



HAWERA BAPTIST CHURCH MAGAZINE



2013 TERM TWO

# CONNECT



**REACHING  
THE  
WORLD**

"make known among the nations what He has done"

Psalm 105:1



**HAWERA  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

**OUR PURPOSE**

We exist to:

- H**onour God
- B**uild the Kingdom of God
- C**onnect with our Community



honour | build | connect

**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

## NEW BEGINNINGS

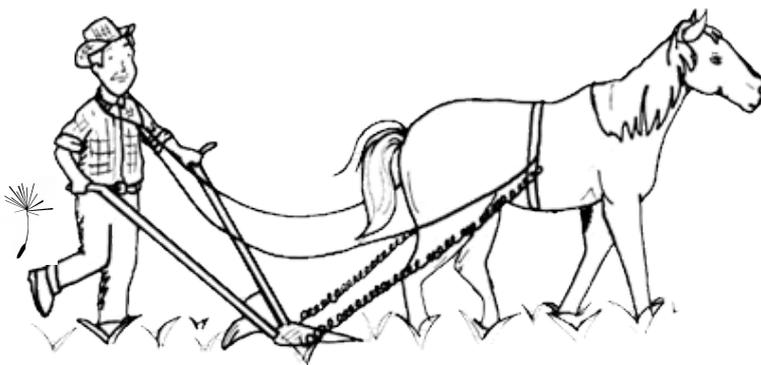
During our month of Jubilee: “celebrating 90 years in our community”, we talked a lot about the concept of “new beginnings”. Back 90 years ago a handful of committed pioneers dreamt of new beginnings and the Hawera Baptist Church was founded. Now it is our turn to dream of new beginnings again!

It is largely recognised that our current buildings and location restrict our potential Kingdom impact here in Hawera. For this reason a “Jubilee team” is being formed to look into specific opportunities for a change of location. Following overwhelming support at our recent Church meeting, the Jubilee team will start by looking into the “Furlong opportunity”. They will seek to answer the following question:

*Is it possible, feasible and desirable for us to acquire and relocate to the site of the old Furlong Hotel?*

Here’s something that might interest you:

- As a unit of measurement, the word *furlong* was originally derived from two old English words meaning “long furrow”.
- As an agricultural measure, the word *furlong* alluded to the process of preparing the soil for sowing, giving it greater opportunity for growth, and ensuring a more bountiful harvest.



Can you see where I’m going here?

If “significant Kingdom impact by 2020” is our mid-term goal, what needs to happen for us to see it come to pass? We need to be preparing the soil NOW, so that as the seed of the Gospel is sown, people will respond, and we will see the significant Kingdom impact that we are praying and believing for.

Of course this is about much more than JUST a change of location – that in itself is not enough. It’s about the thinking and actions that are represented by exploring such an opportunity. At our AGM last September we talked about a strategy of: greater “community connectedness” and “capital development”. The Furlong represents an opportunity for us to accelerate into both of these areas, and in the process make a bold statement about how we see our place in this community.

Pray for this opportunity and all that God will teach us and bring to us through exploring it. Pray that He will work in us, moulding and shaping us for His purpose and His glory. Pray in Jesus name! Amen.

# CLOSE UP *With The Smythes*

Matthew and I were born and raised in Harare, Zimbabwe. I grew up in the Catholic Church in Harare, and when I was sixteen, a friend of mine convinced me to go with her to the local Anglican Church and this is where I met Matthew.

In the thirteen-and-a-half years that we have been together, we got married, had three children, have lived in 3 different countries and have moved eleven times-it will be twelve when we move into our own house next month- so life certainly has not been uneventful! In fact, at times, it feels as though we have been living in a tornado.

Although both Matthew and I knew about God in our own way, from our own individual upbringings, it was only through personal crises that He became real and deeper relationships with Him were born. On Easter Day in England, in 2007, both Matthew and I made our individual decisions to be baptized. Through our sometimes tumultuous lives, we can both testify to the fact that God is faithful, and He will never allow us to go through more than we can handle. There have been times when the shadows of pain have wrapped themselves like heavy cloaks around our hearts, but the Lord has been our Shepherd in the darkness and has also led us to green pastures, and beside still waters. We have been blessed with three beautiful children, a deeper marriage relationship and have finally, in all our wanderings, found a place to call home and a community to fellowship with.

