

Prayer Requests

Covenant Grace Baptist Church, Timaru

1. Please keep our elders Nick and Rene in your prayers, as they carry many burdens for the sheep under their care, and please also pray for the young men who are currently training for ministry.
2. Please pray for Sam Pascual, who has recently been accepted into his new role as pastor at Temuka Baptist. And please pray that Sam will be reunited with his family in NZ soon.
3. Please pray for Gloriavale who are facing a number of legal charges, and for the Gloriavale Leavers Support Trust as they seek to help those who have left and who continue to advocate for those still bound in this oppressive situation.

Crosspoint Church, Palmerston North

1. Please pray for the Meal outreach on 25th June and wisdom to decide whether to repeat it.

Emmanuel Church, Auckland

1. Please pray that folk already committed to Sunday worship will commit to church membership.
2. Pray also for future pastoral leadership as our Pastor nears 47 years service in the Church.

Grace Baptist Church, Christchurch

1. We are hoping to run the Christianity Explored series again soon. Please pray that non-Christian friends, neighbours and relatives might come along and hear the gospel.
2. On Saturday 26th June we are holding a session of 'Home Maintenance' with the married couples in the church, as we seek to help them in their ministry to their families. May the Lord further equip us to teach the gospel to our children and faithfully live lives worthy of the gospel.

Gracenet Community Church, Wellington

1. Please join us in praising God for his many kind acts of providence toward us.
2. Pray that as a church we would continue to grow in our understanding of God's grace to us and reflect that in our relationships with each other.
3. Pray for our families as they seek to raise their children in the Lord, and for our kids ministries.

Rolleston Baptist Church, Rolleston

1. We have some who are experiencing significant health concerns.
2. The Lord would draw people to Himself from our community and we might be privileged to serve these new converts in their discipleship.
3. The Lord would enable us to actively train up and enable our church members to serve more actively and effectively in evangelism, discipleship and leading/teaching of Bible Studies.
4. The Lord would raise up from our midst men who can serve as Deacons and Elders as well as other servants to fill vital roles in the life of the congregation.

Shore Baptist Church, Auckland

1. Always grateful for the Word and the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our midst.
2. Pray for the nominations of men to the office of elder & deacon at our next members meeting.
3. Please pray for plans to pursue another church plant.
4. Please pray for land to build, a building to purchase or to find a building suitable for lease.

South City Church, Auckland

1. Please pray for Ian Goodman as he settles into the pastorate of South City Church. He and his wife Angelene and children will be coming from Timaru.
2. We thank the Lord for His gracious help in our outreach ministries; in the local markets, placard ministry in strategic places and also witnessing at the Abortion Clinics.
3. We value prayer for the changes that will be happening in our church in the next two or three months.

Trinity Reformed Baptist Church, Hamilton

1. Pray for the children's talk—that the little one's would see and hear of the love of Christ
2. Pray for the evening services—they are wonderful times—that more would come and benefit
3. Pray for wisdom for the elders—mainly wisdom in terms of raising up men for the ministry and other men to share the burden of eldership
4. Pray for the potential purchase of another building: that if it's the Lord's will it would work out.

West Church, Auckland

1. Please pray for us to seek to discern whether the Lord is calling Dwayne into full-time ministry.
2. Please also pray for Dwayne and his family as they face this momentous question.

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COVENANT GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, TIMARU

Covenant Grace is enjoying a time of great blessing in the Lord. We are currently going through Luke in the morning services, and Ephesians in the afternoon services. We have four Bible Studies running at various peoples' houses throughout the week, with good numbers attending each. We have also been holding monthly mens' breakfasts with two other local Baptist churches (plus other individuals), going through Disciplines of a Godly Man by R. Kent Hughes. Some church members recently attended the Impact Conference in Hastings, which was a wonderful time of fellowship with around 750 like-minded Christians.

In terms of missions, we have been involved in helping Temuka Baptist Church rebuild its numbers, and have recently seen the church take on Sam Pascual (a Filipino evangelist) as their new pastor, praise God! We are continuing to give financial and prayer support to this ongoing work. We have also recently begun supporting some new missionary work in both Indonesia and Kenya. Our work with the Gloriavale community is always ongoing, and the people (both in and out) are constantly in our prayers.

