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T4 Events

Please feel welcome to
 join us for any of the
 following activities.

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OCT

Understanding the Bible

7:30pm Tuesday Nights Ngaio Home Group
 7:00pm Wednesday Nights Puriri Home Group
 A three-week series with Pastor David Auty

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OCT

A Night with the Robertson's

6pm Friday Night Potluck Meal, 8 Rimu Street, Hawera
 Ian & Colleen Robertson are in town for one night only.
 Come and meet this inspirational couple we support in mission.
 RSVP: David & Helen Ph 278 7823

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NOV

Youth Group

6 – 8pm Friday Night, meet at HBC.
 For more information contact
 Matthew Ph 278 3009 or Andrew Ph 278 3681

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NOV

Valiant Man

7:00pm Monday Nights at HBC.
 A ten week course for men on sexual discipleship.
 For more info contact Matthew Ph 278 7823

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NOV

Just Walk Across the Room

7:30pm Tuesday Nights Ngaio Home Group
 7:00pm Wednesday Nights Puriri Home Group
 A four-week series with Bill Hybels on sharing your faith

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Seniors Afternoon

2:00pm Sunday Afternoon
 Gaither Music / Testimony and Afternoon Tea
 RSVP: Henk & Hanny Ph 278 7464

7
DEC

Movie Night - Faith Like Potatoes

7:00pm Friday 7, Saturday 8 or Sunday 9 December
 In various homes around Hawera
 Bring a friend and some munchies to share.

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DEC

Christmas Dinner

6pm Saturday Evening catered dinner at HBC.
 Suggested donation \$10/Adult and \$5/Child – or what you can
 afford. RSVP: Rocco & Lynette Ph 272 6885

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Focus Areas

Our focus team is made up of our Pastor and the “Champions” for each of the focus areas. The list of champions can be found on page 8. The comments here are made by members of the focus team but not necessarily the champion for that area just to show we are flexible and each try to hold a big picture approach.

“Living Faith From the Inside Out”

Discipleship & Training

We have a great relationship with the Welcome Bay Community Church and once again had a wonderful time of ministry and fellowship with them over in Tauranga. It's easy to see the "mission" component to a trip like this - after all we're sharing, challenging and trying to minister to the Church and their local community. However I think there is also a very strong discipleship and training aspect to it as well.

Each team member was asked to come up with a short story of their faith (or testimony). This in itself is a challenge for most people to do, and hearing the testimony of those who might not usually share in this way was a great privilege and a wonderful growth opportunity for them. Likewise with the young people. Both the youth and the kids were great, particularly during the worship service on Sunday morning, and their participation was great training and development for them. From preaching to sharing, team work to individual effort, music and prayer - each of these elements of ministry gave a chance for people to step up to and be stretched for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

Ministry is an opportunity for discipleship and training and I encourage you not to wait for the next mission trip to get involved with it.

David

Prayer & Worship

Someone once asked me if I would get tired of being on the worship team every Sunday. My response was, "Never!" How could I, knowing that God is worthy of my best effort to praise Him? David said, "I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High." For me, all my heart means I need to get out of the seats and be active in the worship. Worship that does not come from the heart is pointless, and the same is true of insincere prayers. If we want our prayer to be effective and our worship to really glorify God, we need to engage our hearts in honesty and openness to Him. I would really love to see more of us being active and worshipping with the gifts that God has given, and I am sure there is untapped talent out there! Having a strong prayer and worship life in the church will ensure that all our other ministries are meaningful, and are underpinned by an attitude of service and desire to glorify God in everything we do.

Andrew

Resourcing & Administration

How do you "get things done"? You talk to an organised person! This focus area is all about organisation, communication and making sure all the other focus areas are receiving the resources and administrative support that they need to thrive. Sharon Wilkinson has been our first Champion in this area, but has decided to shift her efforts towards other areas of church life at this time - thanks for kicking this new focus area off for us Sharon! If you are passionate about supporting the Church in resourcing and administration then talk to Pastor David about it.

David

Local & Global Mission

Over the weekend of 12-14 October, a group of us travelled over to the Welcome Bay Church in Tauranga for a short mission trip. So why did we all give up our time, our money and our weekend? The reason lies in what we were doing. We went to encourage and support our brothers and sisters in Christ. We share a common goal, to see our Lords Kingdom here on earth furthered.

