



BASSO CHURCH

fixing our eyes on Jesus

26th Dec 2021

Sunday's Sermons

THE CONTACT

Worship Service: Luke 2: 8—20 "Shepherds and Wise Men"

Ian Kirk

No Evening Service Tonight

10 am service —livestream bassochurch.org.au/church-online/

Shining Lights

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may...glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Our Lord regarded His followers as a select company who belonged to a different world from the rest of humanity. Many of the religious people of His day were worldly and unspiritual, publicly parading their religion to impress others while privately dominated by pride, ambition, greed and falsehood. Jesus told His disciples they could not make their light shine by sinking to the world's low level. It was only by abiding in Christ and living under the ruling power of His Holy Spirit that they could rise above the world. Only in that way could they be salt and light to a decaying and darkened world.

Our influence on society depends on our likeness to Jesus Christ.

By their example of purity and compassion, the first century Christians attracted countless thousands to the Christian faith.

What do other see in your life that would attract them to Christ?

Let us strive to let Christ's light shine forth in our lives.

Edited from Billy Graham—*Hope for Each Day*.

Prayer Points

- Praise God for our Carols last Sunday night. It was so lovely to have so many come, and that together we could reflect on and rejoice in our Saviour's birth, and fill our old chapel with the singing of our rich and glorious Christian carols. And praise God for all those who made it such a memorable evening – another great carols evening.
- For all our leaders and helpers in our various ministries, that the Lord would give them a lovely break where they might be refreshed and reinvigorated to serve the Lord next year.
- For us as a church that God would continue His building work in us individually and corporately, helping us to be more like Christ, and to be a people who glorify His name.

Coming Events

Sun 9 Jan
Worship
Leaders Meeting

Wed 12 Jan
Young People's
Music Jam Sesh

Wed 19 Jan
Girls Big Day In

21-22 Jan
Board Retreat



Prayer Points continued...

- For those in our midst who are in need; and those who have increased anxiety and depression during this time of the year due to family issues.
- For Kerry Meldrum's family after her passing. We praise God that Kerry has gone home to be with the Lord, and to be with her husband, all because of God's grace and her genuine faith in Christ.
- For John and Enne L—John has lung cancer, and Enne is isolated at home due to poor health.
- For Stephen S as he recovers from his horrific accident, and as he adjusts to life without having any legs. Stephen has now been moved to the Fiona Stanley Rehabilitation center in Murdoch.
- For those unwell and who struggle with ongoing sicknesses: Trevor M, David McK, Peter Sh, Tony F, Sherri T, Robin Sp, Ella F-S, Deb U and John H.

We pray that our church family has a blessed time over this Christmas season, as we rejoice in the birth of our Saviour.

Please note there will be no evening service on Sunday 26th December or Sunday 2nd January.

Church Office Closed between Christmas and New Years

Our church staff are having a well deserved break after Christmas—so the Church office will be closed from Monday 27th December through to Friday 31st December. There won't be a weekly Contact on Sunday 2nd January. Any pastoral matters can be referred to our Elders during this time. Thank you!

Basso Christmas Hampers: Last week Pastor Ian had the joy of handing out our Basso Christmas Hampers, for those in need. You can still support this ministry, by placing your money donation, marked "Hampers", in the offering.

Our sincere condolences to the family of Kerry Meldrum, who passed away last Saturday. We thank God too, that Kerry is now free from pain, and that even in her suffering she continued to shine Christ and to glorify our great God.

Youth Music Jam

Wednesday 12 January | 6pm | Ages 14—25 | Basso Church

We've got another Youth Music Jam session planned for our young adults—these nights are all about having fun, and having a go at an instrument or vocals, whether you're musical or not. We'll provide dinner at 6pm, then have some fun on the instruments. Let Kerry J know if you want to come!

Girls Big Day In!

Wednesday 19 January | 10am—2pm | Girls in grades 6-9 | Basso Church

Over the school holidays, we're having a "Girls Big Day In"!

