

**Sundays—coming up:**

**November 21st**

**Downstairs** (930am) + **The Upper Room** (1030am)

Brian Cochran, 1 Corinthians 16:1-24—“Be on your Guard and Stand Firm”

**November 28th**

**Downstairs** (10am) and **Central Kids** “I am the Light of the World”

First Sunday of Advent Andrew Maude “Advent begins in the dark”

**December 5th**

**Downstairs** (10am) and **Central Kids** “Christmas”

Advent Week 2 Brian Cochran “John the Baptist—playing second fiddle”

**Note the new start time of 10am from Sunday 28th November**

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  
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Baptist Church

**One Church, Two Congregations, on a Journey Together**  
**Haere mai, welcome! Sunday 21st November 2021**



## Pastor's Scribble ....

Next week is a significant transition point in the life of our church – on Sunday our two congregations become one. We have been walking this journey now for a few years, some of us with eager anticipation, others with nervousness. Things will be different.

- **We will be gathering at 10am.** If you forget and turn up at 9.30am we'll give you a chocolate, just so you don't feel quite so bad for forgetting.
- The gathering is a *new creation; the old has gone and the new has come.* We will endeavour to hold on to what is good from both congregations and present it in a way that is good for all of us.
- There will be 'child noise'! Praise God!! I hope this will bring a smile to your face.
- We will try new things, create new traditions, sing new songs; some will work wonderfully, others will fail – be patient with us.

Things will be different, but we will continue to gather together, encourage one another, worship our Lord, just like we have for the last 110 years.

Brian



**“...a new creation! ...the old has gone, the new has come!”**

**Sunday 28th November** (first week of Advent) **will be the beginning of our new church life as one—with the new start time of 10am.**

**CENTRAL  
KIDS**

**Central Kids:** meet out in the lounge during the second part of our 10.30am gathering upstairs. All kids (age 3 to school year 8) are welcome! + if you would like to help or get involved, please contact Nicola—it will surely make her day!

**Curious to find out about baptism, or explore faith?**

**New to our church & would like to know more, or get involved?**

**Would you appreciate some prayer & support?**

Whatever it is, please get in touch, we would really love to chat & hear your thoughts!

## Keeping Connected ...

**If you are interested to find out about our regular connect groups & other social gatherings,** please take a brochure from our foyer downstairs, or feel free to contact the office or staff.



**BMF/MISSIONS PRAYER MEETING TODAY** at 11am in the auditorium. Come and hear Emily Schulz, who has been responsible for the dental programme that YWAM Ships Aotearoa (The Koha) has operated in the Bay of Plenty this year while the Covid restrictions have been in place. She will explain how the programme has operated and the amazing effect it has had on the lives of so many in the wider Bay of Plenty. Come and hear about an exciting outreach right on our doorstep and how the Koha is being used even though it cannot travel to the Pacific.

**SOLAR BUDDIES** Our solar panels are working well. Our last bill was \$180 credit, saving \$600!! If you (or a family member or friend) are Trustpower customers, we can still accept some more Solar Buddies. Pick up a form in the foyer.

**MEN'S COFFEE** Last one for the year! Meet at Espresso Café, Mitre 10 Mega, 10am this Friday for a catchup with other guys.

### COOL BANANAS YOUTH TRUST

Changes in the school environment and Covid-19 have meant the Cool Bananas team are taking a different approach to the ministry. They have been shifting their focus to producing high quality digital children's material content in various formats which can be used in both a Christian and a secular setting. 'Thrive' has been developed for a school classroom environment, and 'Blello' can be seen on Shine and TV as well as downloaded for use in church ministry. This also increases the 'reach' of the ministry to potentially over 100,000 young people.

The team recently ran a 'Nano camp' – an online school holiday programme, which was very well received. Ongoing funding continues to be a challenge as traditional sources are also challenged, but the team are very grateful for God's provision during a recent focus on fundraising and communication of the renewed direction to Trusts and supporters.

### 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**

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

**For Church building redevelopment please use: 03 0435 0475881 01.**

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

**TCBC weekly budget: \$4927 Average giving: \$4553 (over 12 months).**