

Pastors Prattle

Spring is thoroughly sprung, we've had some glorious days, which means for sure we'll have some cold and wet stuff yet. Do grab the moments of new life that spring offers. Go for a walk, stop and smell the flowers, pause and celebrate the new life. (I try it myself occasionally, and it's fantastic!) In April we're planning a Long Quiet Breakfast: a chance to try out being reflective, something that some of us (such as me) aren't very good at – but something energising and reinvigorating. Jesus often paused to take stock, to breathe and take some time and space with God – which means it is probably a fairly good thing for you and me to do a bit of. Watch this space for more details of the LQB. (And, a thought, if you find it hard to find an indoor place that offers reflective space, our little chapel is excellent! As the man from Dilmah would say, Do try eet).

Don't forget I'm here for you guys – if you'd like a natter anytime on anything small, big or trivial, I'd love to do that over a coffee (or a tea or an early breakfast or a drink or a whatever) at your place or downtown at your favourite place if you'd like that. Contact me anytime as below. And feel free to email or mobile me even when I'm actually out of town.

I'm phoneable in the church office plenty. FYI I'm here right through to my last day Sunday 11 Nov apart from the days when I'm not..... I'm out of town for the following periods: Sun 14 – Sat 20 Oct, Sun 28 Oct – Sat 4 Nov (inclusive).

God bless

Chris Grantham



Contact details:

Church office 06 751 2089
Mobile 021 4 CHRIS (021 424 747)
Email: Chris@Grantham.co.nz

Administration

Cleaning Roster

Oct 6th Brent and Murray
Oct 13th Tania and Sue.
Oct 20th John and Marilyn
Oct 27th Ricky and Ruth,

If you are unable to do your turn on your set weekend, please swap or arrange with someone else to do it for you. Thank You.

Lawn Mowing Roster

Oct 6th Daniel Lamorena
Oct 13th Jun Lamorena.
Oct 20th Simon Velvin
Oct 27th Wayne Lovegrove

If you are unable to do your turn on your set weekend, please swap or arrange with someone else to do it for you. Thank You.

Music Group

Practices for October are on the 15th and 29th at 7pm. If you would like to know more about the music group please contact Gary Bedford on 751 3113.

Food Cupboard - HELP!

Just a reminder to let everyone know that the food cupboard is still operating to be able to cater for those who may need a little extra help. However, the stocks are a bit low, which means that if we are asked to help out we are limited to do so.... not a good look :-). While basics are wonderful to have, it would also be great to be able to provide people with fresh items, (the healthy stuff). To be able to do this we need cash on hand, so if anyone feels able to provide either some cash or grocery vouchers it would be much appreciated. This can be placed in an envelope labeled 'food cupboard' and placed in the offering bowl. If everyone in the church was able to bring just one item per month (more if you prefer), it would make a huge difference. Thanks heaps. Sue Wilson.

Information

'Operation Christmas Child'

Boxes need to be filled by 13th October and there are 3 drop-off points. Northpoint Church, Central Baptist Church and The Western First National Real Estate offices at 127 Devon St East.

URGENT

Furnished accommodation is needed for 5 people ie our student Pastor and her Family from mid-November to end of January. Let Marilyn and John Velvin know if you hear of anything suitable ASAP.

Is everybody welcome at West?

How disability-friendly are we? Allan and Val West, our new Property Managers are leading a process to check us out – our facilities and our attitudes. If you've thoughts on what we could do better, please give them a call on 751 2621.

Christmas is coming: get in early

Joy Cowley, popular Kiwi writer of Aotearoa Psalms and Psalms Down-Under (amongst scores of other books) is leading a two-day live-out Advent Retreat Sat 10-Sun 11 November at New Plymouth Girls' High. See noticeboard for details.

Hey kids – a Light Party!

