

## Next Week's Bible Talks

**8:30am Bexley**

Jason Veitch on

"Death to Life" (Ephesians 2:1-10)

**9:00am Carlton**

Kevin Stepniewski on

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**10:30am Carlton**

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**10:30am Bexley North**

Jason Veitch on

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**6.30pm Church**

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## Sunday Locations

### 8:30am Bexley (Contact Jason)

Corner of Albyn St & Dunmore St, Bexley

### 9:00am Carlton (Contact Kevin)

St James' Carlton, entry via Henry St

### 10:30am Carlton (Contact Phil)

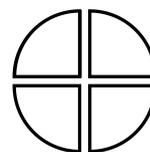
Carlton Public School, entry via Cameron St

### 10:30am Bexley North (Contact Jason)

Holy Trinity, entry via Carrisbrook Ave

### 6.30pm Church (Contact Troy)

St James' Carlton, entry via Henry St



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## The Sholl Family in Latin America ( a visitor's perspective)



In 2007 Heather and I hosted a farewell party for the Sholl family at St Matthew's Anglican Church in Ashbury. The party was a mixture of joy and sadness. We all rejoiced to be partners with Pete and Sarah heading off as gospel workers with CMS in Latin America. However, we were also sad to be farewelling our founding church Pastor and his family. For our family it was even harder having worked with Pete and Sarah so closely for 5 years and with our 3 girls and their 3 girls having grown up together. So, last month, it was an incredible joy for us to be able to visit the Sholl family in Monterrey, Mexico and to see the difference God has made in 10 years to their life.

Monterrey is nestled in a valley between two limestone mountain ranges. The lavish homes of the wealthy perch high on the mountain sides above the thick haze of the city whilst the bulk of people are crammed in small homes in the valley, living at or below the poverty line.

The oppressive heat of summer weighs on the city but never slows down the constant thrum of traffic. Wide roads flow with speeding traffic and you see everything from the latest Mercedes to 70 year-old rusted trucks packed with people and chickens. Five different heavily armed police forces patrol the city as a constant reminder of the city's violent and corrupt past.

Many Monterrey residents work in the large manufacturing plants making white goods and cars to service the US economy. Others make daily commutes either to outlying farms or into the US to be low paid workers with daily entrance visas.

We spent our first week with the Sholls experiencing life in their home town. We went to church and, despite our lack of Spanish, communicated with many of the people Pete and Sarah have been discipling in small bible study groups and in the youth group. We also met Jorje, the minister of their church, who we have been praying for in recent years.

We joined in with the end of year celebrations for the playgroup and women's Bible study and met many women who told us of their thanks to God for Sarah and her years of training them to read the Bible for themselves.

Whilst we couldn't personally experience much of Pete's work with MOCLAM we were able to hear of the latest plans and we met one of his key Latin America partners – the head of IFES Latin America. He had just arrived back in Monterrey after visiting our other link missionaries – Peter and Terry Blowes in Buenos Aires. He was very thankful for the gospel partnership with CMS Australia and us at SNAC!

The Sholl girls also proved to be great hosts. Competent in local language and custom, they gave us tours of their schools and invited us to a series of celebrations, ceremonies and concerts during the week. Lucy was particularly excited for Sarah and Hannah to share in her high school graduation.

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## Events

### Prayer Meetings

First Saturday of every month, 8am  
Email [office@snac.org.au](mailto:office@snac.org.au) for location.

### English for Life

Every Friday during school terms,  
9:30-11:30am at St James

### Invest - 6:30pm Church weekend away

Friday 11 - Sunday 13 August

### Working Bee to clear out St James' Carlton

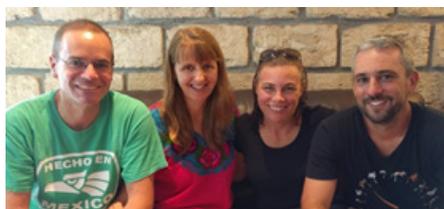
Saturday 19 & 26 August, 9am-12noon

### FIT Camp - for years 7-12

Thursday 5 - Sunday 8 October

### SNAC Women

Saturday 21st October - save the date!



One of the striking aspects of Mexican life was the central place the Roman Catholic church played in all these occasions. Catholic masses were held to mark every occasion from high school graduations to 15th birthday parties. An Aztec-influenced version of Mary was sadly central to most churches. This just underlined the important work of CMS to teach about the centrality of Jesus to salvation and to train people to read God's Word for themselves.

As we have reflected on how God has provided for our friends the Sholls in the last 10 years we have been very encouraged about CMS's long-term commitment to gospel work in Latin America and the importance of our ongoing partnership with them at SNAC.

Pete and Sarah asked us to thank everyone at SNAC for all the cards, presents and prayers which they found incredibly encouraging. If this update has left you wanting to know more about the Sholl's ministry or CMS then please visit [www.cms.org.au](http://www.cms.org.au) and subscribe to their prayer letters.

