

# Prayer Requests

## **Covenant Grace Baptist Church, Timaru**

1. Give thanks for new families attending and for those considering membership.
2. We pray that the Lord will give us wisdom and help as we seek to teach the children and youth the truths of the Gospel.
3. Pray for families who have left Gloriavale recently and are settling into life outside.

## **Crosspoint Church, Palmerston North**

1. Give thanks for the baptism and opportunities for testimonies; pray that the Lord may use these to work in the hearts of unbelievers who were present.
2. Please pray for that our monthly Gospel Prayer Meeting may stir us to greater love and concern for the lost, and lead to open doors of opportunity for the gospel.

## **Emmanuel Church, Auckland**

1. Pray for outreach to children as our numbers have dropped due to various factors.
2. Pray for a season of refreshing in our midst.
2. Pray for future leadership as Pastor David is entering his 49th year in the Church.

## **Grace Baptist Church, Christchurch**

1. We have several baptisms and six people joining the church in the coming months. May the Lord bind us together as we seek to serve Him in love, unity and humility.
2. Pray for the next membership class, that attendees will benefit from studying God's Word, and will join the church, increasing our effectiveness as lights in the world.
3. Pray for our dear friends, Noel & Joyann and their family, that they might know God's peace, strength, help and comfort in the midst of Joyann's health issues.

## **Gracenet Community Church, Auckland**

1. Pray for continued peace, joy and unity in the gospel as a church.
2. Pray that God would bless the preaching of His word.
3. Pray that God would raise up new deacons to serve His people.
4. Pray for the many kids and the kid's ministries at Gracenet.

## **Rolleston Baptist Church, Rolleston**

1. Pray for faithful attendance to church services and meetings.
2. Rolleston continues to grow at a rapid pace; the needs for Gospel outreach are great.
3. We trust the Lord to provide Elders and Deacons for His church, in His time as we recognise the need for men who will faithfully and sacrificially serve in our midst.
4. Many are weary and struggling with a sense of weariness at this time. Pray they would each find rest and comfort in Christ.

## **Shore Baptist Church, Auckland**

1. Thank the Lord for the growing love for Christ and one another we have at SBC.
2. Please pray for the challenge of ministering to so many new people and to be patient, yet resolute in working towards a theological unity within the church.
3. Pray for our church planting plans to soon be boots on the ground.

## **Trinity Reformed Baptist Church, Hamilton**

1. Pray that there would be strong fellowship at Trinity - with those who attend and others.
2. Pray that through the faithful preaching of the gospel our believers would grow, and lost people would come in to be saved.
3. Pray for a restful holiday for the Vintens.

## **West Church, Auckland**

1. Pray that God would use us to help people in West Auckland to know our Saviour.
2. Please pray with us that God would supply all the funds required for the Indian students so that more workers would be raised up for his harvest fields.

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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## **COVENANT GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, TIMARU**

We as a church continue to give thanks to God for His grace and goodness during these uncertain days. We thank Him for protecting the unity of the church and also for seeing new faces week after week. We have reached the stage of needing chairs in the aisles. Nick is continuing the series through Luke's gospel on Sunday mornings and studies on the 1689 BCF in the afternoon.

As a number of people are showing interest in church membership; a class has been held. Our Sunday School has got off to a good start and the numbers continue to build. We are aware of the responsibility that the Lord has given us, in giving us so many children.

## **CROSSPOINT CHURCH, PALMERSTON NORTH**

We were greatly encouraged to have a baptism in April and then to hear testimonies of three of our congregation in May. We pray that the stories of God's saving grace will have an impact upon those who heard them. We have begun a monthly prayer meeting to pray specifically for guidance, opportunities, boldness and the Lord's blessing upon our personal and corporate evangelistic outreach into the community. There was good attendance at the first meeting in May, and earnest prayer was made; we pray that the Spirit of God will continue to stir us to pray for the lost and give us wisdom as we seek opportunities for gospel outreach.

## **EMMANUEL CHURCH, AUCKLAND**

We had a blessed Sunday on June 5 when we witnessed the baptisms of three men. Further baptisms are planned for August. We have seen some new folk attending services who desire deeper Bible knowledge. Our weekly prayer meetings are regularly supported by a faithful core.

