

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The newsletter of the Fellowship of Reformed Baptist Churches in New Zealand

March 2023

COVENANT GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, TIMARU

Our church family camp took place on the first weekend in March. Our camp speaker was Rhys Lamont, from Invercargill. He preached through the book of Ruth. One aim of the camp was to strengthen the fellowship of the church and unite us together as we continue to serve the Lord.

We have just launched a book ministry. This is to encourage our people to read good devotional and theological material. Included are family devotions, biographies, booklets for evangelism and children's books. Also a Teen Bible Class has commenced on Sunday mornings for secondary schoolers.

CROSSPOINT CHURCH, PALMERSTON NORTH

After a trial period of having our mid-week meetings at the church venue in the central city we have returned to meeting alternately in two homes: there are pros and cons to each but home meetings were slightly favoured. Ministry on Sundays continues with morning and evening services and regular monthly meetings for the elderly, for youth and for prayer focussed on gospel outreach.

We are looking forward to hosting our fourteenth School of Theology in July with Jim Renihan teaching on the 1689 Confession. Registrations for this may be completed through our website: crosspoint.org.nz.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHRISTCHURCH

We have just begun a sermon series on the Gospel of John and pray that this concentration on the wonderful person and work of our Saviour would be a blessing and encouragement to us, and that John's purpose for this book (John 20:30-31) would be fulfilled in us—that we might all believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that we might have life in His name. May the Lord help us to rightly handle His Word (2 Tim. 2:15) and be doers of the Word and not hearers only (James 1:22)

On 25 March we will host the first session of the Roving Classroom for 2023 on 'The Puritans: following God fully'. As we look into this period of church history may we learn from God's work in those days and follow these faithful disciples as they followed Christ in challenging days. Pray for Rob as he leads this all day session.

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2023
YOUTH
CAMP

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SEEING JESUS' GLORY

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APRIL 10 - 14TH 2023

Camp Bentzon, Kawau Island

SPEAKER: RYAN VINTEN (TRINITY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH)

REGISTRATION FEES:

	Early Bird Price (Price per person)	Regular Price (Price per person)
1 Camper	\$230	\$240
2 Campers	\$225	\$235
3 or More Campers	\$220	\$230


Early bird closes:

13th March 2023

Registration closes:

27th March 2023

Visit www.rbc.org.nz/camps for further information and to register

 YC2023 FRBCNZ Youth Camp 2023

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Contact:

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Prayer Requests

GRACENET COMMUNITY CHURCH, WELLINGTON

Mike has returned to preaching at Gracenet after a mini-sabbatical and we are looking forward to continuing our journey through Hebrews after a brief pause and pray that God would bless the ministry of the word. Recently we added a family into membership which we praise God for. We also have several regular attendees and a steady stream of visitors. Please pray that they would feel welcomed at Gracenet, nourished through the preaching, and in time become members. Finally, a few families are expecting babies this year and we pray for the safety of mother and child.

ROLLESTON BAPTIST CHURCH, ROLLESTON

We've just concluded our Church Camp combined with Grace Baptist. This was our first camp since pre-Covid. It was such a joy to fellowship together over the weekend. We are just beginning another round of our Membership Classes as we have been blessed with an influx of new visitors since the end of last year. At the same time, we are saying "goodbye" to four folks who are moving to the North Island and overseas. We are very blessed with an increasing number of opportunities for fellowship and time in God's Word together on Sundays and through the week, for all ages and stages, men and women, etc. Joe (and possibly one or two others) are planning to travel to Kenya in late November, where Joe will be speaking at two conferences and a number of shorter seminar sessions organised by the Kenyan Pastor supported by RBC.

SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH, AUCKLAND

That well-known verse in Psalm 23, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.", has been the blessed reality of our congregational experience. We just celebrated our 39th birthday and it was a reminder again of the faithfulness of our Lord to His people over these 4 decades at SBC. We are currently focusing on the great themes in Scripture as they develop from Genesis, through the OT, and come to its fullness in Christ. We are also looking into equipping and strengthening our families with children in the church to grow a better understanding of what we do on a Sunday when we worship our Lord and how the rest of the week should be used to prepare us for the Lord's Day. We are also seeing many new families visiting us and some of them are showing interest to become members. We are excited to see our Church Planting work progressing and the core group is working on the 1689 Confession to establish the common theological foundation for the work to proceed.

TRINITY REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH, HAMILTON

Things at Trinity are chugging along. We're continuing to work through Mark's gospel in the morning and Proverbs in the evening. We've had a few visitors over the last 6 months or so—and several folk are looking at membership—with two scheduled to become members soon. However it has also been a particularly busy season for Ryan with his being scheduled to speak at the youth camp (on top of all of his other normal duties).

Covenant Grace Baptist Church, Timaru

1. Continue to pray for the parents of the many children and young folk in the church.
2. Pray for Nick as he continues his Sunday morning series through Philippians, and the 1689 Confession of Faith in the afternoon.
3. Remember some of our elderly people as they struggle with various health problems.

Crosspoint Church, Palmerston North

1. Pray that the Lord will use the regular meetings of the church to mature us in Christ and proclaim the gospel of salvation to the lost.
2. Pray for preparations for the School of Theology and for the Lord to bring along men who will benefit from in-depth teaching on our Confession of Faith.

Grace Baptist Church, Christchurch

1. Pray as we welcome several new people into membership in April, and pray that all our members will build up one another and serve the Lord together.
2. We are moving from our current venue at Rosebank and will begin holding our Lord's Day services once again at Heaton Intermediate School in Merivale from April. We are thankful for the Lord's provision for us at this time and pray that this will prove a suitable venue for worship, fellowship and service.
3. Please pray for Sara Shamy and Jono Harrod as they marry on 15 April..

Gracenet Community Church, Wellington

1. Pray that God would bless the ministry of the word as we journey through Hebrews
2. Please pray that God would continue to add to our number
3. Please pray for safe deliveries for the expectant mothers, and for grace, wisdom and strength for the families.

Rolleston Baptist Church, Rolleston

1. Faithful attendance to church services and meetings.
2. Gospel outreach. Rolleston continues to grow at a rapid pace. The needs are great. The opportunities are challenging at the best of times but seem to be even more so during these days.
3. Elders and Deacons: We trust the Lord to provide for His church, in His time. At the same time, we recognise a real need for men who will faithfully and sacrificially serve as Elders and Deacons in our midst.
4. Weariness: 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 His amazing goodness and mercy to us as church.
2. Pray for wisdom as we want to lead our families better in the matter of raising their children in the ways of the Lord.
3. Pray for the Church we are planting in Silverdale.
4. Pray for an even deeper knowledge and love for Christ to grow in our church.

Trinity Reformed Baptist Church, Hamilton

1. Please pray that God would bless Ryan's preparation for the youth camp—and that He'd use the talks at camp to save souls and encourage His people.
2. Please pray for the visitors of recent. That if they're not saved God would save them—and if they are that they'd plug into the church and become members.

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