

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is always good when we are able to celebrate people coming to know Christ. We had a baptism at Central on Sunday of Travis Davis. Travis had started to come to church earlier this year and had made a decision to follow Jesus after attending a home run Alpha course. It is exciting to see this happening at Hope. I was away for the weekend at a family wedding, and was very sad to miss the event (mind you I'd have been preaching at Onerahi anyway which is always a joy).

I caught up with Lorne briefly yesterday and he mentioned the fact that a friend of Travis' had come over for the baptism from Dargaville. A friend who had been praying for Travis for years. Real encouragement to keep praying for our friends and family to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Also please continue to pray for our church as well. That we may grow, firstly grow in our knowing and being known by Jesus Christ, then in our love for one another and also grow numerical as God continues to work in people's lives.

While we were away for the weekend we also managed to worship at St John's Presbyterian Church in Rotorua. St John's was where I served as their Youth pastor/parish assistant for six years (way back last Millennium), it was from there I was accepted into ministry training and where after three years at Knox in Dunedin was licensed to preach the gospel. Then I went back a few years later and did summer supply while their minister had a good break. St John's building burned down about five years ago. I remember seeing it on TV going up in flames, and being in tears as places with so many memories for me (including what was my office) were engulfed in flames. But it was good to be able to go and worship in their new church building, officially opened earlier this year. It felt strange and very different, however there were many people who remembered us from our time there (our children James and Bethany were born while we were serving at St John's) and gave us a warm welcome. Kris considered St John's our home church, it was the one in our married life she felt the most connected to and built a strong friendship cluster. That warm greeting reminded me that while buildings are great and hold a place in our memory that it is the people, the church family we belong to, that is the main important thing. It was great to see the flourishing community in that place still going strong, with stalwarts and also so many new faces. As a church over the next years we will face many challenges and changes, the business block redevelopment project is a starting place, and we need to also be reminded that at the heart of who we are is being a family together.

Here are the notices.

Worship Sunday November 13th

Come join us for worship this Sunday at our three sites. We continue in our spring series looking at Paul's letter to the church in Colossae *Colossians: Christ and Christ alone*.

10:00am	HopeTikipunga	Colossians 2:5-19 (Howard Carter)
9:30am	HopeCentral	Colossians 3:5-17 (Chris Garland)
9:30am	HopeOnerahi	Colossians 2:20-3:4 (Lorne Campbell)

There is a children's ministry during the service at HopeCentral. Children stay in for the worship and go out to Kid's time during the message.

Zoom service Sunday November 13th

The zoom service will be the 9:30 am service from HopeCentral. The link for the service is.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83111922245>

If you are using an app on a mobile device the meeting ID number is: 83111922245

You can join via landline.

Please note that the process has changed. The phone number is 09 884 6780

The Meeting ID you need when prompted: 89285364673 followed by the # key. Then you will be asked for a further ID number or to press the # key again. Press the # hash key again. The host will ask for your name so we can put it on the computer screen so after the service people will know who you are.

After the service we will break into small groups so people can catch up, pray with each other. If you are on a landline you can unmute yourself by pressing *6. If you have someone on a landline in your group please introduce yourselves

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Christmas Designs



Hosted by Lynley McFarland & Glenys Currie

Come and enjoy a morning with Friends as we look at creating Christmas wreaths or floral designs. We are happy for people to participate in making their own designs or just to observe.

Thursday 24th November 9am-12pm Morning tea provided

Admission by Koha

Congregational meeting November 20th

There will be a congregational meeting after all services on Sunday November 20th. The Church property trustees require congregational approval before property is leased. So we are moving to fulfil this requirement in retrospect for the property of 73 Hunt St, which has a lease with 155 Community Law.

Board Wanted

Abby Armstrong Green is looking for a place to board with a willing individual, couple or family for approximately 6-12 months in the Whangarei urban area. Please phone or email her to discuss pricing and dates on 0275270330 email- abbyag022@gmail.com



Connect Group Leaders and Co-leaders BBQ. Sunday November 27th 5pm @ Central

Yummy! Summer's on the way!

All Connect Group leaders and co-leaders are invited to come along to Central on Sunday Nov 27th to wind up the year together. A chance to share stories from our groups, eat some delicious food and have good fellowship together. Please bring a BIG salad or a BIG dessert ... meat, drink and ice cream provided.

RSVP to Lorne ... lorne@hopewhangarei.nz or text 0211356275.

_Hope Tikipunga Community Christmas. RSVP to Helen by Friday 11th Nov !!!



Morning Tea (provided)

Wednesday 16th November 10am

Come along enjoy fellowship and make some new Christmas Decorations .

Contact Helen on

027 437 3016 – 4373656-[heljo@themcgregors.net]

Christian Broadcasting Association

Christian broad casting association are looking for new supporters to help them in their growing ministry and mission in presenting the Christian message in mainline media in New Zealand. If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry or being a supporter here is a link to their latest promotional video

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ckOvCc1QCvk&t=269s>) and website

(<https://www.cba.org.nz/mediamission-oct22-churches>)

Blessing

One of my favourite passages comes from 1 Peter 2 where Peter links our being a people, or family together with our receiving God's mercy in Jesus Christ. He speaks of us being built together as a new spiritual temple in Christ... living stones, with Christ as our corner stone. Then he ties it all together with an affirmation of us being a people together set aside for the worship and service of God, using Old Testament imagery.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Ko koutou ia he iwi whiriwhiri, he tohungatanga kīngi, he iwi tapu, he iwi kua riro pū mai ma te Atua; hei whakapuaki i ngā pai o te kaikaranga i a koutou i roto i te pōuri ki tōna mārama whakamiharo.¹⁰ I mua ehara i te iwi, ināianei ia he iwi nā te Atua: kihai nei i tohungia i mua, ināianei ia ka tohungia.

Blessings

Howard Carter

SENIOR MINISTER
HOPEWHANGĀREI

November 8th 2022

PS:- I was very blessed on Friday to spend about 5 minutes watching a curious young Matuku Moana (white faced heron) investigate a dinghy down by the town basin.

