



**A TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY  
COMMITTED TO JESUS CHRIST**

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Sunday - 10.00am  
Wednesday—10.15am

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**OFFICE OPEN—Monday—Thursday 8.30am-1.30pm.**

**CORE VALUES**

**BIBLICAL TRUTH**

**MISSION**

**COMMUNITY**

**SPIRITUAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

**CORPORATE  
WORSHIP**

**23rd May 2021**

**Draw near to God**

I have always been aware that most of my prayer life has been about seeking God's help and very little about honoring God.

The lack of focus on God bothered me so much I decided early this year to try and make God the number one focus in my life. I prayed to God to help me.

Interestingly, my interest in knowing God better and more personally has grown since my prayer focus on Him has increased.

I now yearn to know God deeply, and dare I hope, to experience His presence in my life.

James 4:8 says: "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you"

It is amazing to know that the creator of the universe and the earth and all who live in it, wants me/us to "Draw near" to Him.

I have no doubt that some of you have drawn near to God, and have known God intimately, and have experienced His presence....like those in the Old Testament or when Jesus was on earth

I have accepted the Father's invitation to draw near to Him, and even now as I write these comments, I am flooded with thoughts about Him.

Will you start a journey to "Draw near to God?"

**Doug Gartner –Elder**

**R E V I V E—Sunday 30 June 6.30pm-7.30pm –worship, ministry and prayer**

**mainly music—Thursday 10am—**

Please note—our weekly Prayer Night is now -Wednesday evenings at 7 pm via Zoom.

## [Zoom Prayer Meeting](#)

Focus –Children

- For children to come to Jesus, that we wouldn't in any way 'stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to people who are like these little children.' (Luke 18:16)

Copies of Taupo Baptist Church Survey Questionnaire are available either from the office during the week or on Sunday at the Help Desk or your Life Group Leader.

Completed questionnaires can be “posted” in the “Questionnaire Box” at the office before the end of May.

31 JULY

Church

Concert

Start preparing  
your item.

# PREPARE



## explore

life  
faith  
meaning

Watch our stories  
Alpha.org/stories

Alpha

**Alpha— has started—you can still join....**  
**6 pm—7pm -Monday 10 May at Taupo Baptist**  
**Open to everyone—invite a friend.**

**Come to the Community meal**  
**beforehand at 5.30pm.**

# PRAYER

SUNDAY

9.30AM –9.45AM

AUDITORIUM

WEDNESDAY

7PM—7.40PM

BY ZOOM

WEDNESDAY

11.30AM-12 NOON

CRECHE

**Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and His ways!**

**Romans 8:11**

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

Are you aware that at the end of the service every Sunday there is someone from the Prayer Team at the front of the church available to pray with you?

### A Church Van

Over the last few months there have been many occasions when a multi-purpose ministry van would have been useful for ....

—Community meal

-Driver licence teaching

—Youth group – events /camps

Joy Ministries events

Picking up people for services

Lake Taupo Christian School is selling their van that has been well maintained and serviced. For \$5000. We have had the van checked and the Elders have approved this project.

Now, we need to raise funds , to date there is \$1000 towards this project.

Are you able to help?

24 - 30 May

**Sunday Oversight** Chris Hayden

**Duty Elder** James Styles

**Cleaning** Bateup's Team

**Powerpoint** Karen

**Lawns** Tim Coulter

**Sunday Cuppa** Kevin & Mary-Anne S

**Door Greeters** Hugh C & Roger S

**Help Desk** Monica L

**Wednesday Cuppa** (26/5) Lois H

**Monday Meal Dessert** (31/5)Armstrong's

## Community (Te Iwi Whanui)

Managing The Risk  
Making Taupo Baptist Church  
a safe place.

**We have concerns for children who are running through the building and corridors after the Sunday service. Parents please be aware, a child can easily knock into someone holding a hot cup of tea. There are toys available in the Whanau room. Please no more running.**

- **Parents—please supervise your children, or send them with someone you trust, should they need to use the toilet**
- **Parents—please be aware of where your children are at all times**
- **If you are uncomfortable with any form of physical touch from a particular person, tell them 'no' or speak to someone you trust for advise.**
- **A couple of red flags on the risks and dangers of texting –frequent personal texts between a man and a woman who are married to other people or frequent texts between your teenager and another person where there is a significant age difference.**
- **Be very aware of the reasons given that any of these behaviours are justified. They are not okay.**

Missions Month Self-Denial  
You can make your  
donation directly into the  
church bank account at  
020428- 0024978 00

**Children  
(Nga tamariki)  
Tim Fletcher**

For a complete list of parenting resources including articles, videos and podcasts on

- Building Faith in kids
- Parenting
- Marriage
- Family

Visit the Parenting Ministry Page at [www.taupobaptist.org.nz/](http://www.taupobaptist.org.nz/)

These are the resources sent out in previous church emails

**Youth  
(Nga Rangatahi)  
Mike Bloore**

**Kingdom Youth 2021**



Two of our youth are getting baptised **today** Sunday 23 May during our morning service.

Please come & support them!

**Missions  
Submitted by Lorna Chinn**

**May—Missions Month ...**

Where we focus on the missionaries we support and give towards their welfare and keep.

Self-denial this Sunday as we focus on our China mission.

**Maala & Evan Thomas- Messianic Church in Israel.**

If more than a year of pandemic that has severely disrupted our lives and left our nations reeling was not enough, here in Israel we are face-to-face with the reality of war yet again within our borders.

**This report is primarily a call to you, all our prayer partners, to intercede for the nation and for our peoples. In addition, however, we will update you on the radical reforms we are leading the Beit Asaph community through – our successes and our challenges...**

The past few days have seen a rapid escalation of deadly conflict, initially centered on our nation's capital, Jerusalem, but has now spread as a result of rocket barrages from Gaza upon Jerusalem and our southern cities.

Civil unrest is accelerating at an alarming rate in many of Israel's Arab towns and cities. The IDF is retaliating with deadly force against targets in the Gaza strip and our police force is doing everything possible to quell the rioting. Your news broadcasts will be providing you with disturbing coverage. The reasons behind the present 'nightmare' are complex and highly subjective.

Of course this wouldn't be Israel without everybody having an opinion!

**Our task however, is to focus prayer into the situation.**