

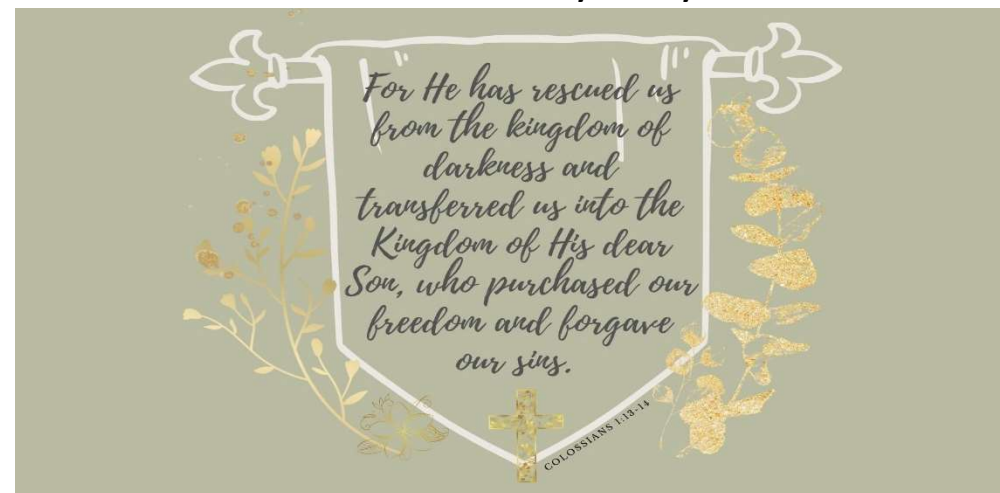
- Worship our Sovereign God who is above all things and is worthy of all our praise.
- Pray for His grace to help us embrace the challenges and changes that 'Growing into the People of God' requires.
- Pray for Andrew and the Elders. For strong Spirit lead governance.
- Pray for all our sister Churches, for their growth and protection and that together we would lift the name of Jesus in our community.
- Pray for the upcoming local body elections, that God would strategically place His people in positions of influence.
- Pray for the needs of those in our Church family and for a heart to be available to be part of God's answer to our prayers for them.
- Pray for all who are using our buildings. For their safety and that they would sense God's presence, acceptance, and answers to their needs.
- Pray for the varied outreaches we are involved in. Pray for wisdom and that God will fill the positions created by the increasing numbers of people being served.
- Pray for Sarah and all the work she is doing in the community. Pray for guidance and leading, that all efforts would be rooted in God's will.
- Pray for all our interns. Pray for wisdom and understanding as they balance their studies and serve within the church.
- Remember, we are the only Bible most people will ever read. Ask God to grow us into the image of Jesus, to display His character, become salt in our community so those around us will thirst for the Living water.

Service Teams	Duty Person	Door Greeter	Morning Tea Team	Clean Team	Communion
August 3	B Lucas	R Lucas	R Quinn & P Swinburn	K & M Squires	H Dunnett, P Sosa & M Franco
August 10	R Graham	W Braimoh	Green Family	M Smiles & R Graham	
August 17	N Bennett	V Jones	R & T Millet	I & J Beaven	
August 24	R Quinn	R Thomas	N Bennett & W Braimoh	J & C Bebarfald	
August 31	M Hosken	P Swinburn	K & M Squires	M Smiles & L Leopard	
<b>Communion Servers for August 4:</b> R & T Millet, F Marshall, P Sosa, M Hosken & N Bennett					

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**10 am service every Sunday**



## August 2025

*Our values*

**Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.**  
(Col 3:12)

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## Pastor's Pen

In the last Pastor's Pen, I wrote about prayer and this month I am on repeat. There are always things on my radar that we as a church need to be focusing on and growing in. For me, right now, it is our commitment to corporate prayer. While some people are very committed to this space, for many it is not a priority, yet our Vision Statement describes prayer as 'the engine' of the Church. Do we really believe this?

The importance of corporate prayer in the life of the early Church is hard to ignore. The Holy Spirit was first poured out on the Church (Acts 2:1-4) when the believers were in a corporate setting and they were devoting themselves to prayer, Acts 1:14. The next outpouring of the Holy Spirit was again in a corporate prayer meeting, "And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness", Acts 4:31.

God poured out the Holy Spirit on the Church in response to corporate prayer and the result was that many people were saved, Acts 2:47, 6:7. Charles Finney (1792–1875) was a leader in the 2nd Great Awakening in the United States where many people were saved. This is what he had to say about prayer and evangelism, 'Some have zealously used truth to convert men and laid very little stress on prayer. They preached, talked, and distributed tracts with great zeal, and then wondered that they had so little success. And the reason was that they forgot to use the other branch of the means, effectual prayer.'

As a church, we are reaching out into the community in so many ways. We have up to 300 people come through our building on Tuesday via Nourish for Nil. We have about half that many on Wednesday morning through Shake Rattle and Roll. We have after School Hang Outs on Wednesday afternoon, craft group on a Thursday morning and Playgroup on Friday mornings. There are also many other personal connections through neighbours, work, friends, community clubs and school. In all these spaces we are called to share the Gospel but as Finney says and as the book of Acts testifies to, God saved people through the message but unless it is undergirded by prayer, we are unlikely to see a significant harvest.

**We have several different opportunities for us to pray together: 7pm Tues nights, 9am Thurs mornings and Sun 9.15pm before the service. I hope to see you there!**

*Andrew*

## Services for August

3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Regular Service	<a href="#">Communion</a>
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Regular Service	
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Regular Service	
24 <sup>th</sup> August	Regular Service	
31 <sup>st</sup> August	Regular Service	

## Offerings & Gifts

Tithes & offerings total for July '25: **\$12,816.78** 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: 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August**  
**Barnabas Aid Prayer Update**

Check out the link in the Friday email to read the full stories of our brothers and sisters living in some of the world's hardest places, facing a range of challenges in their daily lives.

## What's On This Month

**Ladies Coffee Club & BOBs Men's Coffee – Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> August**, at Mitre10 Café, at 10:00am.

**BMF – Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> August** at 2:00pm in the Engine Room.

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

**Shake, Rattle & Roll – Wednesdays, 10:00am** in the Auditorium (School terms).

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

**Working Bee – Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> August**, 9:00 am – noon.

**Men's Breakfast – Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August** 8.00am, in the Hall.

**F5 – Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> August**, after Sunday Service in the Lounge.

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

## Study & Fellowship

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