

## *Prayer Requests*

### **Grace Baptist Church, Christchurch**

1. Give thanks for the safe return of the Moores and their participation in the life of the church.
2. Pray that the meetings of the church will be well-attended and profitable to all.
3. Pray that the Combined Church Camp will be an encouragement to all who attend.

### **Grace Reformed Baptist Fellowship, Palmerston North**

1. Pray that the Lord will strengthen and encourage those involved in the work.
2. Pray that the Lord will add new people who will be committed to the work.

### **Manukau Central Bible Fellowship Church**

1. Please pray for the quality of our fellowship to deepen as we focus on pursuing the Lord and serving one another.
2. We continue to ask the Lord to draw to Himself our friends, neighbours, work colleagues and family members who don't know Jesus as their Saviour. Please pray we would congruently share and live out the Gospel, and hearts would be touched.

### **North Shore Baptist Reformed Church**

1. Pray for evangelistic outreach from the church by individuals, as well as the monthly Gospel service.
2. Pray for the Lord's blessing on the various events leading up to the end of the year.

### **Trinity Reformed Baptist Church, Hamilton**

1. Pray for David and the family that they will have a refreshing break in Australia.
2. Pray for Robin our other Elder as he has the responsibility of leading the Church in David's absence.
3. Pray for our work of evangelism in the community that we may persevere and that it may be fruitful.

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

*'Bringing Believers Together'*

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### **GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHRISTCHURCH**

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We have been encouraged by the return of the Moore family from their extended overseas trip: their presence at the various meetings has swelled our numbers and their input has been stimulating. Our meetings continue the familiar routine: Sunday morning *Prayer Meeting* followed by the *Worship Service*, Sunday evening *Study Session* on a book of the Bible, Tuesday evening *Discipleship Group*, and the Wednesday evening *Bible Study*.

We are looking forward to our Combined Church Camp with the Marchwiell Reformed Baptist Church which will take place the second weekend in November. We did this for the first time last year and had a good time together. This year we hope to be joined by folk from the Dunedin Reformed Baptist Fellowship and the Hokitika Church of Christ.

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### **— GRACE REFORMED BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP, PALMERSTON NORTH —**

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We would greatly value your prayers for the Fellowship at this time. Sadly the co-founding family (Alan and Nicky Lloyd) have decided, somewhat suddenly, to leave. It is perplexing that prayer asking the Lord to send labourers has been answered in this way, but we are reminded that God's ways are not our ways. We are also reminded of His sovereignty in all things, in which He is working for the good of His people and the glory of His Name. We continue steadfastly, praying that the Lord would build His church here to the glory of His name. We continue to be encouraged by visitors, the most recent of whom is a student joining us for the midweek Bible study and prayer meetings. We rejoice at the increase the Lord has given to date, and that the work is able to continue, despite this setback in human terms. Surely our God is gracious!

### MANUKAU CENTRAL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

The church has worked through a challenging time since Dawie's resignation, achieving a high level of unity and consolation. We are grateful for the encouragement and support we have received from people in the Reformed Baptist movement. We've enjoyed a variety of excellent sermons from several church members and our mid-week meetings are well-supported. One such meeting is the Saturday morning men's group. The men that attend continue to meet between 7 and 8 am and pursue topics relevant to living as a Godly man. Several of the men at MCBFC attended *Promise Keepers* and greatly benefited from this conference (according to both husbands and wives!).

### NORTH SHORE BAPTIST REFORMED CHURCH

The life of the church has gone on as usual over the past few months with Study groups and Sunday meetings, lunches and Members' Meetings.

At the present time and hopefully through to about March Stephen will be preaching on the life of David. The adult class on Sunday mornings is working its way through the book, *Islam in our Backyard*.

Coming events are the second party for overseas students whom Jeff Lane has a lot to do with, at Massey Uni. The Church Camp at Huia is on October 28-30, the Congregational meeting on November 13, the end of the year BBQ on November 27, the Christmas presentation December 1, and the final evangelistic meeting and lunch for the year, on Sunday December 16.

Would you pray especially for the continuing meetings to do with bringing the Gospel to the lost? We continue to have a monthly Fellowship of the 54th, (Isaiah 54) to discuss our evangelism and once a month, what is hopefully a simple and clear presentation of the Gospel is given. Almost every Sunday there seem to be some unbelievers present.

### TRINITY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, HAMILTON

Our Pastor David Marshall has just commenced his two months long service leave. For the most part he will be holidaying in Australia with Jill and the family and we trust this will be a refreshing time for them. Our pulpit supply over this period of time will be filled with a combination of our own people and those of our sister churches, for which we are most grateful. There will be a change to our evening service in that our Elder, Robin Wilkins will be conducting a series of videos on Church History. Over the past year we have endeavoured to focus our particular attention on outreach and evangelism. A number of the ladies in the Church have arranged a weekly outreach called Coffee, Craft and Conversation. This has provided a valuable tool both in fellowship and as an effective outreach to several ladies in the neighbourhood who attend regularly. The Frankton Market has been another focus of outreach where we regularly distribute tracts and converse with those in the community. These activities are challenging but they enable us to promote the cause of the Gospel.

*"Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, And You are exalted as head over all. Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all. Now therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, That we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, And of Your own we have given You."*

**1 Chr. 10b-14**