A great alternative to Halloween is the Light Party. Life Advance Church (150 Ngamotu Road) are again hosting this event on Wednesday 31 October 5.30-7pm. They'd love to have some Westies there – and would love to have some of us help staff the stalls/games etc. Care to help in a community venture? Contact Chris Grantham for more info or if you might be able to help.

Brooke Fraser & Band

Where; TSB Theatre
When; Saturday 27th October, 7.30pm

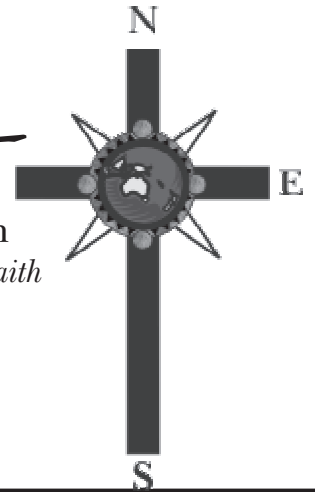
New Plymouth

West

Baptist Church

*A place of shelter, faith
and laughter*

OCTOBER 2007



MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

Worship

Community Worship :

Sunday 10am

Service Themes for October

Oct 7 Get out of jail free
Oct 14 God 'n Church 'n Bibles
Oct 21 (Labour w/e) Use your brains!
Oct 28 Family dynamics

Prayer time in the Chapel 9.30am each Sunday. Please come and join in prayer for the service each week.

Get Real :

Sunday 6.30pm. For the Youth during School term time only.

We welcome visitors to our Service today. It's good to have you with us. If you would like someone to talk with you and/or pray with you we have people available, just speak to the Pastors or a member of the leadership team.

"Growing
people to be
like Jesus and
be Jesus in
the
WORLD"

Nurture



Youth Focused Mentoring for year 7 and up. "Becoming more like Jesus".

Get Real -For all Year 7 and up students, their families, their friends and their mentors. 6.30 pm on Sundays at the Church.

Please support Mouse as he takes over responsibility for this vital ministry. Please pray for him, and if you're not already on a support team once a month, then consider joining. If you are part of a team then please make sure you're there on your night. And when you're there, make sure you build relationships with the youth .Alison is the admin person. Liane Lovegrove is the person to contact if you could help on one of the teams once every 4-6 weeks at Get Real. She would love to hear from you! A big thankyou to those who do front up regularly to help and support.

Get Real will recommence on Sunday 14th October. Well done to the young people who took the Church Service on Sunday 16th September. You were all amazing and we are really blessed to have each one of you as part of our family here at West. We look forward to more of your involvement in the future.

Sick List

Continue to pray for Lyn Smith, Ainsley Cox, Heather Hoffman and Grace Douglas.

Church Address: 144 South Road, New Plymouth, Ph: 751-2089 (answerphone available 24/7!)
e-mail addresses:
info@westbaptist.org.nz
Website: www.westbaptist.org.nz

To contact the Pastor at West Baptist Use this email address:
pastor@westbaptist.org.nz

MISSION

Please remember to check out the Church Mission's Boards, they cover all those areas and people that our church is supporting. Jocelyn has put out guidelines for writing to Missionaries, so grab a copy and write to the Taylors, Meryl and Mithum. They would love to hear from you.

Meryl Ashworth

Thank you for your prayers for my time in Kenya. Both medical issues were dealt with successfully, and I then had a wonderful holiday staying in a beach resort just north of Mombassa for a week. I feel a lot better, and quite refreshed.

meryl.ashworth@sim.org

The Taylors

The Taylors are still having great difficulty obtaining the necessary security clearances so that they can renew their Visas. Please pray as this matter is critical.

Email: chanzbms@bangla.net

Mithum

Would anybody like to write to Mithum, the young boy we sponsor. See the Mission board or Jocelyn for contact details. Did you get a letter form from Jocelyn to write to Mithum and haven't done so yet?? Well now is a good time to get on and do just that. He'd love to hear from you.

Street Vans

If you would like to be involved, contact Heather Greensill. Phone 7587004 (home) or 025852846 for more information, or talk to Grant Cannell.

