

Sundays—coming up

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

March 10th 10am Rob Stacey (BBC)—Sacred echo – Surrender

March 17th 10am Brian Cochran
Sacred echo – Take care of my people

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 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:** \$4,296

Did you know that all of our weekly newsletters & messages are uploaded here:

www.tcbc.org.nz

+ we also communicate & 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! March 10th 2024



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

Pastor's Scribble Continue to pray for our nation's leaders...

In any country, successive new governments are usually at pains to say how terrible the previous government was, and how they are now cleaning up the mess. Arguably every government has some areas in which it will be reasonably wise, competent, and efficient, and some other areas in which it may be less surefooted and appropriate.

Christians, just like other people, have a range of political preferences. But can we, as Christians, also look at the policies of any Government through the wider lens of general biblical ethics?

Of any government, can we ask question like these? How well does it...

- honour God? (e.g. Hos. 12:6, Ps. 2:10-11)
- discern the difference between good and evil? (e.g. Is. 5:20)
- govern with justice, righteousness, mercy and kindness? (e.g. Ps. 33:5, 89:14, Jer. 29:7, Zech. 7:9)
- lead with impartiality, uncorrupted by undue influence of the rich and powerful? (e.g. Prov. 29:14)
- care for the poor, the sick, the weak, and the vulnerable? (e.g. Prov. 14:31, Is.1:17)
- uphold the sanctity of human life? (Gen.9:6, Ps. 139:13-16)
- restrain lawlessness? (1 Pet.2:13, Rom.13:3,4)

All governments should be respected for the responsibility that has been given to them (Rom. 13:1-2). All governments can get some things wrong. All of them need our support in prayer (1 Tim. 2:2).

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

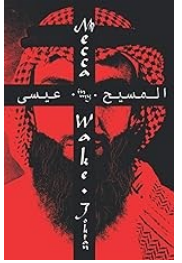
Keeping Connected ...

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

COMING UP:

TONIGHT 6PM C3 City Church 252, Otumoetai Road

Come and hear how the Lord Jesus Christ transformed the life of Ahmed Joktan, a young medical doctor from Mecca, Saudi Arabia.



MISSIONS PRAYER MEETING next Sunday after the service in the auditorium. Come and pray for both Baptist and other mission work.



EASTER PLANS Here at Central there will be three reflective services during Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter), an art exhibition called "Stations in the Street" and then on Good Friday and Easter Sunday we will be joining BBC at their place. More details to come.

HOPE BOOKLETS DELIVERY Could you help deliver some of these before Easter to streets in the Tauranga CBD? Let the office know if you can help.



FOODBANK NEEDS At the moment they need - tinned soup, fish, and fruit, muesli bars, jam and peanut butter, cereals, pasta, milo and large nappies (sizes 4, 5 and 6). If you can help with any of these, please place them in the basket in the foyer. Donations are very gratefully received.

TRIPURA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

- Give thanks for the recent seminar held at the Tripura Theological College.
- Give thanks for the quality of the group of young leaders who are strong in their faith and continually looking for ways to strengthen the church.
- Pray for the College and the Baptist churches in Tripura.

