

Sundays—coming up

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

April 7th 10am Brian Cochran—Late to the Party

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

April 21st 10am Craig Vernall—Mission

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:** \$4,005

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 various Facebook Groups. Just ask the office to find out more.



CHURCH OFFICE

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Tauranga Central Baptist Church

Haere mai, welcome! April 7th 2024



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

Pastor's Scribble

I hope you had a great Easter and had the opportunity to attend one of the services over Holy Week and Easter. We had about 100 attend each of the reflective Holy Week Services and then we joined with Bethlehem Baptist for Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

While we were gathering here, over 4000 young people gathered at Easter Camp and E camp for Intermediate age, 400 of them from Bethlehem Baptist—is it too early to claim that they are our youth too???

Please continue to pray for these youth as they return to "normal" life, that God will continue to reveal himself to them.

The next two Sundays, the 14th and 21st April, are going to be significant days in the life of the church. We have been talking about it for more than twelve months and no doubt it will be talked about into the future.

Sunday the 14th will be the last time we gather as a "senior" congregation, before a number from Bethlehem Baptist Church (BBC) join us and our age demographic is dramatically altered. We will be spending some time celebrating the past, singing some hymns, walking down memory lane and thanking God for the past and how he has been leading us into the future.

We will conclude this service with a special morning tea, where we can continue to tell a few stories of days gone past.

On the 21st, BBC will join with us and we become "one church in two locations", a goal we've diligently pursued for 14 months. The integration discussions over these months have been fruitful, and we are excited about the opportunities ahead. Many from BBC have expressed interest in getting involved here at Central. We will be lead by the BBC worship team and Craig Vernall, the senior pastor of BBC (and now us too) will be preaching—don't miss out on this inaugural service.



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:

EASTER SING Today 3.15pm—4pm at St. Enoch's Church (134 Sixteenth Ave) followed by afternoon tea. Gather with others to sing some triumphant songs together celebrating Christ's victory through the cross and the grave.

TAURANGA CIVIC CHOIR CONCERT Saturday April 13th, 4pm at St Peters in the City, Spring Street. Tickets at <http://www.taurangacivicchoir.org.nz/>



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

NZ BAPTIST NEWS Catch up with what is happening around our country in Baptist churches, mission and other interesting articles at baptist.org.nz or on the Baptist app. If you would like a printed version of some of this once every two months let the church office know.

CHURCH KEYS Do you hold a church key that you no longer need to be using? If so, please return this to the office.

DONATION TAX RECEIPTS are being worked on and will be out shortly by email and printed (for those without email).

Ross and Cindy—South Asia

They have asked for prayer as they travel 5+ hours by road to a Tea Garden school for a 4 day training workshop with newly established school's teachers. The tea garden workers are tribal, living in remote hilly areas, and generally poorly educated.



They are taking two staff from the GEMS school to assist with the training.