CROSSPOINT CHURCH, PALMERSTON NORTH

We are thankful to the Lord for his continued provision for the church and the blessing of unity among the members and consistent attendance upon the Means of Grace.

We have a meal ministry outreach on 25th June: a free meal for the needy in the community together with a gospel message. We hope to try this again towards the end of the year, and thereafter it may become a regular form of gospel outreach.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, AUCKLAND

We have had an increase in numbers attending our worship service with interest shown in baptism and church membership. We are encouraged with new musicians coming forward to serve.

We celebrate our 47th anniversary on 27 June with a Brother from Shore Baptist Church our guest speaker.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHRISTCHURCH

We are very thankful for a number of new people who have begun to attend our services over recent months. We have also recently finished a series of new members classes with eight people involved, and hope that they will be added to the membership of the church in the near future.

In our weekly Bible studies we are nearing the end of a series on 'Biblical Anthropology', looking at the nature of human beings, in the light of many contemporary challenges to these biblical truths. May we be better equipped to proclaim and defend these biblical truths in the midst of a 'crooked and perverse generation, among whom we are called to shine as lights in the world. (Phil. 2:15).

GRACENET COMMUNITY CHURCH, WELLINGTON

We have much to praise God for! Firstly, Mike has finished preaching through the Bible overview series showing us Christ in all the scriptures and our hearts have burned within us. We look forward to starting a new series in Hebrews shortly. Secondly, we have continued to experience steady growth both in terms of regular attendees and those entering covenant membership, three of which were through baptism, and we will be running another membership class soon. Thirdly, five families at church have been blessed with new additions to their families. Finally, Cody and Jerry have completed their eldership training and will be ordained as elders on 18th July, God willing.

ROLLESTON BAPTIST CHURCH, ROLLESTON

We moved to a new venue in May. This has been an incredibly smooth transition for which we are very thankful. We now have a larger space for our main services along with the use of other spaces for additional purposes.

We continue to have regular visitors on Sunday mornings as the pace of growth in the Rolleston community shows no signs of slowing. Some of these visitors have become quite regular, which is a real blessing. We are about to begin another series of our Membership Classes.

SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH, AUCKLAND

After a busy first half to the year, we are looking forward to how the Lord will sustain and keep His church in what still lies ahead for us in 2021.

We are so grateful to the Lord for adding several new families to our church in the past few months; many of them from a charismatic background. There is a real hunger among many for churches where Bibles are opened, preached and believed. Our church is now at the point where the school hall we rent is not suitable anymore. We are now seriously looking into a more long-term prospect for a venue to meet and we would appreciate your prayers. Our evening services are also picking up in attendance: Jeremy is doing a series through the Book of Isaiah in the evenings, while André took a break from the Gospel of John, preached a few of the Psalms

and is getting ready to preach the last of a four part topical series on "Why does God love us?", before we'll get back to the Gospel of John again.

We are also nominating a 5th elder in our upcoming members meeting on the 20th of June and two additional deacons.

SOUTH CITY CHURCH, AUCKLAND

We continue to praise the Lord for His help and guidance. At our Church meeting on the 27th June, we will be nominating another elder. A young couple have requested baptism and church membership. Alfie is retiring at the end of July and Ian Goodman will be inducted as the new pastor on 31st July. We are inviting sister churches to Ian's Induction.

TRINITY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, HAMILTON

Things at Trinity have been continuing on a steady course. We recently began a children's talk before the morning service. This has been well received. We also continue our normal morning (Matthew) and evening (1 Corinthians) series. The morning service continues to be relatively well attended, but the evening service not so much. Finally there is potential we may end up purchasing another building. It's still extremely early days here, but it does seem to be a better fit if it does work out.

WEST CHURCH, AUCKLAND

We are very thankful the Lord has allowed us to move back to using the original New Lynn community hall. This hall is right across the street from the New Lynn train station at the centre of the suburb. It is wonderful to be back after about a year of using an alternative location whilst the Auckland Council renovated the New Lynn hall. We are also looking forward to our church meeting on Saturday the 19th of June. We will primarily be considering whether or not the Lord is calling our brother, Dwayne Tongamohenoa, into the full-time ministry of the Word. Please keep all of us in your prayers, especially that God would help us to discern His good, acceptable, and perfect will. Please also pray for Dwayne, his wife Je'veon, and their three children as they face this momentous question.