

Prayer Requests

Emmanuel Church, Auckland

1. Pray for our elderly folk. Two of them have lung cancer. Pray that they shall experience the deep love of Christ.
2. Pray for our Resource Consent application for extension to the hall that the Lord will grant everything necessary for the planned extension.

Grace Baptist Church, Christchurch

1. Thanksgiving for the ongoing work.
2. Wisdom for the church regarding leadership.
3. The midweek bible study and pulpit ministry.
4. Outreach.
5. The combined church camp.

Grace Reformed Baptist Church, Palmerston North

1. Please pray that the Lord would open hearts to the gospel proclaimed in tract distribution, and save sinners.
2. The Lord would continue to feed those hungering and thirsting for His word in Palmerston North through the regular ministry of the Word
3. Strengthen and direct this newest Reformed Baptist Church in NZ, that we would be living up to the calling we have been given to proclaim Christ.

Manukau Central Bible Fellowship Church, Auckland

1. Please pray for our preparations for our 20th Anniversary celebration – that it would be a Christ-honouring event.
2. Thank God for the sense of unity and encouragement that we are enjoying as a church community.

North Shore Baptist Reformed Church, Auckland

1. Please pray for the visit of Justin & Amanda Bailey from USA and the possibility of them working with NSBRC in the future.
2. Pray for the annual concert on September 23 to which we hope a good number of friends will come.

Trinity Baptist Church, Hamilton

1. Please give praise for the baptism of Dominic Tennant on June 18th. Dominic gave a very clear and God-honouring testimony before he was baptised by John McClennan.
2. Also give praise to God for the wonderful Holiday Kid's Club. Please pray that the children who have begun attending Sunday School as a result of the programme will keep attending and that we will be able to establish a good relationship with their parents.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

'Bringing Believers Together'

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EMMANUEL CHURCH, AUCKLAND

Our youths and young adults are a source of encouragement to many of us. We hope to baptize some of them in a few months.

Our main activities focus around our regular meetings. Sunday morning worship service is well attended but less so our Sunday evening Bible study. Wednesday prayer meetings are always precious. We are praying that the Lord will do something mighty in New Zealand to bring people to himself.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHRISTCHURCH

We have now settled into the excellent new venue at Heaton Intermediate School. We have had visiting speakers on 12 occasions since March. We are still very conscious and grateful for the support of the other churches in the fellowship. Our midweek meetings in John's gospel have been an encouragement as we study Gods word together; we have now completed up to John 11. The Church would value prayer for leadership in the church and provision of a pastor. We plan a combined church camp with Marchwiel on Nov 17-19; this year our speaker is Peter Somervell.

— GRACE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, PALMERSTON NORTH —

We give thanks to God that on Saturday 22nd July 2006 Grace Reformed Baptist Church was formally and publicly constituted in Palmerston North in a service of thanksgiving. This represents significant progress for the work of the Lord in this region, almost a year and a half after two families began meeting together in February 2005 with the intention of establishing a formally constituted church. Whilst only one of those families remains, the Lord has surely heard and answered prayer and blessed this work. On 22nd July eight

founding members were joined in the service of thanksgiving by representatives from every member church of the Fellowship of Reformed Baptist Churches in New Zealand, as well as a number of friends from around the region. In the Lord's wonderful provision, the church constitutes with an eldership of three. David Marshall gave the charge to the members, elders and pastor. David Yan preached from 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, a highly appropriate message given the church's watchword, "Proclaiming Christ". He reminded the congregation of God's work in salvation: bringing worldly wisdom to nothing and saving through the preaching of Christ crucified, who is the power and wisdom of God. He exhorted the church to depend upon God's power in brokenness and humility, to be assured that the preaching of Christ will save and therefore to be zealous in proclaiming Christ.

We pray that the Lord would continue to bless this work to the glory of His Name. The first week of August we leafleted the whole city with 24,000 evangelistic tracts which include our contact details and times of Sunday services, and we are beginning plans for an evangelistic Sunday School. The Lord has continued to build His church here: we have just welcomed Stephen Smith (formerly of Marchwiell) into membership, and there are others who have worshipped with us irregularly over the past few weeks.

— **MANUKAU CENTRAL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, AUCKLAND** —

We are almost at the end of a series of insightful and Christ-honouring messages on the book of Habakkuk, given by Ian Grant. Two of his recent sermon titles have been Confused? Waiting for God to Answer, and Know who God is, and therefore How to Live. Also, we've enjoyed a rich and satisfying smorgasbord of messages from other men in our congregation as well as guest speakers. This October we look forward to celebrating our 20th Anniversary as a church community.

— **NORTH SHORE BAPTIST REFORMED CHURCH, AUCKLAND** —

The past four Sundays have been devoted to the subject of the Home and Family and there has been a lot of interest and very good attendance. Quite a number of the men will be speaking at morning and evening meetings through to the end of the year. The major piece

of news has to do with the arrival of Justin and Amanda Bailey from Louisville, Kentucky on September 16 for a month with us. Stephen has been in contact with them for about a year after they expressed a deep interest in working for the Gospel in New Zealand. The goal is that we will all come to know one another with a view to the elders and members considering the possibility of their working among us in the future.

— **TRINITY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, HAMILTON** —

In July we conducted our annual Holiday Kid's Club. We were encouraged by the largest number of children attending thus far, an average of more than 50 each day. It was also wonderful to have more children from non-Christian homes than ever before. Our own folk rallied around to help with the running of the programme and we were blessed with helpers from seven other Hamilton churches. The theme was *Trash and Treasure*. The Bible stories each day were about Job, Ruth, Mephibosheth, Jeremiah, and the woman of Samaria. The children made some very high quality craft items, and two groups enjoyed constructing a cardboard Viking long boat and a cardboard space rocket, which we used for a series of races on the final day.

Our preaching programme has been from the Gospel of John in the mornings; while in the evenings we have had series of messages on The Biblical Covenants and more recently have begun a series working through the book of Leviticus. We have been conducting a bimonthly service in the Trevellyn Rest Home. In July we held a church concert at the Home on a Saturday evening. John Featherstone was the M.C. of a very pleasant evening.

A Special Pot Luck Dinner at the home of John and Val Featherstone was entertained with a fascinating video of John and Val's tramping trip through part of eastern Nepal.

