

**Sundays—coming up:**

**October 10th** (middle weekend of School holidays):

**Downstairs:** Brian Cochran, 1 Corinthians 11:2-16. *Hats, Headship and Submission*. **The Upper Room is taking a break today.**

**October 17th** (final weekend of School holidays):

**Downstairs** (930am) followed by **BMF Mission meeting** at 11am in the auditorium and **Connect-ability** in the hall after morning tea.

**The Upper Room** (1030am), Andrew Maude, 1 Corinthians 12:1-31, *"For the Body—The Gifts of the Spirit"*

**October 24th: Downstairs** (930am) + **The Upper Room** (1030am)

Brian Cochran 1 Corinthians 13:1-14:25 – *"Love: for the Body"*

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

*One Church, Two Congregations, on a Journey Together*  
**Haere mai, welcome! Sunday 10th October 2021**



## Pastor's Scribble ....

I was really encouraged after the Church Family Forum last Sunday. We reflected that this has been a very full year, with a number of challenges, both for individuals and the church.

The first, and primary, thing we talked about was the journey of The Upper Room and its relationship with downstairs. We have been walking this journey for 6 years now and the leadership believes that we are ready to take the next step toward unity and that on Sundays we meet as one gathering, probably at 10am. I was so encouraged when the general response was applause! Sure, that does not mean that it will be easy, that there won't be challenges, sacrifices, but there seems to be a lot of hope and anticipation.

We then gave an update on the building developments, which is progressing nicely, and an update on the church's weekly giving, which is not progressing nicely. But I have run out of room to talk about that, so make sure you come along to our AGM which is planned for after the Sunday service on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Brian

**WELCOME** to Colleen Blackler who joins our membership, do make yourself known to her.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who phoned and sent cards after Gavan's death and to Grant Wright for so ably leading the service. Grace Crow and Family.

**Congratulations** to Nghi and Ann Nguyen on the arrival of their little baby boy.



**Central Kids:** meet out in the lounge during the second part of our 10.30am upstairs gathering. All kids (from 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.

The **Thursday morning connect group** are starting to work through the book of "Revelation" using N T Wright's book "Revelation for Everyone" It is a very easy to read book and it is a very exciting study. All are welcome. We meet in the lounge, starting at 10am and finishing at 11am

**BMF/MISSION MEETING Next Sunday** 11am in the auditorium. Come and pray for our world, All welcome.

**AGM: Sunday 31st October after a combined 9.30am service.** All welcome! Those who are members will be able to vote on decisions, including on those who are standing for various leadership positions that we are looking to fill. If you wish to nominate someone, please see the church leadership nominations document in the foyer.

### Weekly prayer for mission: YWAM Medical Ship Koha

Pray for Tony Fish (technical overseer) as he consults with the government to clarify their requirements for the ship. Pray for the 3 day trip taking at risk youth out on the ship.

Give thanks for the man who volunteered to upgrade the kitchen and bathroom. The sewerage and water treatment plants have also been installed and paid for.

The mobile dental clinical treated 60 Pacific Island seasonal workers in Judea last week, they will be in Welcome Bay this week. Pray for the team. Give thanks for 2 new donated dental chairs (\$45,000 each).



**Tauranga Community Foodbank:** They would really appreciate the following at the moment—cocoa, icing sugar, biscuits, muesli Bars & single easy heat/cook meals. There is a basket for donations in the foyer downstairs.

### 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: \$5387 Average giving: \$4705 (over 12 months).**