Prayer Chain

Syd and Cela Beale are co-ordinating the prayer chain. Ring them with any prayer requests at 753 3459.

Information

Resolving conflict

How can we do it without resorting to a punchup? "Resolve", a Christian service for dispute resolution, is running a one-day seminar in New Plymouth on Sat 13 October. See noticeboard for details.

Toolbox Parenting Groups

Pick up some tips on parenting your kids aged from 0 till they leave home (30 at the last count). Groups meet all over New Plymouth. Phone Rachel on 755 2374 or email

NewPlymouthTBX@parentsinc.org.nz

Jazz 'n comedy

Advance notice: Saturday 10 November is a night to sit back with your mates and enjoy jazz 'n comedy along with some real good coffee 'n cake in the easy ambience of Café West, the great event place at 144 South Road.

Small Groups

Judy Megaw's group meet at Heather Hoffman's home, 119A Vivian St, on Tuesdays at 1.30pm. They are studying "Leading a Life of Balance".

Ring Judy if interested in coming. ph.7512351.

Parachute Music Festival Jan 25th -28th 2008

If you want to be part of the Naki Group and get the cheapest tickets and we hope the best camping spot for P-08 then get your tickets before Dec 5th from Heather Bedford for only \$124. You could be saving yourself around \$30 on the gate price. For more info see Heather.

Information

What's on this Month.

Website www.westbaptist.org.nz

Oct 7th Soup at Dodds 216 Frankley Rd. School holidays end

Oct 9th Family Group Leaders meet at McKillops 3 Skinner St 7.30pm.

Oct 14th Soup at Cannells 53 Karamea St. Get Real starts again

Oct 21st Soup at McKillops 3 Skinner st.

Oct 26th Board meeting at Watsons.

Oct 28th Soup at Wests 130 Omata Rd. [final soup Sunday] 7pm Church Meeting re the Pastorate.

The Gathering at Wellington Oct 29th – Nov 4th

The Final Self Denial Offering came to \$3380.00

FAREWELL. We have to say Farewell to Ainsley Cox [and Murphy] who are leaving New Plymouth to go and Live in Whangarei at Labour Weekend. We will miss you Ainsley. All the Best in your new Home.

Heather Bedford is in the final stages of renewing the directory if you would like to be included please see her TODAY

Church Bookings

Reminder: Should you wish to use the church facilities on any day, it is important that you check on its availability and book accordingly. Not to do so could be embarrassing. Bookings available through Cath and Eric Pool phone 7583546.

The West Baptist Newsletter comes out on the last Sunday of each month. Please contact Margaret Sewell. Ph/Fax: 7536621 or email - mjsewell@actrix.co.nz by the previous Wednesday.

Fellowship

Family Groups

The Cannell Family Group

Val Armstrong is organizing the next event and will be in touch.

The McKillop Group

Roi, Judith, Tania and Judy are organizing the next event so you will be hearing from them.

NADM Family Group

Mark and Kirstyn Fisher are organizing the next event and will be in touch.

Sewell Family Group

Lyn and Tiffany are organizing a Pancake Breakfast and will be in touch.

Snippets

Congratulations to Tania Scott and Daryl Austin on their Engagement. They are to be married at Waiti Beach on November 17th .Our very Best Wishes for Your Future together.

Robyn and Gary Ryan would like to express their thanks to all those who provided meals and baking and Messages of Sympathy during the time of Robyn's Dads Passing. May God Bless you All.

Val Armstrong wishes to say Thank You for the Hospital visits and Prayers during her recent Health Scare.

Simon Cannell also had a trip to Hospital after a mishap with an electric saw and will have his arm in plaster for a while.

Kimberley Downs has been on the move recently with a School trip to Vietnam and a trip to Perth during the school holidays

Lynette Adams has a new Granddaughter."Ruby Grace" born to Shaun and Lauren on Sept 12th Congratulations.