Over the weekend we were able to share in fellowship with our billets and others in the church congregation, but the highlight was the Amazing Race on Saturday evening. Together with them we were able to speak into the lives of many of their invited friends, through sharing what God has done in our lives – a variety of situations, one outcome – God is good.

During this time, we also saw connections that were made during previous mission trips strengthened and consolidated and really look forward to an ongoing, developing relationship with the Welcome Bay Church.

Matthew

Care & Inclusion

Last month I was taken to the Base Hospital with a bad concussion. In a few hours the cell phone started to receive messages, and the next couple of weeks were filled with more texts, flowers, phone calls, huge 'get well' card from school kids, and some visits.

When I think back to those days, it always reminds me of how much of community is just about being there for someone.

Being there when we don't know what to say. Being there when we don't really know what to do. Being there when all we've got to offer is a quick prayer, a smile and a pack of biscuits.

I love these words from Holley Gerth: "We try to make community more complicated than it needs to be. But really all it means is being there. Not hiding. Not believing the lie that someone else could do it better. Not even waiting for someone to reach out to us. It's just making ourselves available."

Someone needs you today. Just as you are. You don't have to be a gifted pastor, or evangelist, or an extravert or possess a PhD in social studies. Maybe all you've got to touch a life is just show up. For five minutes. No need to bring anything (OK, I admit the chocolate cake was a nice addition). Today, tomorrow, the next time the unexpected text comes.

You've got more to offer than you realize. And in community, sometimes it's the small things that make the biggest difference. How are you showing up for someone else? How has someone else showed up for you? "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18.

Olya



Confessing Jesus as Lord

If you open your Bible at Romans 10:9-11 you will read:

That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified; and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

As the Scripture says, *Everyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.*

You say you have accepted Christ--go and tell someone--do not be ashamed to confess Him.

Why should you be? Suppose I had fallen off the wharf, injuring myself so that I could not swim, and a laborer working on a coal barge had plunged in and saved me. If a month later you saw me walking down Main Street and the same laborer, all begrimed with coal dust, coming up from the opposite direction, and you see that I noticed him first and deliberately turned to look into a store window so that I would not have to stop and greet him because I was ashamed to be seen talking to him, what would you think of me?

You have declared that you believe the Lord Jesus Christ has given His life to save you. Occasions will arise when you will meet Him face to face in the presence of those who despise Him. Will you be ashamed and look the other way, or will you honor Him in both word and deed as your Lord and Savior?

Having really accepted Him, you must and you will acknowledge Him.

Taken from, The Reason Why
By Robert Laidlaw

Henk Mansvelt

Born on the outskirts of Rotterdam, the second largest city in the Netherlands. Henk grew up in a three-story house where his Father died when he was only eight years old, his family became poor people in a wealthy part of the city. Henk developed handyman skills in painting and carpentry to keep the house up to scratch.

Henk's parents were staunch Dutch Reformed (a Christian denomination). He noticed how most people went to church during the war years, but people don't seem to need God the same during good times. Sunday was the big day of the week with church from 9-11am then home for lunch where they had their biggest and only meat meal of the week. Then it was off to Sunday school after lunch.

The war years left a big impression on Henk with not much to eat it was almost criminal to waste food. To this day he can't bear to waste food. He walked ¾ hour to school with his three brothers and home again for lunch for a sandwich then back to school, it was hardly worth it – 3 hours walking a day. One day he decided not to come home for lunch, but never did that again after getting a hiding. At bath time a gas hot water cylinder fixed above the bath used to heat the water. Henk being the youngest of four boys, was fourth in line to have his bath and by his turn you couldn't see the bottom of the bath.

The only way to get pocket money before Henk started his first job was to dig potatoes and pick beans during the school holidays. He finished school at 14 years and went to work as a baker's assistant. At 17 years he started night classes in book keeping. He was the class clown and got sick of studying at night, so escaped by joining the army for 18 months training. Here he grew up a bit. Seeing the other army guys studying at night, he decided to go back to night school, but he had to make a deal with the teacher to settle down and take things seriously.

