

- Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise! No one can measure His greatness. Psalm 145v3
- Ask Him for a heart after His own heart; to see others through His eyes, to love what He loves, and to grieve for what grieves His heart.
- Pray for our Church family, especially for those grieving, the sick, the marginalized, the lonely, and those facing major challenges. Pray for hearts that are receptive and open, ready to be used for God's response to our prayers for them.
- Pray for Andrew and the Elders, for Godly wisdom and guidance to move us forward as God directs.
- Pray for Te Hahi, Nourished for Nil, Launch Pad, and all the activities associated with the work at the school. Praise God for the progress that's evident.
- Pray for Sarah and her team of young adults that they will be strengthened, supported and encouraged. Help all involved in this work in our community to see the opportunities God gives to make Christ known and bring hope to those they are serving.
- Pray for our Interns and all our young people doing higher education. Pray they will develop good work habits, retain what they learn and face the many challenges victoriously, these new situations bring.
- Pray for our sister Churches, see how we can build bridges and dislodge the walls that divide us. Pray that we would celebrate our differences to enrich our own lives and be a strong united witness to those around us.
- Remember that we are FAMILY. Lord, help us to demonstrate how to love, serve, care for, one another, and bring glory to our Father in Heaven.

IF YOU ARE NOT YET ON THE PRAYER NETWORK AND WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED. PLEASE LET HELEN KNOW, 027 8422963.

Service Teams	Duty Person	Door Greeter	Morning Tea Team	Clean Team	Communion
May 3	B Lucas	R Lucas	J&C Bebarfald	J&C Bebarfald	H Dunnett & E Hosken
May 10	R Graham	F Marshall	R&T Millet	R Graham & M Foster	
May 17	N Bennett	R Thomas	K&M Squires	I&J Beaven	
May 24	M Volk	I Blair	Green	G&A Hickling	
May 31	M Hosken	T Langdon	P Swinburn & C Ward	L Leopard & M Smiles	

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10 am service every Sunday



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Our values

Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

(Col 3:12)

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Pastor's Pen

Asaph is the author of Psalm 73, and he has just gone through a spiritual crisis. The Psalm starts with his conclusion once his crisis is over. A conclusion that we ultimately all need to come to. **"God is good to those who are pure in heart."** But Asaph admits that his **"feet had almost stumbled,"** his **"steps had nearly slipped"** (v2). He came close to abandoning his faith. So, what was it that had caused such doubts to flood in? Verse 3, **"For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked."**

In the verses that follow, Asaph describes his observation of the wicked. **"Their bodies are fat and sleek (v4) They are not in trouble"** (v5). Despite their **"pride"** and **"violence"** (v6) and **folly** (v7) people **find no fault in them** (v10) and they are **"always at ease, they increase in riches"** (v12).

Given Asaph's observations he says, **"In vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence. For all day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning"** (v13-14). As someone who is following God, he was finding the constant challenge of walking in God's ways and of being corrected by God, as an empty pursuit when the wicked seem to prosper and live in ease. He wondered why he should bother following God.

His conclusion comes while **"in the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end"** (v17). The sanctuary was the place where God met with His people. This is where Asaph gets a fresh perspective. He comes to realise that eternal glory awaits him (v24) but the wicked shall perish (v27). Once Asaph grasps the eternal reality his feet are no longer on slippery ground. His heart is filled with thanksgiving for God's guidance and council (v24) as he realises that it is God Himself who is his great **"desire"** (v26) and that ultimately God will be his **"portion forever"** (v26). This is why he can now say with confidence, **"God is good"** (v1). God's concern for us does not revolve around us having a life of material prosperity and ease but that we would have a life that it constantly pushing us into a deeper and deeper relationship with Him. Losing our eternal and relational focus is a sure way for us to slip into a spiritual crisis.

Andrew

Services for May

3 rd May	Regular Service	Communion	E Clark
10 th May	Regular Service		
17 th May	Regular Service		
24 th May	Regular Service		
31 st May	Regular Service		

Offerings & Gifts

Tithes & offerings total for March '26: **\$ 17,108** Budget: **\$14,800**

For more information on ways to give and giving number, refer to flyers available.

Napier Baptist Church's bank account: BNZ - **Napier Branch 02 0700 0010779 00.**

Notices

Te Hahi – Duty week: 25th – 31st May

Youth Night

Youth night is on the **15th of May**, from **6.30-8.30pm** in the **hall**. For queries, please contact Sarah Mitchell – 021311418.

Pentecost Prayer Initiative

As part of the 10 days continuous prayer initiative, a **prayer room** will be set up at **13 Allen Berry Ave, Pirimai**, on **14th – 23rd May**. Please check the poster or Friday email for the link and QR to book slots.

Napier Combined Churches Service

To end the 10-day prayer, there will be a **combined church service**, together with our sister churches around Napier, on **24th May**, at **6.00pm, 190 Riverbend Road**.

Voice for Life

VFL **Annual General Meeting** is happening on the **24th May**, at **2.00pm**, at **St.Mary's parish hall** in Osier, Greenmeadows.

Beds for Boys

Thank you to everyone who participated in the fundraiser for the John Takle Hostel boys. This brought in **\$3500** which has been forwarded for **14 beds**. This was a tremendous effort! **THANK YOU, ALL!**

Pathways Interns

Block week is on **17th – 22nd May**. Office will be closed but will be available to contact through email and text, office@napierbaptist.org.nz and 0221750215.

What's On This Month

Ladies Coffee Club & BOBs Men's Coffee – Monday, 4th May, at Mitre10 Café, at 10:00am.

BMF – Monday, 11th May at 2:00pm. Contact Faith Marshall for meeting place.

Prayer Together – Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:15-ish pm and Thursdays, 9:00 – 10:15-ish am in the Auditorium and Engine room, respectively.

Shake, Rattle & Roll – Wednesdays, 10:00am in the Auditorium (School terms). Resumes 22nd May.

Care & Share – Thursdays at 9:30am in the Lounge (School terms).

Working Bee – Saturday, 9th May, 9:00 am – noon.

Men's Breakfast – 23rd May 8.00am in the Hall.

Sunday Pre-service Prayer – 9:15 to 9:50 a.m. in the Engine Room.

Study & Fellowship

Super Group	2 nd and 4 th or Last Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.	Brian 0212797305
Tuesday Night Study	6:00 p.m.	Ven 021487373 / 068436302
Women's Bible Study	Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.	Melanie 02040383482
Wednesday Afternoon	3:00 p.m.	Helen 0278422963
Young Adults' Bible Study	Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.	Sarah 021311418
Evergreens Study	2 nd Thursday at 2:00 p.m.	Eddie 068367363
Thursday Bible Study	7:30 p.m.	Andrew 0276258747 / Sonja 0277282840