If you're in grades 6-9, then we'd love you to come along! We're planning lots of fun activities, and will be learning about "God's View of Me—and My View of God". We'll be providing snacks, lunch, and drinks on the day, and would love to see you there! Please let Alana B know if you can make it.

Congratulations!! To Stanley and Jhansi A, who have welcomed their first grandchild into the world on the 16th December—a precious little girl, Hadassah Joy Abraham. Both mum and baby are doing well. Thanks to everyone for their prayers and please continue to pray for them.

Family Room for School Holidays

Just a reminder that there is no creche over the Christmas and New Year season. Instead, the creche room will be turning into a “Family Room”, where parents of young kids can make themselves and their little ones comfortable in our lesser hall, with the service being livestreamed into the room.

Worship Leaders Meeting—A quick reminder to our morning and evening worship leaders, we’re holding a meeting on Sunday 9 January, 2.30pm at Basso.

Church Rosters are available for collection in the breezeway after the morning service. Thank you to everyone who serves our family at Basso Church.

Creative Writing Group: We are excited to be having a new ministry start up next year—a *Creative Writing group*! This group will be open to the community, and will be lead by our avid writer, Don G. We’ll have more details about this in the new year.

Thank you—from David and Trish McK— “David and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers for us both. David is home now and so much better, praise God. This had been a very trying time for both of us.” It was lovely to see both David and Trish briefly at our Carols service last Sunday.

Emergency Exit points from the Chapel: The double-doors either side of the stage are our main emergency exit points.

Mission Murmurings

Elise L has given us news on the recent devastating typhoon in the Philippines, and its impact on Palawan. There has been some deaths in the area, homes flattened, and with multiple bridges washed away, the northern population is isolated. Elise is working with the mission office in Manila to coordinate support. They have been able to help supply community kitchens, and looking to help families whose homes have been destroyed. Please pray for them!

Nathan and Amy R's news includes a Christmas party at their place, for their FOCUS students. After studying an overview of the OT including Judges, there were many times to share the Gospel message. Connecting with international students from Myanmar, Pakistan, Nepal and China has seen a real life changing response for Christ. Micah has finished his first uni year with excellent results. Caleb finished year 11 with several school awards, with Charis in year 8, also, won several school awards. The full letter is on the breeze way notice board, including a lot more interesting news. nathan.randall@afes.org.au

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating birthdays this week, including Colleen K (today!!), Phoebe Sh (27th), Warren H and Michele Sh (both 28th), and Joshua J and Jeff B (both 30th). A special mention to Colleen, who turns 60 today!! Many blessings to you all.



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Let us know if you want to join our group emails and text messaging system

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Church Services: Sundays 10 am and 6pm

Livestream 10am: [YouTube channel](#) or at www.bassochurch.org.au/church-online/

Our mid-week activities will restart with the 2022 School year.

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Keep up to date with what's going on via our website: www.bassochurch.org.au/whats-on/

SERVICE ROSTER

For next Sunday— 2nd January

Leading:	P Errington
Communion:	C Bruce
Reader:	R Elphick
Side Helpers:	R Elphick, J Yarnell, I Lindner, D Castaldini
Welcome Team:	Team 1
Crèche:	[Family Room]
Sound:	M Mooy, L Rakers
Video:	M McLeod
Morning Tea:	C Moore, M Beaven
Craft Set-Up:	[School Holidays]
Cleaners:	Team 3
Evening:	No evening service

OFFERINGS

Online: Set up a direct debit order directly with your bank, or a one-off gift.

If your gift is for a specific purpose, *please use the reference to note (e.g. "Faith Promise" etc.)*

Account Name: Church of Christ Bassendean

BSB: 016 255 Account: 424 705 151

Deut 16:17 "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that He has given you."

Finances as at 19th Dec 2021: Faith Promise Pledges (22) - \$29,070 Building Fund Total: \$174,344.30

Faith Promise Received: \$14,090 Building Fund FYTD: \$49,086.38