Once he finished his army training he got a job at a shipping company, Rotterdam Lloyd, as a bookkeeper where he worked for 6 months. It was like sitting in a school classroom, where you couldn't talk to anyone. This work was unsatisfying and had no future for Henk.

After going on his first holiday with YMCA, a boat trip to Germany, he gained an appetite to see more of the world. He had had enough of the rat race. The government was offering subsidies for people who wanted to leave Holland as it was overcrowded. The options Henk considered were South Africa, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

In 1959 Henk packed his belongings in two suitcases and moved to NZ. He received 65 pounds once he landed. He had a brother working on a farm in Taranaki and decided to join him. Henk found a job milking cows in Eltham. Three years later he found an office job in Hawera working for an accountancy firm and then Halliwells. A few years later Henk and a partner started their own accountancy business. In 2005 they sold to McCallum & Dallas.

Henk was encouraged to have adult baptism while worshiping at Stratford Baptist with Graham Broden. When he moved to Hawera in 1963 he continued to worship at Hawera Baptist and eventually became the treasurer. We recently thanked Henk for completing 35 years faithful service as treasurer. Henk still welcomes people on Sunday mornings and looks after the property.

Henk met Ruth at Rotorua Christian Camp and then followed her up to Auckland on his motorbike; they were married for 28 years. Henk nursed his first wife Ruth for 11 months of a non-treatable brain tumour until she died in 1993. Henk married Hanny 18 years ago and between them they have seven children and 17 grandchildren. Hanny worships at the Catholic Church and Henk at the Baptist Church and it works well, they have a wonderful gift in hospitality. Hanny is a real people person and does a great job in pastoral care. One of her famous sayings is, when you have a problem, pray about it and put it in the Jesus basket.

These days Henk keeps busy as a Property Developer using his handyman skills. He sees God's hand on his life in all the small things – he gives God the credit for how things work out. Having a career in finance Henk has some advice for us, a hearse doesn't come with a towbar - you can't take anything with you when you die. Ownership in this life is only a passing phase – store up your treasure in heaven.



HAWERA
BAPTIST CHURCH

OUR PURPOSE

We exist to:

Honour God

Build the Kingdom of God

Connect with our Community



OUR VISION

**“Living Faith
from the
Inside Out”**

Living faith in such a way that we see our own spiritual growth result in greater participation in God's work of transformation, through significant Kingdom impact, in our community and beyond.

OUR FOCUS

Our focus comes out of what we value and forms an important part of the implementation of our vision.

- Prayer & Worship
- Discipleship & Training
- Care & Inclusion
- Local & Global Mission
- Resourcing & Administration



From David's Desk



PASTOR DAVID AUTY

Spring has sprung! Isn't it great to have the sun out, the flowers blooming, and the birds singing once again!

This time of year is a wonderful reminder of new life; and new life is what we're all about! *"Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new."* (2 Corinthians 5:17). The Christian message is concerned with this new life that is found in Jesus Christ. As Christians we hold such a powerful, positive and living message of hope and peace. So how do we get this message out there in a positive way?

As a Church we've developed our mission, vision and focus over the past few years. These are all great descriptors of who we are and who we hope to be. So how are we going to grow in our "living faith from the inside out"? At our vision night in September we shared two target areas to give us some direction as we take the next steps together. Let's take a look at them briefly here:

Community involvement is more than simply running our regular "in house" activities and worship services. Yes, these things are important, and they do have an aspect of community involvement to them, however our proximity to the wider community needs to become closer. Being involved in the community doesn't need to be a scary notion, in fact, it can be as simple as forging good relationships with our neighbours, or starting up a support group for people like you. It needn't be scary, but it does need to be purposeful. Creatively finding ways to be more involved in our community is where we establish credibility and trust - it's an opportunity for us to prove to the community that we really do care, and for people to practically see that it's true.

Capital development is the second target. For years the Church has survived on a few faithful members because of the audacious vision of previous generations to develop our current Church property. This has been a real blessing, but imagine if we could extend that blessing into the next 30-50 years! At present our facilities are sufficient for our needs, but what about the future? There is a need for us to develop a capital fund that gives us options when important decisions around facilities and location etc. come about. Let's pray and share plans for how we might get such a fund up and running.

