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BRINGING GOD'S HIDDEN
TREASURE INTO THE LIGHT

22ND MAY 2022

Feedback from the Elders Retreat in March

At our elders retreat we prayerfully considered the strategies and structure to fulfil the mission and vision for the church: “Bringing God’s hidden treasure into the light” and “To create a vibrant growing church where people want to be involved and invite their friends”.

We identified three overlapping core ministry areas: Spiritual Development and Outreach; Young Families; and Care Ministries. All the various ministries fit into these core areas or under the ‘Support Ministries’ umbrella serving the whole church – see the table and diagram available with this newsletter or from the church office. It is a living document and has been updated since the recent Leaders Breakfast. It demonstrates the breadth of what is happening in the church, who to contact regarding each ministry area, and the oversight areas of each elder whilst we have no pastor.

We want to be a praying church, and prayer is at the centre of the diagram, for without it none of the ministries can be effective.

We see a focus on young families as vital for the future of the church – the age range of our congregation is heavily skewed to those over 55, so without making the church an attractive option for young families we will die out! To this end, after appointing a new Senior Pastor, we aim as soon as possible to appoint an Assistant Pastor whose focus will be on young family ministries.

Peter Millais, on behalf of the Elders

NEW TO CAMBRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH?

If you are visiting for the first time, we say kia ora and a very warm WELCOME to you. As you worship with us we trust that you will feel at home, but more than that, to know the presence of God has touched your life through the worship and the Word. It is our intention to provide you with a loving environment, where people are encouraged in their journey of faith. Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9 AM TO 1 PM

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Eldership Team: Peter Bichan, Ruth Martis, Peter Millais, Mervyn Taylor

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Practicing Mutual Humility

1. What stood out to you during the sermon on Sunday? What was perhaps new? What did you disagree with? What challenged you?
2. **Read all of Matthew 13 together.** In re-reading the scripture, what stood out to you this time?
3. Sarah mentioned two lens she had worn, reading this parable in the past. Industrial revolution lens and perfectionistic lens. Have you become aware of any lens you have unknowingly worn, while reading this parable in the past?

Here is a summary of the three types of agricultural hazards.

Agricultural Hazard...	Leads to...	What the soil needs
Pathway soil	Hard/unreceptiveness	Softening
Rocky soil	Shallowness	Depth
Thorny soil	Cluttered/preoccupation with this	Space

4. Which of these obstacles are you most susceptible to? What are you wrestling with at present? (Hint: take a risk...be vulnerable)
5. Discuss some of the ways in which softening, depth and space can be activated in your life?
6. Pray for one another.

NEWSLETTER

SURVEY RESULTS – SERVICE START TIME Thank you for the excellent response to the survey about your preferred service start time. Based on your responses we will shift to a starting time of 9:30 am as from Sunday 5th June.

RENEW TOGETHER- COLLECTION FOR BAPTIST MISSIONARIES. We will be holding a special collection next Sunday, 29th May, for the Baptist Missionaries serving overseas. There will be envelopes available, especially for this purpose, if you bring your donation with you. Otherwise you can pay online, making a note in the reference, that it is for the Renew Together collection.

THE CHURCH MANSE AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL BECOME AVAILABLE FOR RENT FROM MID JUNE - it is a four bedroom spacious home. Our preference would be to rent to a church family but are willing to rent to others from outside Cambridge Baptist. Could you direct expressions of interest to John Langhorn at jandtlanghorn@gmail.com. Terms of rental, including the rent, will be finalised over the next week or two."

WORSHIP WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY On Saturday, the 28th of May there will be a workshop held at School of Worship Leading (SoWL) in Auckland. The workshop is for everyone involved in worship, including sound and pro-presenter volunteers and on-line worship leaders. The costs are \$50 if you attend, and \$15 if you'd like to attend on-line. The cost will be covered by Cambridge Baptist Church. Please contact Laurika Niemand, Interim Music Ministry Leader, if you are interested: niemandlaurika@gmail.com or 027 347 7301.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH MINISTRY AND THOSE WHO SERVE INTERMEDIATE AGE KIDS Queens Birthday Leaders Training, Rotorua, Friday_3 Jun 6:00pm – Monday 6 Jun 1:00pm 2022. Baptist Youth Ministries runs QB Leaders Training annually over Queens Birthday weekend. There are some great speakers, with four seminar streams. See [QB Leaders Training | northernbaptist](#) If interested, please contact Francois Vienings fvienings@gmail.com or to one of the elders. The cost will be covered by Cambridge Baptist Church, with a 50% subsidy from Waikato Baptist Association. Register by Monday 30th of May.

TITHING - the bank account number, for those who would like to pay online is: 02 0300 0014711 00. Please make sure to include your tithing number in the reference column. If you don't have a tithing number, please contact the church office.

PRAYER POINTS FOR THE WEEK STARTING MONDAY 23RD MAY

- Thank the Lord, for continuing interest of applicants for the senior pastor role. Please keep on praying for clear guidance and wisdom for the search committee as formal interviews are beginning.
- Please pray that all of us may know the joy of the LORD, despite our circumstances. Let us look out for each other and pass that joy on; a joy that is a commitment not just a feeling.
- Thank the Lord, for a wonderful worship and music meeting last Saturday with interested musicians, worship leaders and sound and ProPresenter operators.
- Thank the Lord for Laurika Niemand who has accepted the responsibility as interim music ministry leader. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as change is always challenging. Please also pray for those attending the workshop in Auckland next Saturday that they will find it inspiring and encouraging.
- Pray for the Elders and for Gillian in the office, that the increased workload is manageable for all of them.
- Pray for the folk in our church who are sick and who are self-isolating because of COVID-19.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Day	Time	Event	Location	Contact	Phone
Mon 23/5	9:30 am	Strength & Balance	Hall	Ann Hugill	
Wed 25/5	9:30 am	Men's bike ride	Varies	Peter Millais	027 418 4411
	9.30 am	Women's Walk & Talk	Te Koutu Lake carpark	Ann Hugill	
	10:00 am	Mainly Music	Auditorium	Lynne Porter	
Fri 27/5	9:30 am	Sew What	Lounge	Cathy Early	
Sat 28/5	All day	Worship Workshop	Auckland or online	Laurika Niemand	027 347 7301
Sun 29/5	8:30 am	Pre-service prayer	Prayer Room	Ross Miller	
	9:00 am	Sunday Service and Children's Church	Auditorium Hall	Ruth Martis Francois Vienings	

Home/small groups meet at various times. If you would like to join one, please speak with Ross Porter, 021 0275 9385, or directly to a home group leader – details in a booklet from the church office.