

Prayer Requests

Covenant Grace Baptist Church, Timaru

1. Please pray that the elders may have God's wisdom as they seek to care for the flock.
2. Please continue to pray for the new folk who have come in recent days.
3. Pray that we will know the Lord's guidance and wisdom as we seek to reach out with the gospel of God's grace.

Crosspoint Church, Palmerston North

1. Please pray for our gospel witness and particularly the Christmas services.
2. Give thanks for opportunities to serve and be served by sister churches in the Fellowship and pray for the Lord's blessing in unity and fruitfulness.

Emmanuel Church, Auckland

1. Pray for effective and encouraging outreach, especially to residents of new apartment blocks near our building (at the former quarry at Three Kings).
2. Pray for a pastor for Emmanuel Church. Many have been praying for us but as yet we have no clear answer from the Lord.
3. Pray also for Pastors for Ebenezer Church in Singapore and the Melaka Reformed Baptist Church in Malaysia.

Grace Baptist Church, Christchurch

1. Pray that the Lord will provide a new venue suitable for our worship, fellowship, life, witness and ministry as we must move from our current venue by the end of March.
2. Please pray for our families: for wisdom and grace to present the gospel and teach the Word to our children and for lives that will back up what we teach.
3. The theme of our men's meetings this year has been Christian usefulness. May the Lord raise up, sanctify and equip more men to serve as elders and deacons at GBC.
4. Pray for Jono Harrod and Sara Shamy as they prepare for their wedding in April 2023. May the Lord bless them as they look forward to their life together.

Gracenet Community Church, Auckland

1. Pray for new arrivals and visitors to the church, that they would feel welcomed.
2. Also pray for the children, that they would come to know and love Christ and for wisdom and energy for families, Sunday school teachers and creche volunteers.
3. Pray for the sustaining of pastor Mike, Candice and their family, especially as Mike goes on sabbatical and they settle into a new house and prepare to welcome twins.

Rolleston Baptist Church, Rolleston

1. Give thanks that various church meetings have been a blessing to those who attend.
2. Pray for the Carols on Christmas Eve service and opportunities to share the gospel.
3. Pray for the ministry of the word by visiting preachers in January and February.

Trinity Reformed Baptist Church, Hamilton

1. Wisdom for the building committee
2. God's blessing on the studies through Knox
3. Continued/increased fruit in terms of baptisms.

South City Church, Auckland

1. Please pray that we would remain united in faith and love for each other even though we are growing in diversity.
2. Please pray that the upcoming events will bind us together in love and unity. We do not want to be a body of strangers, even if we agree on doctrine.
3. Pray for our market outreach ministry, that more people would be committed to that and the Lord would bless it and call His people through it.
4. Please pray for the upcoming membership class that it will be well attended and help people to become excited about South City.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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COVENANT GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, TIMARU

As we look back over this past year we thank God for His many answers to prayer and for His provisions for our church family. We have been enabled to purchase the house next door, which will be of great benefit to the ongoing work of the church. The church has been blessed by Pastor Nick's ministry over this year. He has just completed his series on the gospel of Luke.

We thank the Lord for the re-establishment of the Sunday School and we look forward to this work continuing in the new year. In the latter part of this year some of our founding members have gone to be with the Lord.

CROSSPOINT CHURCH, PALMERSTON NORTH

The routine of meetings will continue over Christmas and the New Year with little change, except that we will have an evangelistic emphasis in Christmas themed Sunday services (18th & 25th) and our monthly service in a rest home (18th). In January we also look forward to more varied ministry both from men within our congregation and from Ryan Vinten as Dafydd helps out with preaching supply in Gracenet on three Sunday mornings and at Emmanuel Church on another Sunday. We are glad to have these opportunities to build the links between our churches and are glad for the unity we share in the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, AUCKLAND

We baptised 4 young adults with a couple of others now also seeking baptism. Friends from the Pacific Islands are now regularly attending Sunday meetings. Our links with churches in Singapore and Malaysia were strengthened with a visit there by David Yan.

We shall be singing carols in a Mt Eden retirement village and having a Church Christmas picnic Cornwall Park.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHRISTCHURCH

We are thankful to the Lord for those baptised in October and added to the church as members at the beginning of November. We are also thankful to the Lord for recently finishing another round of membership classes, and for the people we anticipate becoming members of the church in coming months. May we be increasingly faithful in honouring our Saviour, growing in grace, and effectively serving Him and building up one another.

We are currently preaching through the 'songs' in the opening two chapters of Luke (of Mary, Zechariah, the angels and Simeon) centring around the good news of the Saviour's birth and highlighting the saving power of God in the gospel. We pray that friends and family will join with us for our service on the 18th of December, and that the Lord bring people to true faith in Christ through our lives and gospel witness in 2023.

GRACENET COMMUNITY CHURCH, WELLINGTON

We are thankful to God for his ongoing blessings to us as a church. We have been continuing our series in Hebrews which has been edifying. This will be paused over the New Year period as after 17 years of faithful ministry Mike will be taking a mini-sabbatical. We are thankful to the pastors from sister churches who have kindly offered to help fill the pulpit whilst Mike is away. Additionally, we are grateful for the news of more pregnancies amongst the congregation, and pray that mum and baby will be healthy. Finally, we continue to have a steady stream of visitors and new arrivals, and pray that they would feel welcomed

ROLLESTON BAPTIST CHURCH, ROLLESTON

Our 9:30am Bible Class on Sunday mornings—Ageing to the Glory of God—has been well attended and has proved to have a very helpful topic. We will continue this in 2023. Our Sundays @ 4:30pm Service continues to be a real encouragement to all who attend. We plan to host a Carols on Christmas Eve Service and look forward to the opportunity to reach out to our community in this way. We will be served in early January and February by a few guest preachers and look forward to the Lord's ministry among us. We are very excited about the potential of resuming our Church Camp in the near year combined with Grace Baptist Church.

TRINITY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, HAMILTON

Things at Trinity are progressing well. Sunday mornings continue to be well attended. Ryan, Jethro and Isaac are continuing their studies through Knox Theological Seminary. And we as a church are continuing to grow in grace. We are particularly grateful for two baptisms that took place over the weekend of a mother and her teenage daughter. Thank the Lord for His wonderful work in their lives.

Looking forward to next year we'd like to start working on our buildings. Ryan is also scheduled to preach at the FRBCNZ youth camp.

SOUTH CITY CHURCH, AUCKLAND

We continue to enjoy seeing new people coming along and being added to the church. We are planning to run another new members class asap, we have nine people keen to come along. The church is extremely diverse ethnically speaking, but praise God we are united in the gospel and a love for Lord and the scriptures. We are looking for opportunities to fellowship and get to know each other better. We have an end of year BBQ and a church camp early next year which we pray will help bind us together.