

## Sundays—coming up

**May 22nd** Farewell for Maude Family (followed by a piece of cake)

- 10am *Andrew Maude Psalm 126 "Keep on Sowing"*
- *BYO Farewell Picnic Lunch (weather permitting) at Memorial Park, meet at the north end (Seventh Ave entry) near the fountain.*
- *If the picnic doesn't happen, Connect-ability will be held after the service.*

**May 29th**

- 10am *Brian Cochran—Final in our "GodSpace" series— "Wondering like God does"*

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

**[www.tcbc.org.nz](http://www.tcbc.org.nz)**

+ we also communicate & engage as a community on our two community Facebook groups.

Just ask any of our pastors or leaders to find out more.



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# Tauranga **Central** Baptist Church

**Haere mai, welcome! May 22nd 2022**



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

## Pastor's Scribble ....

**Kia ora koutou**, hi everyone & welcome! As I scribble down some thoughts for the last time before we move on, I remember the song, 'Wind of Change,' by a band called Scorpions—released in 1991, after the fall of the Iron Curtain & the end of the Cold War. It's a great song—an anthem—that speaks of peace & reunification in a time of conflict & change. However, in a number of ways, it is a very poignant song for the moment that we are also in today. It is a season of change. In fact, the world may have changed more in the last two years, than in any other decade of our lives. And it will continue to change for some time yet. So, as I was thinking about this change for us, for you, & for me, I was drawn to the words of this Psalm that I am excited to be exploring with you today—Psalm 126.

### **When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion we were like those who dreamed...**

...and it continues with this prayer that our fortunes would be restored. Yeah, change is hard—as we let go of what we know & begin to move to what we don't. However, let's never forget that we are led & accompanied by the One who is set to one day restore all that God has made, & that we are safe in God's hands until that day. So, as is modelled by the Psalm—let's continue to remember how God has led us & provided in the past, so that we can confidently move on ahead in faith towards the future that we cannot yet see—**when our seeds of tears will be reaped as songs of joy!**

### **Until then, a HUGE thanks to you all of Tauranga Central Baptist Church—**

for the many different ways that we've been blessed with this family as our church home + we'll be excited to hear where God is leading you to next!

**Cheers & God bless, Andrew Maude**

**BUILDING UPDATE** Painting and varnishing has continued in the auditorium, the concrete has been poured in the new kitchen/bathroom areas. All the wiring for heating and lights in the auditorium has been renewed—it's been a busy week.

**TOILETS** are at each end of the hallway just off the main Hall. The accessibility toilet is unisex and there is a baby change station in the men's toilet. Yes Mums can use this one too!



**FOR THE KIDS** There is a play mat and toys in the back corner for restless babies and toddlers and clipboards and activity boxes for older children there too. Please help yourself.

Some Sundays we will have a programme during the second part of the service for children aged 3.5 years and older in the lounge.

## Keeping Connected ...

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**Sunday 29th May.** Why not have a think about how you could connect in some way with your neighbours that day. Maybe take them some baking, invite them over, go for a walk or out for coffee together. We'd love to hear how that goes for you.

**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.

**THURSDAY MORNING CONNECT GROUP** is now meeting in Judith Craven's home in Welcome Bay each week at 10am. We have just started a new study working through the book of Romans using some notes from Tim Keller. If you would like to join us, ring Judith or send a text on 0272839504.

**TAURANGA CIVIC CHOIR** Concert "Dvorak Mass in D" 28th May 3pm, St Peter's in the City, Spring Street. Tickets \$20 at [www.taurangacivicchoir.org.nz/tickets](http://www.taurangacivicchoir.org.nz/tickets)

**THIS WEEK** Men's Coffee 10am Columbus Café, Mitre 10 Mega, Friday 27th.

**COOL BANANAS** has transitioned its work from being in schools to the digital space, producing content that teaches life skills and values to children in a fun, energetic, and colourful way. This content format allows it to be used in a wide range of school settings, in children's ministry programmes, by families in homes, and via the internet through secondary providers. The small Tauranga based team are creative thinkers, highly committed to the vision, and hard-working.

### **Their current prayer needs are:**

Finding the right person to lead the operation of the ministry and build the network of connections with schools.

Funding: the budget is modest, but more income is needed.

Pray for Grant and Karena Vincent, who led Cool Bananas for 20+ years, as Karena battles a brain tumour and copes with treatment.

For Cool Bananas to maintain a strong Christian witness as the new creative content for the digital space has the potential to reach thousands of children.

### **Financial Giving:**

This is a regular habit of our worship that is needed for us to continue & to grow in God's work. For online or automatic giving:

**For a giving number (for tax rebates) email: [office@tcbc.org.nz](mailto:office@tcbc.org.nz)**

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

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**Please include your giving number as a reference.**

**TCBC weekly budget: \$4927 Average giving: \$4880 (since 1st Sept).**