

Prayer Requests

Covenant Grace Baptist Church, Timaru

1. That the preaching and teaching of God's Word would lead us all to greater maturity.
2. That the LORD would provide workers to help in the work in which we have been called.
3. Tim Stanton and Matt Linton as they study in preparation for future ministry.
4. That we would have great wisdom in all of our dealings with our two church buildings.

Crosspoint Church, Palmerston North

1. Please pray for the addition and integration of new members.
2. Pray that the School of Theology would continue to be a means of equipping men for ministry as well as developing friendships and the links between our churches.

Grace Baptist Church, Christchurch

1. Pray that the Lord will give us a real heart for those outside of Christ, and wisdom, boldness, compassion and faithfulness in sharing the gospel with those around us.
2. Continue to pray that the Lord would provide a suitable venue for worship and ministry. We are thankful for our current venue, but due to limitations we are exploring other options.

Gracenet Community Church, Wellington

1. Jerry and Cody eldership candidacy - for the continuing theological and pastoral training provided by Mike and Benny and that their love for the flock would grow.
2. Church attendance - that the Lord would continue bringing new faces to our services.
3. Unity - pray that the Lord would protect and keep Gracenet unified in love and truth.
4. We are wrapping up our series in Genesis. Prayer for Mike and the church as we look to start a new series of biblical overview sermons.

Rolleston Baptist Church, Rolleston

1. The Lord would draw people to Himself from our community and we might be privileged to serve these new converts in their discipleship.
2. The Lord would enable us to actively train up and enable our church members to serve more actively and effectively in evangelism, discipleship and Bible Studies.
3. We might grow together in unity and love as we seek to serve one another with joy.
4. We will trust the Lord while we seek His will and give towards the purchase of land.

Shore Baptist Church, Auckland

1. Prayers for our Members' Meeting to be a continuation of the love and mutual zeal we share for the kingdom of Christ to be established in our midst.
2. Pray for the Lord to lead us in our plans to reach the lost with the Gospel of Christ
3. Pray for the Word to enter our hearts to produce holiness and God-glorifying service.
4. Pray for a venue for the conference in 2020 and a possible new venue for us as a church.

South City Church, Auckland

1. Pray for our work among the children: that local children will be reached with the Gospel
2. Pray too, for the outreach ministry in the markets.
3. Pray for the parents that they will show a Godly example to their children.

Trinity Reformed Baptist Church, Hamilton

1. Pray for the upcoming series in 1 Corinthians - that God would use it to bless his church.
2. Please pray for the variety night - that in all things God would be glorified.
3. Also pray that God would bless and grow the young people as they attend evening services.

West Church, Auckland

1. Please pray for the new intern commencing work in the church in August.
2. Pray for the gospel to be effective in the hearts of unbelievers present each Sunday.

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COVENANT GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, TIMARU

We thank the Lord for His continued blessing towards His church in Timaru. Nick continues to be a great blessing to the church through his teaching ministry, and has now finished his series on Romans. We have just begun a series in the mornings preaching through Luke, and we are undertaking an apologetics series in our Sunday afternoon services. We have several couples meeting during the week and working through a parenting course by Paul David Tripp called "A Better Way to Parent". Tim Stanton continues with his studies in the USA with less than 15 months to go, for which we thank the Lord. Matt Linton continues to work through Biblical studies by correspondence through Covenant Seminary. The elders have recently approached two of our members to consider becoming Deacons.

We have had some progress with regards to our church property deeds being transferred into our Trust, and we anticipate that this will finalise soon. Our new church property has received its resource consent, and we await the building consent before we can begin. We have selected a Project Manager to organise the renovations, and we have a young man in our midst who is willing and able to take on the physical work.

CROSSPOINT CHURCH, PALMERSTON NORTH

We have been encouraged in recent weeks with new-comers in regular attendance, some interest in membership, a baptism, and new opportunities for our younger people to meet to think through the Sunday messages or raise other questions.

