



## A TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY COMMITTED TO JESUS CHRIST

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Wednesday—10.15am

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### CORE VALUES

BIBLICAL TRUTH  
MISSION  
COMMUNITY  
SPIRITUAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATE  
WORSHIP

## 4 October 2020

### Listening to God

**James 4:8 - Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.**

We can assume that God longs to talk with us, so how do we listen to God?

Draw aside to a quiet place without distractions.

Still our hearts and our thoughts.

Offer up thoughts of thanksgiving praise and worship.

Be still – don't be afraid of silence.

Pay attention in our hearts for His voice.

Wait for God to speak & write down His response - words & impressions.

Spend time with Godly people who also listen to God & learn from them.

Sometimes we doubt if we are hearing clearly and sometimes we get it wrong.

Our thoughts can be soulish or come from our wounded psyches.

Wrong choices will lead us further & further from relationship with Him.

Always be careful that what we're hearing lines up with scriptural principles.

All significant journeys require effort: we will make mistakes while learning.

**George Mueller** was a godly man who ran an orphanage and heard clearly from God. He said *"seek to get your heart in such a state that it has no will of its own with regard to the matter - don't predetermine what God's will is."*

Too often we are wanting God to rubber stamp our plans and ideas.

If this is the case then our soulish thoughts will trump the voice of God.

God can do abundantly more than we ask or think if we seek His kingdom first.

Try not to be anxious about our personal wants but simply trust in Him.

The Holy Spirit journeys with us and as we obey Him, the clarity of his voice and anointing increases.

**Martin Armstrong—Senior Pastor**

**R E V I V E—4 October—7pm—worship, ministry and prayer-(meeting fortnightly)**

**The Well —Wednesday 7 October (meeting first and third Wednesday of the month)  
mainly music—Thursday 10am (in recess for school holidays)**

## **This week's prayer focus—Finance/Administration/Management**

And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

Colossians 3:15

### **TAUPO BAPTIST CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7PM SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER**

**RECOMMENDATION FORMS FOR ELDERSHIP AVAILABLE AT THE HELP DESK.  
THESE NEEDED TO BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 11TH.**

**Men's Breakfast  
Saturday 10 October  
7:30am to 8:59am  
\$10 each or \$15 for you and a chap.  
Real Food!**



### **Keep your Children Safe**

You keep them safe on the road  
You keep them safe at the pool.  
What about with their phone ?  
What about on social media?

Want some ideas on hints and tips for keeping your child safe

Come and listen to:  
**Jane Searle -Chief Executive of Child Matters NZ.  
Taupo Baptist Church  
Wednesday 7th October**

7pm—For Youth, Parents, Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles

## **PRAYER**

**SUNDAY  
9.30AM –9.45AM  
AUDITORIUM**

**MONDAY  
7PM—7.40PM  
BY ZOOM**

**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)

### Update

Pam McLeod has now transferred from Rotorua Hospital to Taupo Hospital. If you would like to visit, the best time for Pam is after 2 o'clock in the afternoon. If you were thinking taking her a treat—please no food treats.

### Keep in touch

If you have recently started coming along to Taupo Baptist, we would like to keep in touch with you with news and events.

Have we got your email address, your phone number and street address, and we can allocate you a pigeon hole .  
See the Help Desk.

### Volunteers – Monday 5th - Sunday 11th Oct

<b>Pastoral Oversight</b>	Neil & Sue C
<b>Elder on duty</b>	Dale Boddy
<b>Cleaning</b>	Diane's team
<b>Powerpoint</b>	
<b>Lawns</b>	Godfrey Ellis
<b>Sunday Cuppa</b>	Terry & Lynda N
<b>Count Offering</b>	Jan T & Barry L
<b>Door Greeters</b>	Bruce & Anne Watson
<b>Help Desk</b>	Dale Boddy

### Operation Christmas Child

We want girls the world that God them and



boys and around to know loves has not

forgotten them during this time of fear and uncertainty. Most of all, they need the hope found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We're looking forward to a great Operation Christmas Child season as we prayerfully consider ways to modify our collection and processing in light of COVID-19. We are already monitoring national guidelines and making adjustments to help protect the health of those involved in preparing shoebox gifts.'

**Pick up your boxes from the table in the foyer.  
Deadline—for collection—October 30th**

**CELEBRATION CONCERT AND  
TALENT QUEST.  
SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER  
TAUPO BAPTIST  
6:30PM**

### community meal Tutaki ki Taku

In recess for school holidays  
No meals—28 September and  
5 October.

Meals resume 12 October.

With the power of God we can  
make a difference in the General  
Election.  
By praying.  
Once a day until the election

**Children  
(Nga tamariki)  
Tim Fletcher**

Part of our role in our kids lives is to guide them to develop a full and deep view of God so that they want to connect with Him.

You may be able to gently unwind some ideas using these...

Which part of the Bible do our lives remind you of? When in the Bible did something similar happen? How is it similar or different?

**Youth  
(Nga Rangatahi)  
Mike Bloore**



**Wednesday Gatherings are  
back on 14 October**

Pray for all our youth who are leading at the MiCamp kids camps these holidays

Happy Holidays!

**Missions  
Submitted by Lorna Chinn**

**Student Sponsorship**

For over 30 years, NZ Baptists have been supporting children from remote village communities and marginalised ethnic groups, in the form of student sponsorship. As part of this programme, children reside in Christian hostels where they are provided meals, clothing, healthcare, stationery and most importantly an excellent education. Financial contributions to this programme not only support all that is offered to the student, but also covers the cost of the hostel staff's wages, and maintenance of the hostel itself.

In partnership with the Bangladesh Baptist Church Fellowship and Tripura Baptist Christian Union, NZBMS sponsors currently support students across five hostels:

Telegu Hostel in Sylhet, Bangladesh  
Mymensingh Hostel in Bangladesh  
John Takle Hostel in Brahmanbaria, Bangladesh  
St Paul's Hostel in Agartala, Tripura  
Feni Hostel in Feni, Bangladesh

Due to the pandemic, schools have been closed and students have returned to their villages for their own health and safety. Families are being sent 1000 taka a month to cover expenses while they are away from the programme.

Currently sponsors contribute \$50 a month to the programme. While we are extremely grateful for these contributions, unfortunately due to rising costs, this is no longer enough to cover expenses.

For this reason, we are now offering Hostel Sponsorships for our Bangladesh hostels. Hostel sponsors will contribute to the costs the hostel as a whole; covering any shortfall in the costs of expenses. Sponsors do not need to write letters, and will receive an update from our Sponsorship Coordinators twice a year.

If you are interested in supporting the program, please contact one of the Mission team at Taupo Baptist.  
Meryl Feickert- Missions