

Prayer Requests

Emmanuel Church

1. Pray for outreach that we shall contact more people around our hall and beyond.
2. Pray for plans to extend our hall. We currently have around 100 in attendance on Sunday morning and the hall is too small.

Grace Baptist Church

1. Pray that the Lord would be pleased to add to our number mature Christians who will be committed to serving Him in the church.
2. Pray that we would be able to minister effectively to the physically ailing as well as to the spiritually sick in our midst.
3. Pray for a couple of families, including our pastor, who are seeking to relocate to areas of Christchurch where they can be more effective in serving the church.

Manukau Central Bible Fellowship Church

1. Thankfulness to God for the provision of Dawie for our church.
2. Pray for Dawie as he takes up his responsibilities next year, that much blessing will be experienced by all who are a part of our fellowship.
3. Thankfulness to God for the ministry of the Reynolds.
4. Pray for Peter and Margaret that as they go the Lord will bless, and provide, and equip, and lead them into new avenues of ministry when they return to NZ.

Northshore Baptist Reformed Church

1. Pray for the preaching and evangelistic ministries in the church.
2. Give thanks for a profitable conference with Arturo Azurdia.

Wellington Reformed Baptist Fellowship

1. Pray for Tony and Nancy as they sell their house and decide their retirement options.
2. Pray also for Chris & Robyn Good as they seek wisdom to know where the Lord will have them best serve Him.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

'Bringing Believers Together'

The Newsletter of Reformed Baptists of New Zealand

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EMMANUEL CHURCH

Monthly Saturday night video evenings and a monthly mid-week lunch fellowship have proved effective in getting to know neighbours.

In October Nelly van Acker was with us for a week. Nelly is a member of *Emmanuel Church* and is working in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, with Hagar Project. In addition to this work Nelly is supervising translation of literature into Khmer. To date we have completed two books and the third, "*By God's Grace Alone*" should be completed very soon.

On Sunday 26 October we commemorate the Protestant Reformation.

We have a Christmas dinner/sports' evening on Saturday 13 December. This is an opportunity to reach out to friends in a relaxed environment. Folk from other churches are welcome to attend.

A one day retreat is planned for Saturday 24 January 2004.

Emmanuel Church commemorates her 30th anniversary in June 2004.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Over the past year the church has received both encouragement and discouragement, as is so often the case. One of the families in regular attendance at our services shifted to another church early in the year, and for a number of months we were keenly aware of the reduced size of a Sunday morning congregation which was fairly small anyway. However, the Lord blessed us with the presence of a number of visitors, as well as a student from Africa. In recent weeks another family has begun attending and has indicated their desire to continue worshipping with us. David & Daphne Sterne, known to many of the readers of this newsletter, have been unable to attend services for many months due to David's ill-health.

MANUKAU CENTRAL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

October 12 saw our public service of recognition of Dawie Malan as a preaching/teaching elder in our church, a role he will be supported financially in from the beginning of next year. It was a wonderful service of rejoicing and thanksgiving and many visitors were there as friends and supporters of the Malans. Dr Andrew Young (Principal of Grace Theological College) preached a powerful sermon from Heb 13:17. Tapes of the service are available if you would like one.

Greetings were received from eight different churches, 4 RB, 2 Baptist Union, and 2 GPNZ churches. Many thanks to those churches who sent greetings. A wonderful day of unity and blessing.

November 21 the church is planning a farewell for the Reynolds. They will be leaving us Dec 27 for three years of study and training at Covenant Theological Seminary in Missouri, USA. We are so grateful for the legacy they leave us after 17 years of faithful ministry.

NORTHSHORE BAPTIST REFORMED CHURCH

We have just finished looking at the occasions of preaching in the book of Acts and in November will be preaching on three occasions on Psalm 73.

Five people will be baptised on November 30 at Castor Bay before our morning meeting.

The children have their Christmas 'presentation' on December 7. That day we will have our final church lunch of the year .

We are so grateful as well for the wonderful Conference we had with Arturo Azurdia and wish to thank all those of the other fellowships who supported this happy event.

Our final evening Sunday meeting will be on December 14 and we hope to have a BBQ at that time.

WELLINGTON REFORMED BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

Much can change in a few months! Who would have believed a few months ago that there could have been a regional Reformed Baptist network in the wider Wellington region? Sandra Field in Marton, the arrival of the Fullers in Palmerston North (an RB family from the UK) and the growth of a small Bible study in Masterton - now mean that there is a small informal network of Reformed Baptists. On Labour day we are planning our first regional get-together. We hope this will become a regular (monthly?) occurrence for mutual encouragement.

The WRBF itself continues with an uncertain future. Tony and Nancy are selling their house and need to decide their retirement options. Pray also for Chris & Robyn Good as they seek wisdom to know where the Lord will have them best serve Him. Our regular study on Acts has been put on hold due to recent busyness and other commitments.



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in the Lord greatly
that now at last your care for me
has flourished again;
though you surely did care,
but you lacked opportunity....
Nevertheless you have done well
that you shared in my distress.*

Phil. 4:10,14

