

Connect, Care, Commit & Contribute

In unity be a fully functioning
Biblical
community
demonstrating
the love, grace
and truth of
Christ, through
our worship,
walk and
witness.

CONNECT with those inside the church and beyond

CARE for one another

COMMIT to sharing Christ's love with others

CONTRIBUTE to the life and mission of FBC

If anyone is interested in baptism and/or membership, please see Ross.

"And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:38 Phone: 07 855 5469

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WEEKLY NEWS



13th August 2023

This Sunday: Neville Stevenson – Luke 20:1-8

Next Sunday: Ross Woodhouse – Luke 20:9-19

Our mission family for the month of August is the Hopkinson family and they will be visiting on the 20th with an update of what has been happening with them. We will also be having a shared lunch so please come prepared.

Youth Service: Sunday 3rd September at 7.00pm. Come and join our youth as they worship the Lord. All welcome.

Craft: Monday at 10am in the Youth Room.

Community Lunch: Monday at 12.15pm

<u>Café Connect</u>: Tuesday from 10am – 11am in the café following the prayer meeting.

Congratulations: To Isaac and Temitayo Oni on the birth of their son, Praise. Mum and baby are doing well but because of his very early arrival Praise will be kept in hospital for a further 6-10 weeks. We will continue with our plan to have a baby shower for Tayo on 9th September in the Café from 3-5pm. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.



If you have any larger items you would like to lend or give them please contact the office to see what is needed or if you would like to make a donation towards larger baby items or medical expenses the bank account number is 03 0306 0200267 00 with the code baby.

<u>Single Ladies:</u> Come and join us for lunch today at 12.15pm at Mealmates Café, Clarkin Rd. Booked under Valda.

Full Life Retreat:

Many believers are not experiencing freedom like they should, they're lacking power, and held back by the worries of this world. Are you limping spiritually? Are you lacking joy and peace? Are you being held hostage by addiction, fear, sin, trauma, or sickness? If God has gifted us such a rich overflowing life, wouldn't it be a shame if we continued with even half of what he has offered us? At the Full Life Retreat you will ... Discover what this full life is. Find out what's holding you back. Receive prayer for healing and deliverance. Learn about the power of agreeing with God and how-to walk-in authority with Him. Be filled and authorised to do what God has called you to do.

If you or anyone you know would benefit from this course please contact the office.



Prayer is available after the service on Sunday. Please come to the front and one of the prayer team will be happy to pray with you.

PRAYER MEETINGS

Sunday Morning **9am to 9.30am** in the Oasis room.

The Monday night prayer meeting is on from **7pm to 8pm**. The online option is also run in conjunction and the link is https://meet.google.com/xyx-ioiw-iov

Tuesday morning prayer meeting is held in the Oasis room from **9.15am to 9.45am**.



Gaylene Burgess 13th

Victoria Yap 14th

Xinyi Li 16th

Lucas Moreira 17th

Simone Schuil 18th

Norma Davis 19th

We pray you have a very special day and the Lord will continue to bless you all year through.

Offerings/Donations: We are so thankful for all the offerings and donations that we receive but the General Offerings is now down by \$25,288.00 as at the end of July with less than 2 months to go till the end of our financial year. This has meant that we have had to monitor our expenditure to maintain our budget. Donations for the month of July were \$19,632.00 and the approved monthly budget is \$21,691.00.

<u>Apologies:</u> for the multiple emails and please bear with us as we make the transition from Elvanto over the next few weeks.

Mission Focus for August: The Hopkinson Family

Praise · For having **Jonathan** around for a week and celebrating his **21st** with extended family. We have all enjoyed his company. Silvia also came down to see him for 2 days. He is doing well in Christchurch.

- · Ira got his very **complicated tax return** in, which includes being a resident and non-resident for tax in NZ. Pray that he got it right!
- · Ira's project has agreed to **help us with some funding** since what we are earning presently has not been enough to cover our living costs.
- ·That as a family, we are in **much better health** now than 2 weeks ago.

Prayer · For strength for Ira and his team as they work on producing **software that Bible translators can use** with ease and modify as they need to. They are planning on the software to last until the **end of Bible poverty**.

<u>Pray:</u> You will have heard on the news that Niger is experiencing Political unrest at the moment. Please pray for Mark and Faye Griffiths who are based there. A family member here says they are safe and continuing their work but would appreciate our prayers for themselves and also that the unrest in the country will end soon.

<u>Tearfund Big Quiz Night:</u> Get your teams of 4-6 together or just come along and we will put you in a team for this fun event. Register as below. Supper provided.

