

Prayer Requests

Grace Baptist Church, Christchurch

1. Pray for the unconverted people we have regular contact with, that the Lord may convict them of their sin, convince them of the truth of the gospel, and draw them to Himself. Particularly pray for Gospel fruit from our regular Sundays@4.30 outreach at Rolleston, and in our regular opportunities in rest homes.
2. Pray that the Lord will uphold all those involved with the FAB Club outreach in Rolleston (27-30 September), and use His Word to save children and teenagers; and bring us into contact with unconverted families in that area.
3. Pray that the Lord will provide for those in our church who are looking to the Lord for jobs or direction for the future. Pray for Theo as he pursues his case to stay in the country with Immigration.

Grace Reformed Baptist Church, Palmerston North

1. Give thanks for the blessings associated with serving the wider church, and for the many opportunities we have for ministry in our community.
2. Please pray for the Hughes family in their travels, and the church in their absence: particularly for the ministry of the word.
3. Please also pray that the Lord would undertake for the family emigrating from the UK, with all the arrangements for their move, and the challenges of settling into a new community and church.

Gracenet Community Church, Wellington

1. Please pray that God, for His own name sake, would bless our ministry (preaching and teaching etc), and continue to give us true spiritual growth.
2. Please pray that God would move powerfully through our various outreach efforts (Christianity Explored, Film and Theology, overseas missions etc) so that many, many others would come to know the Saviour also.

Marchwiell Reformed Baptist Church, Timaru

1. Prayer for the new people to be integrated into the life of the Church here.
2. Please pray for the kids club coming up, and especially for the Sunday evening follow up service which parents will be invited to, and the intended youth work deriving from it.
3. Please pray for our combined camp coming up that the Lord would bless His word to us, and our fellowship together.

Shore Baptist Church, Auckland

1. We would appreciate your remembering us as we learn to care for a growing number of people from Asia and other parts of the world. It's a great challenge for us and we appreciate His giving us the opportunity to meet it.
2. We would also appreciate your praying for the young people in the church and their increasing participation in various aspects of our life together.

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GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHRISTCHURCH

We thank the Lord for His mercies to us as a church through the serious earthquake here in Christchurch and the Canterbury region. Our lives were preserved, and our properties were not seriously damaged (Lamentation 3:22,23). May we have wisdom and grace to practically help those around us who were significantly affected, and to point people to a Saviour who is our refuge and strength (Psalm 46:1-3), and whose Kingdom will never be shaken.

In our morning services we are looking at key passages on the theme of 'The Christian and the World', while our Bible studies have focussed on the Psalms. Our desire is that all our contact with the Word of God may sanctify us (John 17:17) and further equip us to serve and glorify the Lord. In the upcoming school holidays a number of people from the church are again involved in running the FAB Club, a childrens holiday program, in Rolleston. Then from October 22-25 we look forward to our annual church camp with our brethren from Marchwiell - Craig Lloyd from Grace Bible Church in Brisbane will be our speaker.

— GRACE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, PALMERSTON NORTH —

Our annual School of Theology has become a highlight of the year for us as we host men from different parts of the country and even from overseas. Jim Renihan returned for the fourth time this year to teach a course on *A Theology of Ministry*. Our venue, our hosts and our catering team were all stretched to the limit this year as twenty-five men gathered. Much of our time is taken up with the routine rather than the extra-ordinary events. The ministry of the word continues morning and evening each Sunday, every Wednesday night, and at a rest home on the fourth Sunday each month. We also have occasional Men's and Women's Fellowships which serve their own specific purposes. Outreach continues by way of leafleting homes in the community where we meet, as well as through personal

evangelism and the occasional DVD & DESSERT evenings (of which we have had two this year). The 'Encounter' student meetings at Massey University drew three or four students at most during the first semester. They were encouraging and helpful times, but scheduling for the second semester meant that most could not make the meeting so it has been discontinued with the hope of recommencing in 2011.

In the coming weeks the Hughes family will be away on sabbatical, visiting family and friends and ministering in churches in the USA, UK and Canada. This will place more responsibility on the shoulders of others in the church and we are grateful that a number of men from our sister churches are able to come and preach the Word. A few weeks ago the church was rocked by the unexpected announcement at the end of a service that a long-standing regular attendee was leaving us: his smiling face and valuable fellowship is sorely missed. But on a happier note, we are looking forward to the arrival of a family who are emigrating from the UK to take up a position at Massey University.

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

Hey everyone! Thank you so much for all your faithful praying. We keep all of you in regular prayer as well (every Lord's day, we pray for an individual church in the fellowship). Regarding the recent happenings at Gracenet: We are pressing on in our sermon series through the gospels (the goal: 4 gospels in 4 years!). We are also making good ground in our 'Thursday night Theology-class' (working through the 1689). The men in the church are still in the process of studying Kent Hughes' book, *Disciplines of a Godly Man*. The women are going through various bits of material by John Piper. In terms of outreach, we have just finished running our first *Christianity Explored* course. It went very well (so, it looks like we are going to try and run it as regularly as possible from now on). Also we have held a few more Film and Theology evenings (the last film we looked at was the new Tim Burton-version 'Alice in Wonderland'.) Finally (and this a very exciting juncture for us), we have started working with Marchwiel to look at the various possibilities that we could get involved in regarding overseas missions. So, all in all, the church has picked up a good bit forward momentum. May God be praised for His continued faithfulness to such a bunch of hell deserving sinners. Truly, God deserves all the glory. We are such a mess. He is so merciful.

———— MARCHWIEL REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, TIMARU ————

We give thanks to God for the presence of some new faces and families in our Sunday morning services. Otherwise the regular ebb and flow of our services, studies, and prayer meetings continues.

We have a Holiday Bible club planned for 4-8 Oct for primary school aged children. We are doing this to target the people in our direct vicinity, and God willing launch a regular Friday night youth program. Marchwiel and GBC Christchurch will be having their annual combined camp the third weekend in October.

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

We have recently finished looking at Luke and are now spending 7 Sundays in Hebrews 13:7,17 and giving our attention to the matter of leadership in the church. Our life together is going on with its normal routines of Sunday meetings and care groups during the week. We continue to be encouraged with His joy and peace.

Stephen has a TSCF group at Massey University each week and has just led a retreat for the students who meet with him. Jeff and Annette Lane are also very involved with international students and evangelism.