

Prophetic Equipping

There is a prophetic conference being held at Liberty Baptist Church in Auckland on the 19th-21st May. If you are interested in equipping in this area please speak with Martien, who is keen to take those interested to this conference.

Board Needed

Hello! My name is Michelle Erlam and I am looking for a place to board from May 28th to July 8th (6 weeks). I'm coming to New Plymouth for a Speech and Language Therapy placement at the Ministry of Education. I am 21 years old and am clean, Christian and friendly. If you can help please contact me on 021 024 613 94 or email me at michelleerlam@gmail.com.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for wisdom and practical outworking of the new Health and Safety law amongst us. That we as a church would embrace the call to protect, care for and love one another in very practical ways.
2. As ANZAC day approaches and our focus goes to those who fought and died for our freedom, and the freedom of others - let us pray for those still engaged in battles/terrorism around the world. That the King of Peace will reign over human injustice, selfishness and hatred. Turn the persecutors into brothers and sisters.
3. School Holidays are upon us - please pray for safe travels for those heading away, rest for the children and stamina for their parents!! Give thanks for our education system in New Zealand and pray that teachers and school staff will also find rest - but more than that they will find Jesus.

A Word of Encouragement

A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another. John 13:34 NIV

Love for the unloving and undeserving is not spontaneous. It involves the will as did God's love when He gave His son for the world. This is the kind of love He expects us to show one another.

Rosters

April 24th

Crèche: School Holidays
Tadpoles: School Holidays
Oasis: W Gibbons
Morning Tea: J Cannon & J Johnston
Main Door: B Easton A Groepies
Inclusion: R Rae
Offering: B Easton, R Williams
R Hale, M Easton,
M Emo, A Rajasingh

May 1st

Crèche: School Holidays
Tadpoles: School Holidays
Oasis:
Morning Tea:
Main Door:
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New Plymouth Central Baptist Church

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Welcome to Worship

Services are held on:

Sundays at 9.30 a.m.

Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. (in the Lounge via Lemon St)

Call to Prayer - Sundays at 7.30 p.m. (in the Lounge via Lemon St entrance)

Today at 5.30 pm is the CCC gathering.

For the spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7

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Today

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.

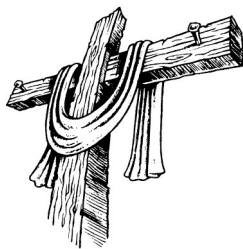
Martien's Musings

I have had cause to reflect quite deeply on 'love's ideal' in recent times. I have taught about loving one another for some weeks now. We should speak of it, we should encourage one another to love, and we should commit ourselves to being more loving. We paint the aspirational pictures of the love God longs to see mature in us and it is right and proper that we do so. May we never settle for second best. May we never ascribe our weaknesses and our failures to "being human after all." Dismissing God's intent by saying we are 'just human' is to deny our heritage in God. God created humanity to be good and to be found and seen in His image. We are to reveal the nature of the triune God and loving one another is a profound expression and revelation of Him. Our weakness and failures to love reveals the presence of sin and the reality of our fall from grace. It actually reveals we are less than human because it is less than our created intent.

Nevertheless, as I preach and teach on loving one another I do become conscious of those failures. The awareness comes from two sources. On the one hand the accuser of the believer, Satan brings his condemning whispers about failing to love and I need to be aware of who is whispering because he is the Father of Lies. There is no condemnation to those in Christ Jesus (Rom 8). It is not that Satan wants us to love, quite the contrary. It is that he wants to persuade us of the inadequacy of God in us and fill us with guilt. On the other hand we may receive the quiet conviction of the Holy Spirit encouraging us to love more generously. This conviction is positive and encouraging and has a "you can do it" flavour to it.

Any discussion of the love will reveal a gap between the depth of love shown by the Father in sending the Son and our own expression of love. A gap to close as the Holy Spirit works with us to bring us into the likeness of Christ. Can I fill that space? – Yes! Will I step into the gap in trust and love – Yes!

Some may hear the discussion of loving one another and say "that's not my experience" even of the people who speak of it. This is possibly true. This too is your opportunity to grow into love. This is because love is often costly. Being loving can be a call to experience pain. In this we follow in the footsteps of our Lord. It cost Him suffering, pain, and death to give expression to His love for us. Or we can settle for being 'less than human' because the world has taught us well.



Love in Christ
Martien

Church Calendar 18 - 24 April

Monday

10:00 am Seedpods

Tuesday

9:30 am Women in the Word
(Lounge)

Wednesday

12:30 pm Intercessors Gathering
(Lounge)
7:30 pm Prestidge Home Group
Fortnightly-7510711
7:30 pm Kelderman Home Group
Fortnightly-021443810
7:30 pm Men's Study for Life Group
Fortnightly-021443810

Thursday

10:00 am International Group
(Lounge)
7:30 pm Thursday Service (Lounge
via Lemon St)

Friday

10:00 am mainly music
7:15 pm Youth Group

Saturday

Sundays

9:30 am Family Service
2:00 pm Jesus is Lord Church
Service (Auditorium)
Chinese Fellowship
Service (Lounge)
2:00 pm CCC next meeting 1st
May (Lounge)
5:30 pm From 15th May CCC
will be called Come
Alive and will meet
weekly from 5-7pm.

Indian Dinner Youth Fundraiser

Tickets are now available for the Indian takeaway dinner on the **14th of May**. Ashok and Suna Rajasingh will be cooking up a storm of delicious Indian cuisine; you will be able to choose two of three dishes when you place your order -

- 1) Butter Chicken
- 2) Lamb Masala
- 3) Pork Vindaloo

Only \$30 for two choices! All proceeds after costs will go toward the Youth Fiji Fundraiser. See Hayley or one of the youth for tickets, or see Karen in the office.

Bake Sale

Youth fundraising for the Fiji mission trip; Sunday 1st May after the service.

DBGO

A club for girls aged 7 –12 years, resumes for 2016 (Term 1 & 2) on May 5th from 4 to 5.30 pm. Activities include crafts, baking and other fun things along with learning about Jesus. The cost is \$2.00 per session; to learn more speak with Ruth Neighbour.

High Tea for Women

Sat 7th May, 2.30pm @ NP Central Baptist Church. All women 16yrs & over are welcome. Tickets are \$10 each, available from NPCBC office, Elaine Nichols and Janet Dunlop

Toolbox Parenting Course

Peter is running a morning Toolbox Parenting Course beginning on Wednesday 11th of May in the Lounge from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. If you are interested in participating in the course please speak with Peter.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Sunday, 29th of May following a Pot Luck Lunch, which will follow the morning service.. Please put this important date in your diary and plan to be present for both this important event in the life of the church and for the time of fellowship before. The annual report and elder nominations will be disseminated in a few weeks.

Mission Boxes

Due in now. Please see Margaret Emo