

SBC News

Galatians—True Freedom

To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, our first sermon series in 2017 will focus on Luther's favourite book Galatians. This letter from Paul serves as a wonderful reminder of the freedom we have in the Gospel. It is not a freedom defined by the world, but rather true freedom only found in Jesus Christ.

As Mike preaches through Galatians, Stephen will also continue his series on Malachi.

Connect Bible Studies

We have several Bible studies planned for 2017 which will be hosted in the following homes:

- Tue 7.30 3 Acton St, Croydon (Mike)
- Wed 7.30 140a Albany Rd, Stanmore (Stephen)
- Thu 7.30 17 Arlington St, Dulwich Hill (David)

Connect groups will study the life of Elijah from 1Kings. Please join a group to learn from God's word, prayer & to deepen relationships at SBC.



Baptism Service—19 February

Please pray for Joel Roberts as he shares his testimony and goes through the waters of baptism later this month. Please invite your friends and bring extra food to share as we'll have a fellowship lunch after the service.

Advance: Church Camp 17-19 March

Registration forms are now available for our Combined Camp with Drummoyne & Smithfield Baptist Churches. This year, Dave Freeman will be speaking on the topic of evangelism & outreach. Please ensure you get your forms & payment to Andrew & Ken as soon as possible for planning purposes.

Workday: Sat 18 Feb

Members Meeting: Sun 26 Feb

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 XTB, Prayer. 10.30 Worship, Members Meeting	30 Elders Meeting	31 Connect	1 Connect	2 Connect	3	4
5 XTB, Prayer. 10.30 Worship	6	7 Connect	8 Playgroup Connect	9 Connect	10	11
12 XTB, Prayer. 10.30 Worship	13	14 Connect	15 Playgroup Connect	16 Connect	17	18 Workday
19 XTB, Prayer. 10.30 Worship Baptism & Lunch	20	21 Men	22 Playgroup	23 Women	24 Youth	25 Young Adults
26 XTB, Prayer. 10.30 Worship Members Meeting	27	28 Connect	1 Playgroup Connect	2 Connect	3	4

Regular SBC Ministries

XTB @9am Sun: Please pray for our 2017 classes which sees Andrew, Jen, Leandro, Joel, Esther, Renu & Karen teaching the kids again. Thanks for your commitment in serving the children this term.

Prayer @9am Sun: Please prioritize prayer where we give thanks to God, for the cause of the gospel around the world and personal needs.

Wed Playgroup: kicking off on 8 Feb (note the 1 week delayed start)

Men's: No boot camps in 2017 due to the school project, but Men will study JC Ryle's Holiness on the 3rd Tues every month.

Women's: will be on the 3rd Thurs every month.

StYG: is on Friday nights on 3 Feb, 24 Feb, 24 Mar, 7 Apr, 5 May, 2 June.

Young Adults: on Sat 25 Feb at Mike & Nic's. We're always looking for topics to discuss and debate, so let us know of hot topics.

Contact Details

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Stephen 0413 626 330 (elder)

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Ken 0417 848 397 (deacon)

Key Dates 2017

Workdays:

18 Feb, 25 Mar, 15 April, 20 May, 17 Jun +

Combined Church Camp: 17-19 Mar

NZ Youth Camp: 17-21 April

Thrive Marriage Ministry: 29 Apr Sept 30

School of Theology: Prof Guy Waters from Reformed Theological Seminary will teach from 3 to 5 July at SOT. Organise your leave now as you don't want to miss this one!

School Update

A new company structure has been established, directors and officers have been appointed and the next stage of discussions with the NSW Board of Studies and government agencies will commence this month. Please pray for wisdom as we move forward in our desire to provide Christian based education for the inner city of Sydney.

Did you know?

The original building we use for some of our Sunday School classes was built in 1907. It was referred to as the "School Building" and regularly accommodated over 500 students. In 1932, an article in the "Sydney Sun" entitled "A Model Sunday School" reported that the school's enrolment had 780 scholars and teachers and that the school was the largest of its kind in the Commonwealth.

For more historical gems, check out the First 50 Years document on our church website! Follow the links "About >> Our Story >> First 50 years"

SBC Cleaning Team

Andrew, Jen, Breana, Esther, Mike & Nic

Stanmore Baptist Church bank details

BSB 082-338 / Account 50-930-7953
National Australia Bank, Leichhardt

Other Gospel Works to Support in Prayer

HOPE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, Brisbane, Qld

Please pray for Pastor Chris Ireland and our friends at HRBC, on the southside of Brisbane as they continue to expand and settle into their new facility.

HRBC now has around 150 people regularly worshipping on the Lord's Day and it was a privilege for Mike & the family to see the church grow since their last visit.

HRBC are also planning a church plant on the Gold Coast near Burleigh heads, led by one of their elders, so please pray for their efforts to reach those in that region.

HRBC are also embarking on ministry training opportunities throughout South East Asia in February where several thousand gospel workers have registered. As a busy church, they covet our prayers!

SAMFORD BAPTIST CHURCH, Brisbane, Qld



Continue to pray for Andrew and Anne Elliott as they serve in the north west suburbs of Brisbane. Give thanks as they have had some new members added which has been a great encouragement to the church.

The church still has a number of older members who struggle with health issues, so pray for sustaining grace and also wisdom for those who minister to them.

Pray also for young adults and families to commit to the work, step up in service and ministry. May the gospel bear fruit in this part of Brisbane.