Our annual School of Theology will be held 15-19 July. This year Dr. Fred Malone will return to teach the second part of his course on the Pastoral Ministry. We anticipate that about twenty-five men will be present.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHRISTCHURCH

We have been studying the life of David from 1 and 2 Samuel in our sermons and Bible studies. Pray that we would be helped to trust in the Lord, turn from sin in genuine repentance, and walk in obedience as people after God's own heart. We will soon move on to a series of sermons on some of the smaller New Testament epistles. In all of this we long to be shaped increasingly into a God-honouring, faithful and fruitful church by the Spirit through the Word.

In July we have Allen Beardmore, pastor of the Emmanuel Reformed Baptist Church in Perth, preaching for us and reporting on the work of church planting there. We also have the opportunity to hear Joel Beeke at the South Island Stand for the Gospel conference (15-19 July).

—————**GRACNET COMMUNITY CHURCH, WELLINGTON**—————

We have seen continued growth over the last quarter, with more consistent attendees, growing interest in membership classes and larger midweek community groups.

We are hoping to install two new deacons in the next few months: the Lord has provided two perfect candidates who are both willing and gifted. We also have a baptism approaching in early July.

—————**ROLLESTON BAPTIST CHURCH, ROLLESTON**—————

The Lord has kindly blessed us recently in that we have seen three individuals publicly profess their faith in Christ and follow Him in baptism. We have also had a total of 10 people commit to covenant membership here at Rolleston Baptist in the month of June.

We continue to have regular visitors on Sunday mornings.

We are gearing up for our annual Stand for the Gospel Conference, this year with Joel Beeke as our main speaker in July. Lord willing there will be a number of attendees to one of the two conferences from our fellowship churches. We look forward to seeing you there!

We're near the end of a "first run" of mid-week study series aimed at "new-comers" introducing them to the essentials and distinctives of Rolleston Baptist Church. Lord willing this material will be used again in the near future and become a regular pattern providing consistency for new members.

We've also begun a new practice where our other mid-week Bible Studies are focusing on the same book as our Sunday sermons - John's Gospel. We look forward to the fruit that may come from this more intensely focused study together as a congregation.

—————**SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH, AUCKLAND**—————

The biggest news is that we have been blessed to have received confirmation from Pastor Voddie Baucham to be our speaker for the next conference we hope to host at the end of October 2020. More details will follow after meeting with the other churches in the FRBCNZ.

In church itself, we are grateful for steady growth and the way in which we are all affected by the blessed word of God. We are slowly making our way through 1 Thessalonians in the mornings, and Acts in our evening services,

twice a week. We also have some less regular preachers serve us with the Word at the evening services and it has been a huge blessing to the church. SBC is looking very carefully at our mission to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in places where it is not so readily available and we are intentionally praying and working towards doing this well. We recently also did a course called: "Life is Best" helping Christians to engage with those around us on the topic of abortion. It's a really good course and brings the gospel in the centre of how we deal with the arguments, but also lovingly and with grace reach out to those involved. Finally, we are also aware of our need to look for new premises, so much wisdom and careful planning is needed.

—————**SOUTH CITY CHURCH, AUCKLAND**—————

We continue to praise the Lord for His help and guidance. We thank Him too for the new folk who have started attending recently. At present we are running a weekly children's club on Thursday afternoons. Some outside children are coming but we long to see more of the local children coming. Our market ministry continues and we are now also going along to Mangere market. It is now becoming more difficult to witness in the markets as limits are being placed on preaching in the open air. We are looking forward to the 'Stand Conference' in Howick in July.

—————**TRINITY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, HAMILTON**—————

We've recently had several people interview for membership and we still have a few to go. At the moment it's looking like we'll be bringing a number of new members on board in July. In the mornings we are still working through the gospel of Matthew and in the evenings we're about to finish our journey through the pastoral epistles. We'll be moving to 1 Corinthians next. Next month we have a variety night which will be an opportunity for the church to get together and perhaps invite non-Christian friends. Finally we've been having a number of young people come to our evening services - this has been wonderful to see.

—————**WEST CHURCH, AUCKLAND**—————

The 4th Anniversary of the church is on Sunday July 7 and people of the wider Fellowship are welcome to join us. Our second Fellowship Day for our Church for the year is scheduled for November 9. An intern commences work in the church as from mid-August. Some have applied for membership while others have resigned.

Our greatest encouragement would be the fact that people as yet unbelieving are in Church virtually every Sunday

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