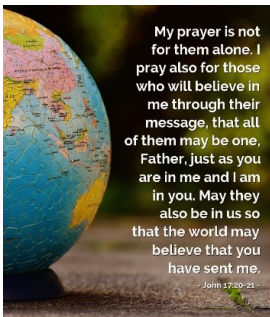




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The Church—Unity and Diversity

Nicky Gumble concludes the session on the church, with a declaration of his love for a number of streams of expression of the church in our time. Catholics, Protestants and Pentecostals are mentioned as he declared that there is more that unites than divides us.

Jesus prayed all who believed in him might be one. Throughout the ages, many traditions have arisen to maintain uniformity – of thinking, attitude and action.

Some of us remember the concerns of our Catholic friends when their church services were no longer conducted in Latin. Until then Catholics, as a sign of their unity, worshipped God in the same way and in the same language – even

though Latin has not been the spoken language of any nation for centuries.

A similar example is the resistance to translating the Bible into languages spoken by people. Heroes of the faith have died at the stake so that we now have many versions of the bible and, in our time, in many formats so that we might grow in faith.

Divisions have occurred over both doctrine and traditions of men and many have elevated adherence to their positions as necessary to salvation and fellowship. Practices have included putting non-compliers out of community, splitting the church or leaving themselves. That is, they have seen their position as the *one true religion* and those with other views as less than.

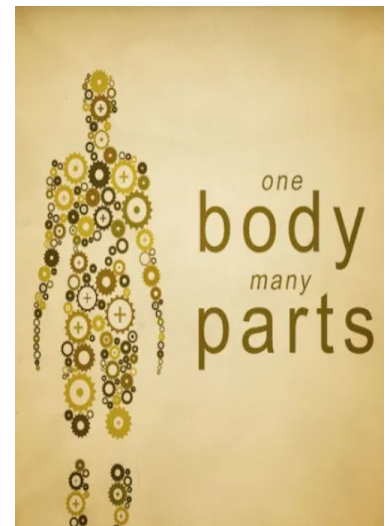
The “as we are one” part of the verse it seems is easily lost now as it was in the early church. This caused the apostle Paul to provide a very full explanation of the diversity demonstrated in the creation and needed for the church function as the body of Christ, and to be effective in its mission to build God’s Kingdom.

With others in the church leadership team, I wish to thank the members for their overwhelming approval of the motion to join Open Baptists which was carried by 86% in favour.

This demonstrates members’ willingness to affiliate with others for whom the autonomy of the local church is of vital importance and who may for may not hold identical view to ours.

We are united in Christ and consequently are in relationship with the Father and the Holy Spirit and are united in the mission to bring many sons to glory.

⁹ but we do see Jesus—who for a while was a little lower than the angels—crowned now by God with glory and honor because he suffered death for us. Yes, because of God’s great kindness, Jesus tasted death for everyone in all the world.¹⁰ And it was right and proper that God, who made everything for his own glory, should allow Jesus to suffer, for in doing this he was bringing vast multitudes of God’s people to heaven; for his suffering made Jesus a perfect Leader, one fit to bring them into their salvation.¹¹ We who have been made holy by Jesus, now have the same Father he has. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call us his brothers. Heb 2:9-11 (TLB)



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Real Estate—Land and Building Spaces

JENKE CIRCUIT

Funds from the sale of the land at Jenke Cct to Mar Thoma Church Canberra, arrived in our bank on 24 July 2024. The Mar Thoma church traces its origin to the missionary work on the apostle Thomas in northern India.

For several years Mar Thoma had placed unsuccessful bids on parcels of land in the ACT to use as a base for their work in spreading the gospel until, finally, our land was on the market and they are now its owners.

We pray that they will continue to grow and reach out to others to bring many to Christ and build his kingdom.

PROMOTION TO GLORY—MURRAY CHAMBERLAIN

On we celebrated the life of Murray with his family and his RSL family.

We were delighted to see how our building catered for family viewing in the Seminar and and fellowship in the Board Room before the public celebration in the Auditorium.

THE BUILDING AT WORK

The majority of us are at our weekly gathering on Sunday mornings, and may have the impression that the building is fairly idle for the days between Sundays.

One of the main joys of the building is that we are able to have a combination of both dedicated and shared spaces so that we do not require our team of General Volunteers to continually move furniture and re-configure spaces.

Every day of the week something happens in the building:

Monday: Auditorium and Administration (used by staff throughout the week)

Communities @ Work recently used the Community Room for a series of 4 free sessions on Nutrition and Cooking on a Budget. They may run classes in 2025.

Tuesday: Community Room, Op Shop, Training Space, Board Room are used by Explorers, Elders or Leadership Team meetings, Op Shop and Maggie Moo Music program for toddlers.

The Auditorium is used by the Worship Team.

Wednesday: Community Room, Op Shop and Training Room used by Operations Team for meetings, Op Shop and Maggie Moo. Seminar and Board Rooms used by Canberra Bible College.

Thursday: Op Shop, Community Room for monthly meeting of the National Council of Women. Brigades use: Training room, Kids Space, Seminar Room, Board Room, Level 1 Kitchen, Basement car park.

Friday: Connect through Craft, fortnightly.

Saturday: Community Room used by the CAP Money Course several times each year.

Ground Level spaces are the venues for our fellowship food gatherings.

Bookings for 2025 (external)

Mosaic Baptist—Leadership Training—January 2025.

Open Baptists—Gathering March 2025.

ALLOCATION OF SPACES—The Operations team review all [proposals for ministries/events](#) and from external entities and allocate spaces.

