\$148,432.00						

Last minute cancellations or bookings for Sunday services

Thanks to the many who send text messages for last minute cancellations or booking enquiries. This system is working well and more often than not, we have a seat allocated to each of you before you arrive.

Annual General Meeting

Financial reports, treasurers notes and minutes of the AGM for the previous financial year have now been distributed and we are in the discussion/question phase of this year's process.

Website and App

Our website is now operational and provides the same information and functionality as our App.



You can now use either the App or Website to:

- Create an account that provides us with your details
- Pre-fills your details into your bookings.
- Sign up to be part of the prayer team or other groups
- Receive notifications
- Book for events
- Add a prayer request
- Read About us and our Groups.

The new website is much more interactive than previous website and we will introduce new functions to you as time goes by. Meanwhile, why not explore yourself and find out more about how things work at TBC?

Prayer and Pastoral Care

We give thanks for the care that we have seen for one another that has been apparent over the recent times as various people have come through health challenges, have organised to have their COVID vaccinations, have helped with house moves, coffee catch-ups, cleaning and keeping us COVID Safe.

We give thanks as numbers for vaccination breakthroughs and increased participation in vaccinations programs, and decreases in case numbers and for the way that others have come to the aid of countries where case numbers continue to escalate.

We give thanks for the ministry of Bob Dent who, in years gone by, gathered together the *Winds of the Spirit* fund which we have now used to provide wind (oxygen) to the Indian COVID Emergency fund administered by Baptist World Aid.

We give thanks for the returning and new faces that we are seeing at our services at the Garratt St Centre and for the team that assembles week-by-week to record the services for people here and in other places who join us on-line.

We give thanks for our God who blesses the righteous and the unrighteous—for such is his love for all of us that he gave is one and only Son that we might know our sins are forgiven and are reconciled to our Heavenly Father.

We pray for perseverance for our near-neighbours in Victoria who, this Sunday were once again not able to meet in their places of worship and for ourselves, that we might not become complacent in our adherence to the health measures specified by ACT Health to slow the spread of the virus and keep us safe.

Blessings,

Ian Reid

for the Leadership Team