

CHURCH CALENDAR 27 OCTOBER - 2 NOVEMBER

Monday All Day :)	Labour Day
Tuesday 9:30 am 10:00 am 6:00 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Women in the Word (Lounge) Teaching English using the Bible CAP Money Course (Lounge) Cope Home Group (0277575037) Siraa Home Group (Fortnightly-7539878)
Wednesday 10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Wednesday Bible Study (Downstairs) Intercessors Gathering (Downstairs) Barnes Home Group (7572525) Prestidge Home Group (Fortnightly-7510711) Kelderman Home Group (Fortnightly - 7583515)
Thursday 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Williams Home Group (758 3861) Evening Service (Lounge)
Friday 10:00 am 7.15 pm	mainly music Youth Group (Whole Complex)
Saturday 9:00 am 3:00 pm	Working Bee Jesus is Lord Youth Group (Downstairs)
Sunday 9:30 am 2:30 pm 2:30 pm 6:00 pm	Family Service Jesus is Lord Church Service Chinese Fellowship Service (1st & 3rd Sunday of month-Lounge) Encore Sermon

Today:	
Crèche:	D Knight & P Graham
Next Week:	
Morning Tea:	S Rajasingh & Volunteer
Crèche:	R Mann & S Prestidge
Oasis:	T Gibbons
Main Door:	J Cannon & M Moesbauer
Inclusion:	M Emo
Offering:	I McKillop, O Sutton, A Siraa, M Moesbauer, J McKillop & M Farquhar

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I lift my eyes...

I keep **my eyes** always on the Lord. With Him at **my** right hand, I will not be shaken. I lift up **my eyes** to you, to you who sit enthroned in heaven. (Psalm 16:7-9 Psalm 123:1)

1. Pray for all our folk travelling this Labour Weekend to visit family or to holiday. Pray for travel mercies, for rest, for great family moments. Labour weekend traditionally sees a major exodus out of town. Pray also for those who remain that our fellowship might be special.
2. Pray for St Andrew's congregation as they grieve and process the loss of their Pastor Kim Francis after 17 years of service. The funeral was on Friday.
3. Pray for the Hope Project as media and booklets take the message into people's homes. Pray that the Holy Spirit may quicken the curiosity of people across New Zealand and draw them into the conversations they need to have to find God's salvation. Pray for the preparedness of Christians to take part and even initiate those conversations.



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Welcome to Worship

26 October 2014

Today at NPCBC

9.30 am Family Service
Children's Programmes
Ignite (5-12 years)
Tadpoles (3-5 years)
Crèche (0-2 years)

Prayer Ministry: If you would like someone to talk or pray with you after the service please come to the front and someone will meet with you.

Thursday at NPCBC

7.30 p.m. in the Lounge



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Pastor's Musings

At the beginning of His ministry Jesus went out into the wilderness and was tested by the devil. As we all know He passed the test and did not give into the devil's invitations, hints or suggestions. I wonder what we imagine the devil did then. Did he slink away beaten and never reappear to challenge Jesus again? Or did he set about the task of destroying and undermining the ministry of Jesus. We see the devil entering Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus (John 13:27). Jesus declares that the Pharisees "belong to their father the devil" (John 8:44). In Matthew 16 Jesus identifies Peter's desire to prevent Him from going to Jerusalem as the actions of the devil.

Revelation 12 describes the devil (the dragon), defeated on the cross, as filled with fury and going after all those who keep God's commands and hold fast to their testimony. What does that mean for us? As we seek to know and live faithfully to God's purposes, both personally and as a congregation, we should be expecting the devil to retaliate. He does this through demonic spirits because the devil himself is not everywhere at the same time. He is not omnipresent, only God is. However he does represent himself across the world through demonic (evil) spirits who in turn will work through anyone that gives them a foothold. Ephesians 6 invites us to put on the whole armour of God, faith, righteousness, salvation, truth, the gospel of peace, the sword of the spirit the word of God. All of these are important so that we might take our stand against the devils schemes. Paul points out that we do have a struggle against spiritual authorities, powers and rulers. Please note that he writes that we do have this struggle, not that we may have this struggle.