Coming Up

CAP MONEY COURSE 2 and 9 November. This course provides delegates with a set of money management skills.

CAP Sunday, 3 November 2024 Bart Carter, Church Partnership Manager, from Christians Against Poverty will visit our Sunday Service and speak about storing treasures in heaven. It's about in-

vesting in what will not decay and moths cannot destroy.

The **Ordinary Assembly of the Association of Baptist Churches in NSW&ACT** on 9 November. Register [here](#) to attend as a non-voting attendee at Mosaic.

Boys Brigade Overnight-Camp 8—9 November. Pray that this will be a time of growth and fulfillment for

the boys and their leaders.

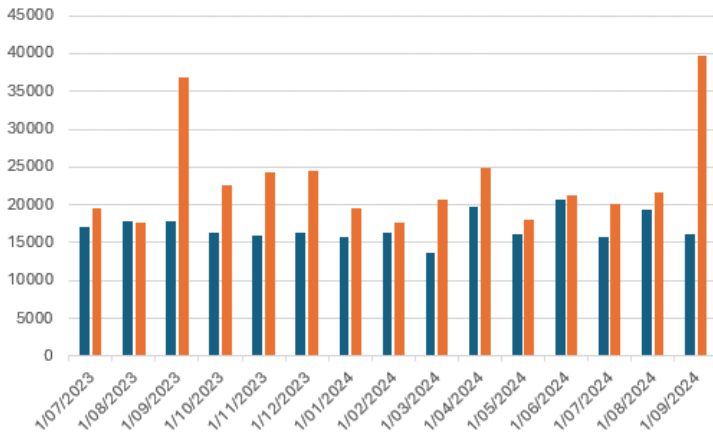
Presentation Night for Boys' and Girls Brigade 26 November 2024.

Christmas Picnic 1 December 2024 Head off to the Adventure Playground after the Sunday service.

Annual General Meeting to receive the Auditor's Report on 8 December following our the worship service.



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 *In-former* were— July \$12731.00, August \$19289.11 , September \$16072.11.

Outgoings for the same period totaled \$76,335.74.

Our bank balance at the 30 September was \$346,819.96 which included the proceeds of sale of Jenke Cct. Funds from the sale have been allocated to the building loan. Term deposits have been set up in October.

Each Baptist church is responsible for meeting its own expenditure. There is no central funding body for any of our expenses.

Our financial year ended on 30 September 2024.

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.

App and Website

Missing Out?

To receive instant notifications, add the App to your mobile phone, create your profile and close down the app without logging out.

The **Daily Verse** is published to those who have created their profile in the App.

New Baptism Booklet

Follow this link to this [booklet about Baptism](#) to reconsider what baptism means for you. The booklet is a great resource for anyone thinking about being baptised or to share with a friend.

Follow these links to: be included on our official [Mailing List](#)

Find out: [How to Download the App](#) or

[How to Compose a Prayer Request](#)

Biblical Principles regarding Money

The church Auditorium we sit in is here because someone gave money, time and expertise to build what God wanted. As a result, many lives have been impacted by God and a big part of the answer was the provision of finance.

Money should never be our ruler and His Kingdom is released here on earth by our mastery

over the way we use it.

He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Luke 11:2 [NIV].

Money is an agent of the Kingdom!

Money says to a dream born out of the Spirit of God, we can create a vehicle to carry that.

The Kingdom of God is

built with both spiritual and material things. Jesus is going to build his church based on our revelation of who he is. Seeing past our challenges by fixing our eyes on who he is and what he has promised to do, and then walking the pathway will create the difference.

The CAP Money course can help you take charge of your finances.



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

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

- App—a quick way to keep you in the loop
- Website - with QR code access
- 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), and Events you may wish to attend among others. You must be logged into your Account/Profile to receive notifications. Alternatively, open the App when it suits you to check for Notifications.

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The Last Word

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Steve Coster recently organized a gathering of volunteers from various Baptist churches in Canberra, who work in ministries that include a focus on community engagement. All who attended were inspired and encouraged through the stories they shared.

WORSHIP TEAM ON YOUTUBE

Thanks to the team for their continued ministry to us and also for the efforts of the post-production team who prepare and publish the recordings on our YouTube channel. Check out [the channel](#) for new songs

GIRLS' BRIGADE AT FLORIADÉ

Our girls participated in the gnome painting fundraising project run by Rotary at this year's Floriade. This is a fun way that the girls learn the value of serving others.

CANBERRA BIBLE COLLEGE

The two year curriculum has been a journey through the bible and concludes in on 4 December. It has been a blessing to many. The activities of the college have been hosted by TBC.

OPEN BAPTISTS

On Sunday 15 September 2024 the motion to join Open Baptists was carried

by 86% majority.

At its meeting on 1 October, the Board agreed to recommend to the next General Meeting of Open Baptists Ltd that Tuggeranong Baptist Church be admitted to affiliation.

TEACHING IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

The theme for November is [The God We Trust](#) before we prepare for Christmas with the series [Rediscover Christmas](#).

IAN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I will deliver my Christmas message on Sunday 22 December as Sharon and I will be joining my parents for Christmas this year.

Our Elders will be responsible for our Christmas Day celebration.

POST-CHRISTMAS ONLINE ONLY SERVICES

Church will be online only for Sundays 29 December and 5 January. The Sunday morning serving team will take a break and I will prepare services including great content from John Dickson and Tim Keller.

FINALLY

As we head towards the Christmas season, may I thank you all for your faithfulness during this extraordinary year—a year of preparation for the next thing God has for us.

Ian Reid
Lead Pastor
Tuggeranong Baptist Church for the Leadership Team