

- Psalm 147 v. 1. How good to sing praises to our God! How delightful and how fitting!
- Give thanks for the way He has guided our footsteps this past year, and the good plans He has for His Church this year.
- Pray for Andrew and the elders for wisdom, guidance, and good governance as we move into His plans for us this year.
- Pray that we all will have teachable attitudes and change what needs to be changed in our lives first.
- Pray for our young people as they return to school/university this month. Many will face some major challenges and new environments and will appreciate the support of their Church family.
- Pray for the various groups who use our facilities; for their safety, that they would sense the presence of God and that any barriers preventing them from getting to know Jesus would be broken down.
- Pray for the ministry to the young at school and our Church kids. Pray for creative ways of engaging with them, and that there would be good integration, and as these groups grow so will the numbers of suitable helpers.
- Bless the sister Churches in our district. That together we would find ways to build bridges of unity within the body of Christ.
- Pray for our Police, Fire Brigade, Ambulance personnel, and those cleaning up the mess following the recent rough weather and all who are grieving losses following the storms.
- Lord, give us the willingness to be part of your answer to the prayers we pray

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
Feb 1	R Graham	I Blair	W Braimoh, P Sosa, J Gerken	J & C Bebarfald	H Dunnett, G Fernando & M Franco
Feb 8	M Volk	R Thomas	R & T Millet	I & J Beaven	
Feb 15	B Lucas	R Lucas	Green Family	G & A Hickling	
Feb 22	M Hosken	W Braimoh	P Swinburn	L Leopard & R Graham	

**Communion Servers for February 7:** R&T Millet, M Hosken, P Swinburn, F Marshall, S Mitchell

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**10 am service every Sunday**



**February 2026**

*Our values*  
**Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.**

**(Col 3:12)**

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## Pastor's Pen

One of our Five Statements in our church Vision is:

### Committed to Prayer - Prayer is the engine of the church.

Our corporate prayer spaces continue to be one of my favorite times during the week. Sunday mornings at 9:15am, Tuesday evenings at 7pm and Thursday mornings at 9am. For me personally, this is a time that I often hear God speaking either through other people's prayers, encouragements or testimonies but also through God's still small voice. One of the main themes that has been coming through our prayer meetings again lately has been an encouragement to still ourselves and wait on God. I realise that many of us find this very hard to do. Timothy Keller notes that "Many things are written that we are the least contemplative people in history". I'm sure most of us would agree with this. We are bombarded by information and entertainment, and we can find it extremely difficult just to slow ourselves right down, rid ourselves of distractions and to be still. To wait on God and to listen and reflect.

In Psalm 27 David faces 4 significant life challenges. In verse 2 the wicked are seeking his life; in verse 3 an army is gathering against him to make war; in verse 10 David has been rejected by both his mother and father; and in verse 12 false witnesses are stirring up violence against him.

When you have wicked people seeking your life and armies gathering against you and you are rejected by family and people are invoking violence against you through lies it is understandable to just want to jump into problem solving mode. But for David, even in the midst of such difficulties, his greatest delight was to dwell with God all his days, to gaze upon His beauty and to seek God's direction and guidance for his life (verse 4). With this kind of God focus, even amid his difficulties, David finds a place of shouting for joy and singing songs of praise (verse 6). David's final encouragement to us in Psalm 27 is in verse 14, wait for the LORD.

Andrew

### Services for February

1 <sup>st</sup> February	Regular Service		Andrew Mitchell		Communion
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Regular Service		Graeme Brandt		
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Regular Service		Eddie Clark		
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Regular Service		Peter Bell		

### Offerings & Gifts

Tithes & offerings total for November '25: **\$ 12,785** Budget: **\$14,800**

December '25: **\$ 15,969**

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: 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> February

### Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study Group will resume on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, at 9.30am, in the engine room. Kicking off their study with "Christ in the Old Testament" (KYB). All ladies are welcome. For questions, please contact Mel Squires – 02040383482.

### Youth Hangout and Bible Study

Youth Group began late last year and has been a great space for young people to connect and explore questions about faith. The first for this year on the 20<sup>th</sup> February, Friday, 6.30-8.00pm, in the hall. Additionally, a bible study for the youth begins 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Monday, 6.30pm, in the lounge. For queries, please contact Sarah Mitchell – 021311418.

### Freedom in Christ Course

Starting next Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm at 5 Matthews Place. This is a 10-week weekly course, helpful for tackling areas of our lives that hinder our walk with Jesus. A couple of places are still available, contact Graham Pritchard - 021 296 7127 - or the office for details.

### Volunteers Appreciation Night

We are holding a Volunteers Appreciation Night to give thanks to all who generously and faithfully share their time and energy each week. This will be on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, from 5:00–7:00pm in the auditorium. Please RSVP to Anne Brandt - 0220906303 - or the church office by 1 February.

### What's On This Month

**Ladies Coffee Club & BOBs Men's Coffee** – Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, at Mitre10 Café, at 10:00am.

**BMF** – Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 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).

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

**Working Bee** – Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 9:00 am – noon.

**Men's Breakfast** – 28<sup>th</sup> February 8.00am in the Hall.

**F5** – Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, after Sunday Service in the Lounge.

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

### Study & Fellowship

Super Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 2:00 p.m.	Eddie 068367363
Thursday Bible Study	7:30 p.m.	Andrew 0276258747 / Sonja 0277282840