Jason Veitch

## What's happening during the Building Project?

With the works being conducted at St James' Carlton there will obviously be an impact on several of our ministries. Here are some key dates to be aware of and changes to our various ministries over this time.

### Saturday 19 August (9am-12noon) – Working Bee to clear St James' Carlton

If you are able to help with lifting and transporting boxes, chairs and furniture we'd love your help on the day.

### Sunday 20 August – Final services in the building until work completed

### Saturday 26 August (9am-12noon) – Final working bee

To get everything ready for the works to commence.

**What will happen with the 9am service from 27 August?** The 9am congregation will continue to meet on site during the works, but in the halls rather than the church building itself.

**What will happen with the 6:30pm service from 27 August?** The 6:30pm congregation will meet around the corner at Carlton Public School.

**What about youth ministry?** As previously advised, Fuel and Ignite will be meeting at Bexley North over the course of the works.

**Other midweek ministries?** Other midweek ministries will be continuing to use the halls as appropriate. If issues arise, please raise them with the relevant ministry coordinator, but please be patient and listen out for any other alternative arrangements.

Phil & the Wardens

## Christianity Explained

Are you interested in finding out more about the central claims of the Christian faith? You might be investigating Jesus for the first time or you might like a refresher in the basics of the Bible. Either way, our free Christianity Explained course is available again in Term 3 and provides a great opportunity to hear a clear and simple explanation of the Christian faith; ask questions or just listen; and read one of the accounts of Jesus' life for yourself.

We have a number of courses available:

**Daytime for women (with crèche):**

- \* 10am Tuesdays at Bexley North.
- \* 10am Thursdays at Carlton.

**Evenings for men and women:**

- \* 7:45pm Tuesdays, starting 1 August.
- \* 5pm Sundays, starting today.

Please speak to your congregational minister or contact Kevin Stepniewski (0421 286 835 or [kevin@snac.org.au](mailto:kevin@snac.org.au)) if you would like to come along, if you would like to bring someone along or if you have any questions.

## What are you investing in?

Each year our 6:30 Church congregation heads down to the scenic Youthworks Conference Centres at Port Hacking for our weekend away – **Invest**. It's called Invest because each year when we go away our goal is to invest in God's people, God's word, and God's kingdom.

It's a weekend full of antics, crazy stunts, plenty of latte-sipping and Jenga! But more importantly, it's a time when we get stuck into God's word and getting to know each other more, in a way that we cannot do in the week-to-week. Invest is the time where we invest in God's people and God's word, and see the fruit of that over the next year. We see people grow in love for one another, and walk away with a deeper love for our Lord Jesus and a passion to live for him! And it's my prayer that as we do this we are investing in and growing God's kingdom, which we are so blessed to be a part of!

This year's Invest is coming up fast (**Friday 11 – Sunday 13 August**). This year Phillip Jensen will be teaching us from 2 Timothy.

**So, if you are an adult of 6:30 Church, then sign up online at [snac.org.au/invest](http://snac.org.au/invest)**

And whoever you are, **please pray** for us as we prepare for the weekend and when we are there, that our relationships with each other would grow and that we would *invest* in God's word and find great treasures there!

Troy Munns

## SNAC Parent Event - James Grady: the Frank Chat

By the age of 12 a significant number of children have viewed pornography. By 13-15 years, 93% of boys and 63% of girls have viewed porn. To help our teenagers navigate the path of purity in this area, we've invited James Grady—who runs the Frank Chat ministry—to come and speak to them. As part of this process, we've also invited him to come and speak to all the parents of our teenagers and any other SNAC parents interested in understanding how this topic impacts on our children and teenagers today and what we can do to help them respond with godliness.

### Friday 4 August @ St James' Carlton - 7:15 for 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Child minding available – RSVP to Brendan Moar

All Parents of SNAC Kids and Youth Ministry welcome. Contact Brendan Moar for further information. Check out James' website [www.thefrankchat.com](http://www.thefrankchat.com) for some helpful resources.

## Church Finances - Giving to June

Praise God for the wonderful response to the building appeal. We will report the final figures in a couple of weeks but we are well on the way towards meeting our target. Of course, while we are raising money for our one-off building appeal, it is also important that we meet our ongoing ministry needs. Our work can only happen through the generous support of our church members. Please prayerfully consider your giving so that we are able to do the things under God we have planned to do.



Giving for June	\$62,932	Offeratories YTD	\$392,625
Budgeted	<u>\$69,893</u>	Budgeted YTD	<u>\$419,356</u>
Shortfall	\$ 6,961	Shortfall YTD	\$ 26,731

For those wishing to give electronically the church bank account details are:

Bank: Westpac	Account Name: Parish of St George North General A/C
BSB: 032 158	Account No.: 268126