

Prayer Requests

Grace Reformed Baptist Church, Palmerston North

1. Thank God that His word has been and continues to be proclaimed widely through Palmerston North via tract and radio ministry and pray that He would send His word into the hearts of sinners and save souls through these ministries.
2. Pray that the Lord would send labourers to this harvest field and build His church here.
3. Pray that He would sustain the work over the summer period and in the absence (in turn) of each of the elders. Pray also that these men and their families would be refreshed after a demanding year.

Manukau Central Bible Fellowship Church, Auckland

1. Thank the Lord for a special time of fellowship during our 20th Anniversary celebrations
2. Please pray for our families with children at home that they might know God's love and presence in their responsible, and sometimes stressful, task of raising young children.

Marchwiel Reformed Baptist Church, Timaru

1. Worship and thanks to our Father for His goodness to us as a church
2. Prayer for Grant, Peitru and family for His peace to rule in their hearts through all this upheaval, and for His provision for their material needs. Pray that God will fill Grant with His Spirit and equip him for the task to which he has been called.
3. Please pray that from us the gospel will go out to all in our area and that God would call those to Himself for whom He has died. Please pray for those who worship with us semi-regularly, that God would establish and ground them in Him.

North Shore Baptist Reformed Church, Auckland

1. Would you pray especially for our BBQ? That many friends would come that night to hear a young man's testimony.
2. Pray for our Congregational Meeting when a State of the Union address is given.

Trinity Reformed Baptist Church, Hamilton

1. Please pray that many will attend the Christmas Pageant and receive the gospel message that it presents.
2. Ask for the Lord to use His Word as we present it to hundreds of holiday makers at Raglan in the days immediately after Christmas.
3. We are seeking to build up our Sunday School work. Please pray that God will give us families with hearts open to His Word.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

'Bringing Believers Together'

The Newsletter of Reformed Baptists of New Zealand

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— GRACE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, PALMERSTON NORTH —

This period has been a time of consolidation for the church in which the members have grown together and built one another up in our most holy faith. The sense of one-ness has been a blessing and an encouragement, for which we praise God. We thank God for a smooth tract distribution to every letterbox in Palmerston North in August. The evident fruits of this endeavour were small. Four people contacted us and one person came to a service, from a city of 75,000. Nevertheless, we are reminded that God's word never returns void and rejoice that the gospel has been proclaimed so widely.

The Word is also being preached over the airwaves. Dafydd's sermons are being broadcast every week on True Light FM, local to the city. He also has a children's series based on the children's catechism. We have no idea who listens, but are again assured that as His word goes out God will use it for His own glory.

We're coming up to a time of flux over the summer, with all the elders away at some point in the coming months due to overseas family commitments in the UK, India and Dunedin (well it's over the sea from here). Also, we have just learned that a couple who are founder members of the church will be moving to Wellington at the beginning of December due to work commitments; their absence will be a great loss.

— MANUKAU CENTRAL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, AUCKLAND —

MCBFC celebrated its 20th Anniversary last month, Oct 14, 15. We started with a family fun evening on the Saturday night with games and pizza. A special communion service followed on Sunday morning with testimonies from long-term members and several who grew up in the church. It was a wonderful time of thanksgiving and remembering God's mercies and His work among us, both as a community and as He has built strong families. Our celebrations concluded with a lunch together and more time to talk and catch up with each other.

———— **MARCHWIEL REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, TIMARU** ————

We are amazed at God’s love for His small church here in Marchwiel. Humanly speaking it is almost impossible to expect a pastor to come to such a remote town with so little material incentive – and yet God has once again supplied us with the under-shepherd of His choice to feed and care for His sheep here. How precious His love to us is, and how faithful and dependable. We do rejoice in our Lord’s sovereign headship of His body and His amazing provision and pray He would equip Grant and Peitru with all grace to abound to every good work. Grant and Peitru Phillips and family will be coming to us mid-January if all goes to plan. There are many practical matters to be arranged, a house to be sold, the whole logistical mountain of tearing up roots and moving a family from one town to another to organize and part-time employment to find in Timaru. Our prayers are with them.

This next weekend we will be meeting with Grace Baptist Church from Christchurch, and a few folk from the West Coast and Dunedin for a church camp at which Peter Somerville will, God willing, be the preacher. We are really looking forward to this weekend of fellowship, previous combined camps have been such blessed and happy times together.

Meanwhile John is continuing to minister here, preaching through Romans on a Sunday morning and Exodus in the evening. Both have been blessed of the Lord. The church has expressed their love for John and asked that he consider remaining with the church as an elder to support Grant in the ministry. The church has long prayed for the blessing of a multiple eldership. We rejoice in the Lord’s goodness.

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

We thoroughly enjoyed having representatives from the other Reformed Baptist churches meeting with us on the Shore on November 4. The weekend before that was spent as a church at Huia on the West Coast in our annual ‘Camp’. This year we had a very definite emphasis on mission overseas. We baptized one member of the congregation. It was well attended. The general life of the church has continued otherwise uninterrupted over the past few months, with preaching in Colossians 1 on Sunday mornings and our various groups and other meetings.

The upcoming events are as follows – the annual Congregational meeting on November 19, a Games afternoon on November 25 and our traditional End-of-the-Year BBQ on November 26 when we hope to have many of our unbelieving friends present. Our final Home Groups for the year are on December 3 and all-age Sunday School comes to a close on December 10. The youth have their final Youth Meeting on December 17.

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

Our pastor was in eastern Australia for three weekends in October preaching at various churches and conferences for the Evangelical Ministries Trust. While he was away Bill Lewis, a retired S.I.M missionary preached at the morning services and excellent DVD series called Amazing Grace was shown at the evening services. David has been preaching through John’s Gospel during the morning services and completed a series on the Biblical Covenants and has commenced a series on the Book of Leviticus during the evening services.

During December we will be holding our second Christmas Pageant over a two week period. This involves decorating our Hall with Christmas themes and inviting the public to view the exhibits, to join in carol singing and to share light refreshments. Visitors leave with a Christmas tract. From Boxing Day to New Year’s Eve we will be taking part in a Beach Mission at Raglan.

