

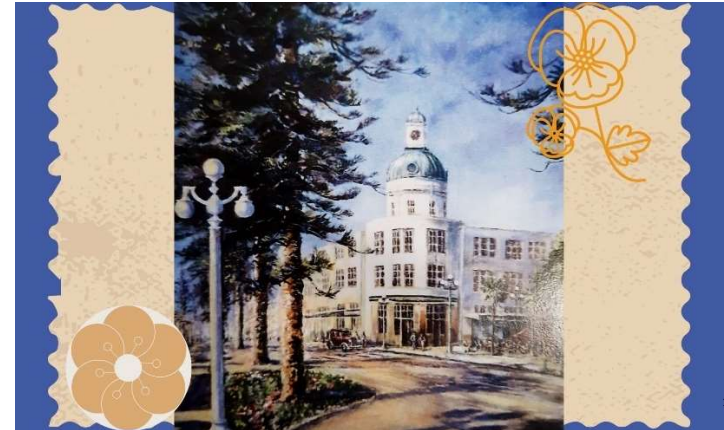
- Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- Praise the wonderful name of our God, for His great love, faithfulness and grace towards us.
- Give Him thanks for sustaining us and leading us forward in this faith journey together.
- Pray for Andrew and the team, for Godly wisdom in leadership and for a covering of protection and health for them and their extended families.
- Pray for Sarah and all who serve with her in the community outreaches. Pray for loving grace and wisdom as they make Jesus known in our broken community.
- Pray for health and safety for all who use our buildings and for Ian as he works so faithfully to get our facilities up to a high standard.
- Pray God's blessing on all our sister Churches, that they, too, will grow in grace and together we will proclaim Christ in our community.
- Pray for the sick amongst us, for those grieving the loss of loved ones or personal difficulties. Pray to be willing to be part of God's answer to our prayers for them.
- Pray that we would be willing to let God take us out of our comfortable place, encourage one another, and become salt and light in our homes and in our community.

Service Teams	Duty Person	Door Greeter	Morning Tea Team	Clean Team	Communion
July 6	R Graham	R Thomas	Green Family		H Dunnett, P Sosa & M Franco
July 13	B Lucas	R Lucas	N Bennett & R Quinn	J & C Bebarfald	
July 20	R Quinn	P Swinburn	K & M Squires	M Smiles & L Leopard	
July 27	M Hosken	V Jones	J & C Bebarfald	G & A Hickling	
<b>Communion Servers for July 4:</b> B & R Lucas, F Marshall, P Swinburn, M Hosken & M Franco					

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**10 am service every Sunday**



**July 2025**

*Our values*

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

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## Pastor's Pen

As I contemplate this Pastor's Pen the thing that comes to the top of my mind is prayer, and already I am thinking that my next Pastor's Pen, and maybe even the one after that, will be on prayer.

Our Vision Statement describes prayer as being 'the engine' of the Church. Given that, I've been wondering, "How big is our engine at Napier Baptist?" Is our engine big enough to drive all that God has for us as a church? At the moment, I do not think it is.

I have used this quote before in regard to prayer and it remains one of my favourites:

"Prayer is the easiest and hardest of all things; the simplest and the sublimest; the weakest and the most powerful; its results lie outside the range of human possibilities - they are limited only by the omnipotence of God." — E.M. Bounds

On one hand, prayer is the easiest of all things. Through Christ we have full access to God anytime, anywhere. God invites us to come with confidence (boldness) to Him to find help in our time of need, Hebrews 4:6. But in a world so full of entertainment, business, scepticism, and distraction, prayer is also the hardest of all things. It is so easy to find something more pressing to do than to set aside time to pray. This is one reason why I am such an advocate of corporate prayer. These set meetings help discipline us to schedule regular spaces during our week to pray.

Bounds' quote also challenges us to think about the omnipotence (unlimited power) of God when we pray. Often the reason that we don't pray is because we don't feel like our prayers matter. While our prayers may often seem weak and feeble the thing we need to grasp is that prayer is centered around who God is and not around who we are. Paul puts it this way, "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us." Ephesians 3:20.

Andrew

### Services for July

6 <sup>th</sup> July	Baptismal & Regular Service	Communion
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Regular Service	
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Regular Service	
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Regular Service	

### Offerings & Gifts

Tithes & offerings total for June '25: **\$13,119** Budget: **\$14,800**

Half Year: **\$85,325** Budget: **\$88,800 (4% lower)**

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: 14-20<sup>th</sup> July**

### Tomato Plant Seedling

We are looking for individuals to care for tomato plant seedlings and nurture them to a saleable size for the Tomato Plant Project, which will take place toward the end of the year. If you're interested, please contact either Helen or the office.

### Community Recipe Book

As a fundraiser for the Hope Next Door Trust, we're putting together a community cookbook, and need your help! We're still collecting recipes that are meaningful or special to you. Whether it's a cherished family favourite or a dish you love to make and want to share. Please send your recipe or speak to Michelle.

### Giving & Student Sponsorship

Thank you for your generous giving. As you continue to give, please also pray for and think about supporting our community ministries Hope Next Door and Te Hahi. Also, please pray and consider sponsoring a student in the Philippines through our partner church, GACCIM. Check out the student profiles on the bulletin board.

### What's On This Month

**Ladies Coffee Club & BOBs Men's Coffee – Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> July**, at Mitre10 Café, at 10:00am.

**BMF – Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July** 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, 19<sup>th</sup> July**, 9:00 am – noon.

**Men's Breakfast – Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> July** 8.00am, in the Hall.

**F5 – Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> July**, 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