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# SBC BULLETIN

*What is happening at Scarborough Baptist Church?*



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**WELCOME**

**ACTIONS THIS WEEK**

**FORGIVENESS &  
HOSEA**

**BIBLE READING**

Welcome to our service on this sunny Sunday morning. Chad will be preaching and leading the service this morning. Andre is in Moora today.

We are planning on starting with Sundays@6 again next week and would love to hear from anyone who would like to help with this ministry. Please join us for a cuppa after the service.

## ACTIONS THIS WEEK

### TUESDAY

Craft from 9.30 am

### THURSDAY

Mainly Music Outreach to those with toddlers. Come and join the team to share with the mums and carers.

Bible Study at 7pm at the church

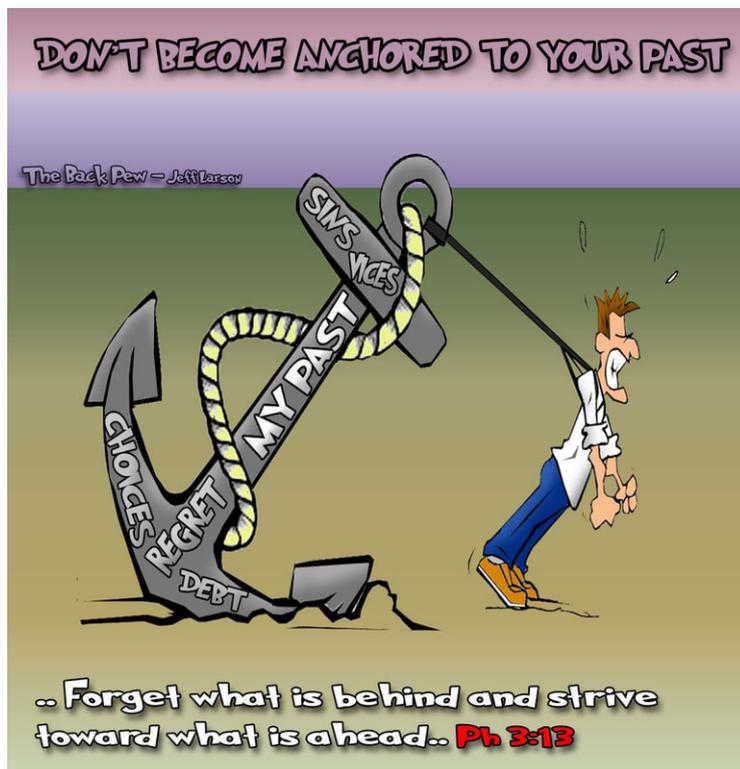
### SATURDAY

Prayer Meeting 8am at the church

### SUNDAY next week -

Morning worship at 10am

Sundays@6 6pm-7.30pm at the church



## John Greenleaf Whittier, 'Forgiveness'.

My heart was heavy, for its trust had been  
 Abused, its kindness answered with foul wrong;  
 So, turning gloomily from my fellow-men,  
 One summer Sabbath day I strolled among  
 The green mounds of the village burial-place;  
 Where, pondering how all human love and hate  
 Find one sad level; and how, soon or late,  
 Wronged and wrongdoer, each with meekened face,  
 And cold hands folded over a still heart,  
 Pass the green threshold of our common grave,  
 Whither all footsteps tend, whence none depart,  
 Awed for myself, and pitying my race,  
 Our common sorrow, like a mighty wave,  
 Swept all my pride away, and trembling I forgave!

Hosea Chapter 2 - summarised for us - background to today's Bible passage.

### Tainted Love

- This breach won't last forever, though.
- Instead of "Not My People", they'll be named "My People" and "Lovingly Accepted".
- God promises that he will eventually restore Israel, giving the people countless children, and a fruitful land.
- They'll be united with Judah and have one ruler over both of them.
- Next is the first of three speeches that blend prophetic poetry with the language of a lawsuit. The complaint: Israel broke the covenant, or contract, in which it promised exclusive obedience to God in exchange for his protection and bounty.
- It sounds like Hosea is speaking to his adulterous wife, but we get that it's God using Hosea's marriage as a metaphor for God's relationship to Israel.
- Hosea warns his wife (or God warns Israel) to stop being unfaithful or he will strip her naked, let her starve, destroy her stuff, abuse her kids and cut off every path to escape.
- She'll rue the day she left to go after other lovers.
- Will he take her back? Fat chance—let her prance around all dolled up in the clothes and jewels her faithful husband bought her.
- Or not.
- After he's taught her (Israel) a lesson, he'll woo her back and pledge everlasting love.
- She'll be devoted to God forever and the kids will get back in God's graces.

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<https://www.shmoop.com/study-guides/bible/jonah-minor-prophets/summary/hosea-chapter-2>



## Hosea 2: 14-20

“And now, here’s what I’m going to do:

I’m going to start all over again.

I’m taking her back out into the wilderness

where we had our first date, and I’ll court her.

I’ll give her bouquets of roses.

I’ll turn Heartbreak Valley into Acres of Hope.

She’ll respond like she did as a young girl,

those days when she was fresh out of Egypt.



## THE FOCUS OF OUR CHURCH

SBC has a three-fold focus which we strive to keep in balance to develop a healthy and vibrant church:

### UPWARDS

Celebrating and receiving God’s loving kindness in Christ together

### INWARDS

Encouraging and equipping our members in their love for, and service of, God and each other

### OUTWARDS

Reaching out through the Holy Spirit with Christ’s love to the spiritual and material needs of the world.