



A TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY COMMITTED TO JESUS CHRIST

Services
Sunday - 10.00am
Wednesday—10.15am

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CORE VALUES

BIBLICAL TRUTH

MISSION

COMMUNITY

**SPIRITUAL
DEVELOPMENT**

**CORPORATE
WORSHIP**

26 July 2020

Community & Connection.

There was a problem in the church at Corinth. Some people prided themselves on their knowledge of spiritual matters.

It seems that some regarded tongues as evidence that they had arrived spiritually and regarded themselves as spiritually superior to those who did not have the gift. Paul positioned the love chapter (1 Corinthians 13) between chapters 12 & 14 to put everything in perspective. Even though gifts are important, Paul insists, love is most important. God challenges us to focus above all on love (14:1).

Ephesians 4:3, *'make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace'*. A spiritual unity exists not because we share the same views on everything, but because the Holy Spirit has worked in our lives to join us to Christ. We are already one in Christ and are now called to work out that unity in practice with each other. This comes through the patience and respect that we have toward each other when we disagree.

Others in the church at Corinth felt inferior and useless. *"Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,"* God has not designed us to function on our own - we need each other if we are to grow. Just as *'the eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!"* (12:21), so no individual member of Christ's body can think they are self-sufficient. No part of the human body can function unless it is attached to the rest of its parts.

We should not see church simply as a meeting we attend. Rather it is a community to which we belong. That means building close relationships with each other so that we can both give and receive. Our relationships should be as close as that of a human body, *'if one part suffers, every part suffers with it'* (12:26). We should not lament the fact that we do not have other gifts, but play our full part in the body with whatever gifts we do have.

Martin Armstrong—Senior Pastor

**R E V I V E—Sunday 2 August —7pm—worship, ministry and prayer-
(meeting fortnightly)**

**The Well —Wednesday 5 August- 1pm-(meeting monthly)
mainly music—Thursday 10am (weekly)**

This week's prayer focus—Young Adults and Family

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27



Please pray for media today
Sunday 26 July

Celebration Concert!
Saturday 15 August 6:30pm
THREE WEEKS TO GO!
You are invited

Register an item with Tim Fletcher at
children@taupobaptist.org.nz

Are you, or someone you know, **caring for grandchildren** and wondering how to keep them **safe online**? There is a workshop next week presented by John Parsons who is very knowledgeable about online safety. This is recommended for all parents and grandparents, or maybe you could support a friend who would like to be informed.

[Click here](#) for the information about the evening.

PRAYER

SUNDAY
9.30AM – 9.45AM
AUDITORIUM

MONDAY
7PM – 7.40PM
BY ZOOM
LINK IN THURSDAY EMAIL

WEDNESDAY
11.15AM – 11.45AM
CRECHE

Joining in Prayer -Every day at 11.45am—12 noon
Where we stop whatever we're doing for a time of united prayer.

**Administration
(Nga Mahi Tari)**

**Jacky Gartner Dale Boddy
Elsie Skelton Mary Rose Urgel
Karen Collins**

**Community
(Te Iwi Whanui)**

Our deepest condolences are with Robyn, Neville, Jared and Daniel Clout on the sudden death of Robyn's Mother—Betty Martin, Saturday 25 July. Robyn's parents were often part of our service at TBC



**AN IDEA!
SOUP AND ROLLS**

It is encouraging to see Life-Groups and Lockdown Home-Church-Groups creating and seizing opportunities to continue to meet regularly.

Maintaining these relationships is valued and worthwhile.

So, how about your group meeting at your home for soup and rolls?
Make it simple.

Volunteers –27th July - 2nd August

Pastoral Care	Chris Hayden
Elder on duty	Jan Carey
Church Cleaning	Jill Vennell's team
Powerpoint	Christina Keir
Lawns	Tim Coulter
Sun. Cuppa	Kevin & Mary-Anne S
Count Offering	Hugh C & Esme L
Door Greeters	Tim & Michelle F
Help Desk	Lorna Chinn
Communion	Bascon's

Nukuhau Community Garden

Angela & Anja & Petra have been amazed how a community connection and a ecological concern has blossomed so quickly for those interested in re-starting a community garden in Nukuhau, and have been offered space & support

If you have enthusiasm, knowledge or skills & want to find out more then join us for our next meeting at 4 pm - 5 pm on 26 July at Te Rangiita Marae, 26 Pitiroi St, Nukuhau. We will meet outside the marae at 350 pm and will be welcomed with a powhiri.

For further info contact:
Petra (petracorbett@gmail.com),
Angela (anlapri@gmail.com) or
Anja (karakakowhai@hotmail.com)

**Children
(Nga tamariki)
Tim Fletcher**

A huge part of parenting is explaining the world to our children, you have been doing this for years. Children also need to know how to see how God and faith fit in too.

Try this:
'Share with your children about what you like most about meeting with others from church'

**Youth
(Nga Rangatahi)
Mike Bloore**



Hey fam!
we're all together this week
Wed 29 July @ TBC @ 7pm

Kicking off our new series!!!
IDENTITY + CALLING

Invite a mate!
@kingdomyouthtaupo

**Missions
Submitted by Lorna Chinn**

Dear N.Z. Families,
I am writing this letter to show my sincere gratitude to you for caring for my study and supporting me. Without your generous help, I couldn't finish my school. "Roses given, fragrance in hand". Your hearts of great love have given my heart and soul marks of kindness.

We had to study at home during the time when the coronavirus epidemic situation was very serious. Every day when I saw the gray hairs and the wrinkle on my grandma's face, how I wish the time could treat her tender! Dear N.Z. Families, are so special to me. Not just because of the material help, but also inspiring me spiritually. You planted a seed in my heart. Hope this seed will germinate and grow up, and help me learning to spread love and share love. A casual act of kindness or a smile could stir up huge waves in a person's heart, and make that person braver.

Your selfless love is admirable, I want to learn from you. I hope that I could have this spirit of selfless love. Then when I'm old, there will be someone to inherit this virtue. Your giving was worth it.

I hope the coronavirus is under control in your place.

Yours,
Adu Aomen.
Zhaojue Scholarship Student.

