

Sundays—coming up

Prayer each Sunday 9.30am in the lounge. All welcome.

April 14th 10am Brian Cochran - Celebration of the Past and anticipation of the future

April 21st 10am Craig Vernall - Mission

April 28th 10am Rob Stacey - Mission – The Spirit of the Lord
Connect-ability after the service.

CAN WE HELP? If you need any help getting to appointments or doing simple jobs at home we have a team of people who may be able to help. Contact Julia Arden on 5715577 or the church office.

FINANCIAL GIVING:

This is a regular habit of our worship that is needed for us to continue & to grow in God's work.

For a Central giving number (for tax rebates)

email: office@tcbc.org.nz

Please include your giving number as a reference.

For cash giving, place in the basket at the back of the auditorium.

For online giving:

For general church offerings/appeals please use: 03 0435 0475881 27.

Weekly budget: \$4,615 **Average giving:** \$4,002

Did you know that all of our weekly newsletters and messages are uploaded here: www.tcbc.org.nz + we also communicate and engage as a community on Facebook.

Just ask the office to find out more.



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Tauranga Central Baptist Church

Haere mai, welcome! April 14th 2024



**Discovering what it means to know God,
the world, each other, and to love.**

Pastor's Scribble

Welcome to our Celebration service, where we will spend some time celebrating the past and anticipating all the possibilities of the future as we partner with Bethlehem Baptist Church. Please join us for a "more significant" morning tea after the service.

As we prepare for our merger with BBC, there are more questions people are wondering about. To a certain degree we are feeling our way forward as there as many things we don't have the answer to.

Probably the most common question is; how many people are going to come from BBC? Sure the worship team will come and lead us, but other than that it is a bit of a guess, and my guess is between 50-100.

Another question has been; will there be a children's ministry? I can answer that one—Yes. But we don't know how big it will be, nor what ages they will be—our best guess is there might be 20 and we will have a programme for both pre and primary schoolers.

Interestingly another popular question is; will the celebration box still happen? It is great to hear what is happening in peoples lives and celebrate it (or is it the chocolates!!!) and the hope is that it will continue in some form. Our concern is that if we double in size, this is going to consume too much time. What we are looking to do is celebrate the "big birthdays" and some other significant events, so we need you to let the office know if you, or someone you know, is celebrating something and we will see what we have time to include.

The other important question is; will mission prayer still happen?—And that is a big yes. This is part of our DNA and we want this to continue — yes we might tweak it a bit, include some other aspects, see some different faces, but mission prayer is vital.

If you have other questions, do give me a call—Brian



FOR THE KIDS

There are some toys and books in the back corner for restless babies and toddlers.

Keeping Connected ...

If you are interested to find out about our regular connect groups & other social gatherings, please contact the office.

COMING UP:

MISSION PRAYER MEETING Note change of date to **Sunday 28th April** after the service. Come and join others to hear about what is happening in mission here in NZ and around the world and to pray together.

ONE HEART WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—MAY 10 and 11

at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 90 Bethlehem Road.

The theme this year is, 'Mercy, Majesty, Manaakitanga' - spend the weekend dwelling on God's nature of mercy, his sovereignty, the way he welcomes and nurtures us, and how we can do that for others.

Cost: \$45 Early bird, \$55 general. Register at www.oneheart.org.nz

TUESDAY GROUP is taking a break until Tuesday 30th April.

PRAYER FOR THE KIDS OF NZ Are you concerned about the children of NZ and the alarming stats we hear about abuse, behaviour etc? We are ranked by the UN as 35th out of 41 developed nations in the world in terms of child welfare. If you would like to connect with others to pray about the issues facing children in NZ, please contact Judith Craven.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Dulcie Taylor who passed away on the 11th of April. Her funeral service will be here on Thursday 18th at 1.30pm.

DONATION TAX RECEIPTS have now been emailed or posted. Most are emailed so check your inbox and if you can't see it, check you spam/junk folder. Let the office know if you have any problems.

MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



As we move forward from today, we want to give thanks for all those whom God has called into Mission service from this church over the years.

It all started 84 years ago in 1940, and since then we have seen so many folks involved, in so many different roles and places, all called and enabled with the church's blessing.

We give thanks to those of the past and look forward to sending and supporting many more into the future.