The word in Ephesians 6 comes as a conclusion to Paul's discussion from Chapters 4, 5 and the first part of Ch 6. All of this material is about living well with each other. The priorities of unity and love for one another are high. Paul is extensive in his warnings against bitterness, complaining and anger amongst us. It is because our relational base is high that we are able to stand. Faith, righteousness, salvation, truth, the gospel of peace and the sword of the spirit all find their place in our lives when we honour each other and avoid all division. Anything less Paul writes is a foothold for the devil.

A week ago a church leader, from another Baptist church outside Taranaki, visiting Central warned us that prophetically they saw the devil as like an Octopus with its tentacles reaching out even now over the church as if

Pastor's Musings continued...

looking for a hole in a wall. Based on Ephesians this would be searching out for a hole in the wall of our love and unity. Why would we be surprised? But let us not be complacent in our love and respect for one another. The Apostle Peter presents the same message in his first letter encouraging us to "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith"

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Church Life

Manna Healing Centre is seeking a married couple to be part of their growing ministry which involves caring and ministering as part of a team to their guests who are there for respite care. An allowance plus accommodation and food is provided. The position would not suit a family with young children. If you have an interest please contact Robbie or Marie on (06) 752 7620 or email mariethornton52@gmail.com. The web site is www.mannahealing.co.nz

Red Cross Volunteers: Do you enjoy a chat? Do you have a spare couple of hours every month to visit hospital patients? If this is you please contact Jess on 759 4697 for more information.

Used Magazines: If you are looking for a new home for your pre-loved magazines phone Jess on 759 4697. You can drop them off at the Red Cross, 116 Gill St or arrange to have them collected from church.

Bible Society Musical Extravaganza: Performers will include Christopher Luke (organ), Denise Woods (piano), Sonoko Kato (of Japan) (piano), plus others. 2 pm Sunday 26 October at St May's Cathedral Church, New Plymouth. \$10 per person (available at the door). Afternoon tea to follow. Funds raised go to support the work of Bible Society.

Condolences



We extend our love and prayers to Linda and Mark, Jennifer, Matthew, John and Sam Dickson after Linda's father passed away last week. We pray you will know the Lord's peace in the coming weeks.

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Working Bee: A Working Bee will be held on Saturday 1 November at 9 am. See you here!

Important Notice For All Women In Baptist Churches:

The Baptist Woman's World Day of Prayer, is being held on Friday, 7th November, at Stratford Baptist Church. Beginning at 10.00am with tea and biscuits, the service will conclude with a shared lunch at noon. An important part of the service will be a collection, as the BWA's Women's Department receives 50% of our Day of Prayer offering, and the other 50% goes to our region for the Woman of the South West Pacific. Please come if you can.

Jill McKillop. Co-ordinator.

For Ladies: CityLife Church (28 Egmont St) is hosting an evening with Marilyn Skinner from Watoto Ministries on 12 November. The evening begins with coffee and nibbles at 6.45 pm Marilyn will be speaking at 7.30 pm. A love offering for Living Hope (Watoto) will be taken up. Tickets are \$10 and available through our office. For more about Marilyn see the noticeboard.

Sponsor Children: Our budget for child sponsorship giving is \$2400.00 per year; to date we have received \$1456.90. Let's see if we can meet budget by the end of the year!

Partners Relief and Development Taranaki Network Meeting (supporting Burma) - our next meeting will be held this Wednesday 29th October at 7.30 pm. Please feel free to come along to find out more about the work of Partners and ways you can be involved. Please contact Shona Thompson on 021 106 7561 for more details.

Prayer Chain: For urgent prayer requests please phone Margaret Collins on 758 2777 or Mavis Easton on 753 6493

Bible Thought:

Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. Matthew 12:34 NIV

If we fill our minds and hearts with the Word of God its promises and warnings will control and direct our lives, and as we submit ourselves to Him, His likeness will be reproduced in the way we speak and live.