

CHURCH CALENDAR 29 JULY - 4 AUGUST

Monday

10:00 am Bible Study (Lounge)
10:00 am Seedpods (Downstairs)
7:30 pm Graham Home Group (769 6372)

Tuesday

9:30 am Women in the Word Study Group
6:00 pm DBX (Hall)
7:30 pm Siraa Home Group (753 9878)

Wednesday

7:00 am Prayer Meeting (Lounge-Lemon St entrance)
7:30 pm Music Practice
7:30 pm Barnes Home Group (752 2126)

Thursday

4:00 pm DBGO (Hall)
6:00 pm Intermediate Youth (downstairs)
7:30 pm Thursday evening service (Lounge)

Friday

10:00 am Mainly Music (Auditorium/Hall)
10:00 am Seedpods (Oliver Home)
1:45 pm Mum's in Prayer
7:00 pm Youth Group

Saturday

Sunday

9:00 am Pre Service Prayer (Prayer Room)
9:30 am Family Service
6:00 pm Encore Sermon (Lounge-Lemon St entrance)

Today:

Crèche: Faye Gill

Next Week:

Speaker: M Kelderman

Morning Tea: J Vickers

Crèche: M Ussher & A Kelderman

Pastoral Prayer: A Rajasingh

Bible Thought:

Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete purity because we fear God. 2 Corinthians 7:1 (CEV)

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CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcome to Worship

28 July 2013

Today at NPCBC

9.30 am Family Service

Speaker: Martien Kelderman

6 p.m. Encore Sermon

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.

July Duty Elder: Andre Siraa

Thursday at NPCBC

7.30 pm Evening Service (Lounge 2)



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Martien's Musings

What makes you angry? I asked myself that question a little while ago and the answer I came up with was - 'not a lot.' In part that is because I do not anger easily. Thick skin, decided it is mostly a useless emotion, not too bad at guarding my heart. Yes all of the above. I don't even get angry at bad behaviour, because I have a view of what sin has done and I see bad behaviour more as an inevitable in lives not transformed by the grace of God.

There is, however, something that is causing a slow burn in me and I find myself with a growing anger about it. My issue is with sickness that debilitates and threatens people's lives. We have two folk in our congregation fighting serious cancer challenges, we have others whose lives are diminished by health issues that are energy draining and crippling. Sickness is the result of sin in the world courtesy of Adam's (and Eve's) sin and our collective identification with that rejection of God's commands. I ask myself, and I am increasingly asking of God, why it is that if Jesus came to redeem all of creation (Romans 8:19ff) that we don't see more of that redemptive activity in the area of health. Yes I know that when Christ returns and fully implements his Kingdom on earth there will be no more sickness. Yes I know that his healing miracles were signs of that Kingdom to come. Yes I know also that people did not necessarily believe or come to faith because they saw these miracles. However those that received them did get a lot better and that's a good outcome.

I also know that Jesus said we would do even greater things than these the works that Jesus was doing (John 14:12). I am however not seeing that happening here in New Plymouth. Over the years I have learned and observed that He certainly heals some of the time and our challenge is to listen to know when so that we can pray in faith but I am left asking why we do not see healing more in our town. My 'more' is an honest reflection that on the "miraculous" "God demonstrating his power", "greater things than these" end of the spectrum we are not experiencing what was clearly evident in scripture.

In John 11:35 we are told that "Jesus wept" and he was "deeply moved." We usually read that as an expression of compassion for the suffering of Mary and Martha in their grief. The scholars tell us that the language actually has a strong note of anger in the weeping and the moving, anger at the impact of sin and how it destroys and in response He promises that He is the resurrection and the life and backs his words by raising Lazarus from the dead. Let us cry out to God that we might see more of his power to heal because we love those who suffer amongst us and in the city and we want to see people as a result put their faith in Him (John 11:45)

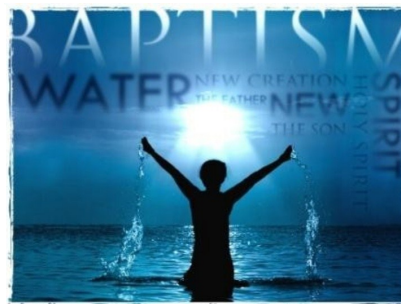
Simmering and slowly coming to the boil

Grace and Peace,

Martien

Church Life

A Baptism Service is planned for the 18th of August. Water baptism is a natural step for anyone wanting to commit their lives to following Jesus. Anyone interested in being baptised, see Martien.



The Southernns have passed the leadership of their home group over to June Barnes. Contact June on 757 2525

Faith@Home <http://npcbcfaithathome.blogspot.co.nz/>

August Faith Idea: Laugh. This month, as you sit together around the dinner table (I hope you get to do this as a family) tell a joke, tell a funny story, something that you did as a child, or maybe yesterday, that will make others laugh. If you can't think of any, your children will! Laughter has been proven to have physical and emotional benefits. So laugh with your children. Sometimes my children say "Dad, you're too serious" or "You're not as fun as you used to be." I need to be reminded to lighten up sometimes. So here's one: Why did the tomato turn red? (The answer is somewhere in this newsletter...) Peter

Married



The marriage course formula
= fantastic atmosphere + romantic meal for two
+ practical talks + couple discussion times
+ NO GROUP WORK!
Cost: \$100 per couple, which includes manuals (\$20) and dinner each night (payment options available).
Invite your neighbours, colleagues, friends and families.
Invitation cards available at the office.

Church Life continued.....

Women

Working Womens' Breakfast
Saturday 10th August @ 9.30am.

Alina Leigh will be sharing with us on this morning. These breakfasts are especially for women who are in employment, to meet and share together.

Please RSVP to Anne Kelderman or Joan Harding by 7th Aug.



God, Our Loving Father - tender pruning in His hands. Debbie Veale shares her story of hope. Knox Presbyterian Church, Monday 5th August, 6:30pm Dinner. \$15.
See Miriam Oliver for more details. RSVP by 28 July.

Parents and Children

Toolbox Course: for The Middle years will begin at the church on Wednesday 7th August at 10am. Pre- schoolers will be looked after during the course. Contact Shirley on 759 8996 or Fay on 753 5160.

Training Opportunities

Elijah House: Is offering two schools in prayer ministry training, an A School from 16 - 20 September and a B School from 30 September to 4 October. To find out more phone Nigel or Carol Weir on 758 1577 or collect registration forms from the church office. Registration closes 23 August.



Answer: It saw the salad dressing.

Lodging and Board or Room to rent required. 50 year old truck driver needing accommodation.

Please contact Anton 027 2767554