Of course all of this is nothing without the new life that Jesus offers. It's important for us to remember that neither community involvement nor capital development is the ultimate goal. Success can only be measured through the lens of our mission and vision. Are we: Honouring God; Building the Kingdom of God; Connecting with our community? Are we more clearly "living faith from the inside out"?

With greater community involvement and significant capital development we are putting ourselves in a position to more powerfully share the great message of faith, hope and love that is the gospel of Jesus Christ - to offer new life to all!

I hope you enjoy reading our third edition of "Connect"! Blessings, Pastor David Auty

2 Corinthians 5:16-20 (CEV)

"We are careful not to judge people by what they seem to be, though we once judged Christ in that way. Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new. God has done it all! He sent Christ to make peace between himself and us, and he has given us the work of making peace between himself and others. What we mean is that God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world. And he has given us the work of sharing his message about peace. We were sent to speak for Christ, and God is begging you to listen to our message. We speak for Christ and sincerely ask you to make peace with God."

HBC Mission

Overview 2012



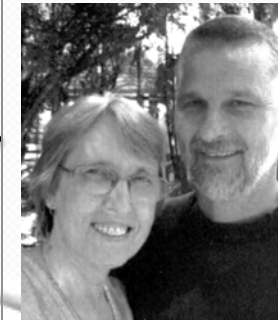
Malcolm, Rebecca & Family

Several years ago Malcolm and Rebecca were part of the Church here at HBC. They, along with their children Noah, Emily and Olivia now live in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Malcolm works as Principal of the Primary School part to Bingham Academy, and along with Rebecca aims to support the children of the school, and their families, by providing a stable environment for their education. The vision of Bingham is to provide high quality education for its diverse group of students, whilst equipping them to impact the world for God's glory. HBC financially supports the Pirie family with a contribution of \$300/month from our Mission tithe.



You

Where is your Mission field?



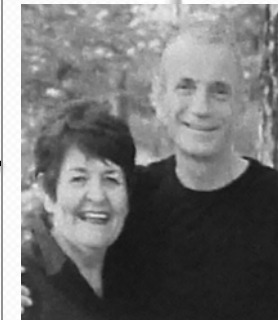
John & Susan

John & Susan have been working for over 35 years in South Asia and are very much at home amongst the Bengali people of Bangladesh and North-east India. John is involved in leading a company called "Marketplacers International" (MPILs) which runs a number of businesses that give hope and freedom to many. Their vision is for people to be changed through marketplace encounters with God. They are now back living in Bangladesh after being based in NZ while supporting their family through a very tough time recently.



Pip

Pip lives and works in a large city in South Asia. She is part of the team at Freeset, which offers freedom, through employment and loving care, to hundreds of women who have been sold, stolen, tricked or otherwise coerced into the sex trade. Pip is involved in working closely alongside these women and finding out their stories. Her work has been instrumental in developing plans for ongoing work and involvement in this part of the world.



Ian & Colleen

Ian and Colleen have immersed themselves in a Buddhist community among the Isaan people of Thailand. Through training, trade and other activities, they seek to develop transforming relationships with local people. They help in very practical ways by empowering others through an income generation model: teach a skill; supervise the practice of this skill; see people produce income from this new skill. Their vision is to see Thai Buddhists find enlightenment in the kingdom of God.

As a Church we have committed \$150/month of our mission tithe towards the support of three groups of Tranzsend workers. **tranzsend** is the sending and ministry arm of New Zealand Baptists Reaching the World - The New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society.



Mark, Katrina & Family

Mark and Katrina are no strangers to most of us. Mark just finished up recently as the Pastor at the Hawera AOG and along with their children: Levi, Sophie, Samuel and Izaak they are now living amongst the Isaan people of Thailand (yes, that's the same people group as the Robertsons!). They have only been in the country for a few months now, but are adapting well to their new life. They have refurbished a dormitory and begun their language study in earnest. This will leave them in good stead for their ministry in the coming months and years. HBC has committed financial support for the Trewavas family of \$3000 over their first two years in Thailand.



Welcome Bay Community Church

Each year we exchange mission teams from our congregations. Giving our people opportunities to do mission and share their faith in creative ways.