

Whangamata Baptist Church

Whanau Focus
January 2021

Nau Mai, Haere Mai

Well, it is hard to imagine that another year is in the rear-view mirror. And what a year it was. Certainly not one we would have or could have imagined. Through it all we have found God to be faithful in all His ways toward us. Because He has been faithful, we can confidently look forward to the year 2021. As you rest and relax over the January period it is often an appropriate time to reflect on the issue of what is most important in life. We can set many attainable goals and have good aspirations but if there is anything the last year has taught us it is that these goals can be gone in a moment. So then what is important? What goal might transcend all circumstances, unexpected changes and roadblocks of life?

Might I suggest the highest goal for every person would be to know God. To know Him more than last year or the year before. The Apostle Paul says that he counted all things as loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Jesus Christ my Lord. To him the goal of knowing God was greater than any other goal he could ever have. He would give every one of them up in order to know God. Why not make that your intention this coming year – to know God! Be intentional. Plan for it.

Enjoy this summer season. Rest. Relax. Refresh. Reinvigorate. But most of all continue to grow in grace and in the knowing of Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Christ's Love, Greg Hollier, Pastor

From Joy Wilson

A new year has begun, let's remember that we are new creatures in Christ. 2 Cor. 5 : 17

Therefore, if anyone is grafted into Christ, they are a new creation. The old moral and spiritual condition has passed away and behold the fresh and new has come !...and all things are of God. So, let us put away those sins that so easily beset us and clothe ourselves, as God's chosen ones, with tender-hearted pity, mercy, lowliness, gentleness and patience, freely forgiving one another Happy New Year!



Church Administrator

I am leaving to concentrate on Counselling, and need a super administrator to take my place. 9 hours a week over three mornings (9-12am), see Greg or myself for a job description. Sandy Snook.

Date	DoorDuty	M/Tea	
20 Dec	Brian Hughes	Adele	Lynda/Bev
25 Dec	Brooke Spong	None	Candy
27 Dec	Neil & Jan	Deb	Joy/Sandy
3 Jan	Willy & Lynda	Gwen	Gwen/Lena
10 Jan	Noel Snook	Joy	Patty/Steve/Bev
17 Jan	Robbie/Fleurette	Adele	Rosie/Pam
24 Jan	Paul & Heather	Candy	Bev/Joy
31 Jan	Brooke	Deb	Sharon/Gwen

Global Missions Update:

Please remember all our global missions partners in the coming Christmas period. This is often a time when homesickness hits. Your prayers would be gratefully appreciated.

Empower Asia: There is a new newsletter on the noticeboard. The Cambodia board has been reformed, and they are now a registered NGO, shortly taking on 10-20 new children, and moving into bigger premises. Myanmar has been affected by Covid and is stable. Thailand has had some issues and closed down both homes, but is rebuilding under one of the old graduates. In Kolkata, the older girls have returned to newly painted premises, and they are awaiting the arrival of the younger girls. Because of lockdown rules in Nepal, the home for the girls has been put on hold, but the Sherpa boys are back living in the homes. The Bhutan young people have had to return to their homes due to government restrictions. Paul will be taking the vaccine as soon as it is available so he can continue to travel. Thank you for your ongoing support of this worthwhile work.

Ministries

Youth Group – Fortnightly on Tuesday Nights -

Greg Laing 022 046 0086

Prayer Chain - A confidential, faithful group of prayer warriors.

Call Susan 0274043843

Kid's Zone – for School Kids

Rochelle 0274811581

Pre School Programme -

Amy 0212144013

Seniors Ministry (to 70+) –

Susan Batchelar 07865 7342

Doreen Spain 07865 9517

Whangamata Youth Trust -

Community Youth Workers –

Greg Laing:

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Home Groups

Day/Time	This Week	Next Week	Where	Contact
Sun 9:30am	Prayer Group	Prayer Group	Church	Doreen 865 9517
Tue 7:30am	Prayer Group	Prayer Group	Church	Doreen 865 9517

All other groups will resume in February

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