Our 48th anniversary is on Sunday 26 June to which friends are welcome to attend.

## **GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHRISTCHURCH**

In the next few weeks we complete our series on 'God's Gospel', having preached through Romans since 2020. May the matchless theology and distinctive Christian life portrayed in this epistle continue to shape our thinking and living in the days ahead to His glory.

Please pray for wisdom as we seek to take up our next books and themes for preaching His Word in the context of our worship services. Pray too that our weekly Bible study groups on the 'New Birth' would prove helpful to us all as we rejoice in our great salvation in Christ. We are thankful for a number of new people who have joined in these studies this year.

### ———— GRACENET COMMUNITY CHURCH, WELLINGTON ————

We praise God that we've been able to return to our normal single service due the loosening of the Covid restrictions. We're continuing our series through Hebrews which has been helping us think more deeply about the person and work of Christ and the implications it has for our lives, especially during these difficult times. Recently we also started Sunday School classes for teenagers focused on apologetics to equip them with a Biblical worldview.

We continue to have a steady stream of visitors and regular attendees and recently ran a new members class. Additionally, we have added a few members into the church, including one through baptism, over the past few months.

### ———— ROLLESTON BAPTIST CHURCH, ROLLESTON ————

We have recently celebrated a baptism and the welcoming of six new members into Covenant Membership. We have also just started a new series of our Membership Classes as the Lord continues to bring new people to us. This great joy comes with tremendous responsibility in shepherding a growing congregation and growing together in unity as the body of Christ.

Our Sundays @ 4:30 service continues to be well attended and is a real encouragement to us. In Term 3 we will begin a new series in our 9:30am Bible Class on Sunday mornings - Ageing to the Glory of God. Darren Smith who was serving as a Pastoral Assistant for six months is shifting with his family to Invercargill soon. This loss has further highlighted our need for more men who are willing and able to serve as Deacons and Elders.

### ———— SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH, AUCKLAND ————

We are so grateful for God's kind and gracious love in our church. A few weeks ago we witnessed and celebrated the baptism of a few new believers at our usual spot at Castor Bay. It was such a special morning and a joy to see so many men and woman publicly profess their love for, and union with Christ. We are also soon going to receive a significant group of people into church membership. In April we appointed two new deacons, Karel Barnard and Jeremiah Nogaes as well as Owen Griffiths as an elder. We are truly blessed with godly servants in our church.

We are moving forward in our plans to plant another church; we'll keep you updated on this when the time is ripe, but we are grateful for the way in which the Lord has already provided for us in this endeavour. We were also very grateful for the opportunity to have two pastors from our FRBCNZ churches (myself and Nick)

Speak at this year's Impact Conference at Riverbend Bible Church. Three of our FRBCNZ churches were represented there and the fellowship we shared with the greater body of Christ was very encouraging.

### ———— TRINITY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, HAMILTON ————

Things have been continuing on wonderfully here at Trinity. We celebrated a baptism last month, and have seen a steady increase of new faces at our services. The evening services have been a particular highlight. Ryan has been preaching through the book of Proverbs and we have had quite a few visitors, most of these being friends from River City Bible Church - it's been a real joy growing a good connection with this church.

Lord willing, Ryan, Carol and kids will be heading to the States for a long overdue holiday at the end of July. This leaves quite a bit of preaching slots to cover, but with the help of guest preachers and church members we should get by! We are praying for a well needed rest for the Vinten family. Ryan and Isaac's study has also been continuing well - it's exciting having young men learning, and teaching us.

### ———— WEST CHURCH, AUCKLAND ————

We have been grateful to the Lord for drawing a steady stream of visitors to the church ever since we settled into our new meeting location. Please pray with us that God would use us to help more and more people in West Auckland to know our wonderful Saviour. As Dwayne and Hanli are now both full-time, they have been able to take on some preaching opportunities in wider fields, including all the way across town in East Auckland. We rejoice at these opportunities for the gospel to be sown as widely as possible. We are also continuing to administrate and join in with the financial support of Indian seminary students that Stephen Turner has connections to. Please pray with us that God would supply all the funds required so that more workers would be raised up for his harvest fields.