We would like to leave you with a challenge: if you do not know God personally, get to know Him. He's the most exciting Person you will ever meet!



## Church Membership

Do you consider Hawera Baptist your church family?

A significant way to engage in this faith community and to play a key part in important decisions is by being a member of the Church. Membership is about us partnering with each other as we seek to discern and follow God's will together. If you would like to discuss Membership please talk to Pastor David or one of the Elders.



## Home Groups



### Rimu

Tuesday Nights  
5:30 – 7:30pm  
8 Rimu St. Hawera  
Family Friendly  
includes a light meal  
Hosts David & Helen  
Ph 278 7823



### Ngaio

Tuesday Nights  
7:30 – 9:00pm  
11 Ngaio Pl. Hawera  
Hosts Brendan &  
Deanna Ph 278 7422



### Puriri

Wednesday Nights  
7:00 – 9:00pm  
6 Puriri St. Hawera  
Hosts Matthew & Inge  
Ph 278 3009



### African

7pm Tuesday Nights  
Contact Imelia  
Ph 278 1909



# To Him

## WHAT WILL YOU GIVE GOD?

### Prayer and Self Denial 2013

The theme for Prayer and Self Denial in 2013 is 'To Him: What will you give God?' Over the course of three weeks (9-23 June) we will explore how prayer, generosity and service are opportunities that God has given to us that allow us to give back to Him.

*Ephesians 2:8-10*

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."*



Prayer and Self Denial is one of the central appeals run by *tranzsend* every year. It focuses on a central theme and a receptacle or device to promote the practice of prayer and practical support for the work of mission.

Previous years have seen iconic rice containers, watering cans, jute bags, toolboxes, and pottery hands, just to name a few. They have called us to be ready, to enable the harvest and to be God's messengers amongst other things.

## Cafe Evening

Hosted in partnership with Welcome Bay Community Church and Hawera Baptist Church.

Saturday 15 June 7:30pm  
Hawera Baptist Church

Come along and discuss the topic:

**Do Christian Schools have relevance today?**

Invite a friend to come have this conversation over coffee and cake.

Discussion Facilitators:  
Alan Withy Board member  
of Bethlehem Tertiary  
Institute and Alex Randle  
secondary school teacher  
at Bethlehem College.



The words 'self denial' reflect the principal of making sacrifices out of our relative wealth for the sake of others. Here are a few tips and ideas for saving/earning/sacrificing money during the Self Denial appeal:

- Offer to do someone's lawn just for the month of June - \$20 per lawn at least twice a month make \$40 towards the gift!
- Babysit someone's kids, even if usually you do it for free ask for a donation towards the cause.
- Do baking and offer for sale at your work, church, among friends, etc.
- Invite people for a meal, ask for donation explaining where the money will go.
- Create something crafty to sell - homemade cards, picture frames, jewelry, etc.
- Organise a garage sale, donate all or part of the profit.
- Sell something on Trademe.
- Go without certain foods that are not essential to our diet - coffee, puddings, biscuits, chocolate, soft drinks, etc.
- Don't buy or do anything that is simply for the purpose of entertainment - magazines, books, dvds, going to the movies, outing to a cafe, etc.
- Make a goal and ask friends to support it financially when you have reached it.

**"It is not the church of God that has a mission in the world, but the God of mission who has a church in the world."**  
Craig van Gelder

## Community Craft Group



When: Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:30am  
Where: Hawera Baptist Church Hall

Contact Yvonne Evans,  
Phone 06 278 3388



### COMPETITION

Count the number of dandelion seeds in this magazine and email your answer to: [office@hawerabaptist.org.nz](mailto:office@hawerabaptist.org.nz) for your chance to win.

# It's Okay To Be Me

By Deanna Grant

I have a really bad habit of comparing myself to others, wishing I had talent like some amazingly gifted people that God uses in awe-inspiring ways. Some people just seem to be good at everything. Sometimes I find myself in the danger zone of being envious, wishing to be a bright, talented person that commands the stage. Wishing I could be someone with many gifts that could bless other people. Or wishing I could be that beautiful, fashionable skinny girl. Just wishing to be someone better than me.

God has been working in my heart gently rebuking me. God doesn't make mistakes. We are all created differently. We are all part of the body of Christ working together in our own unique way.

I need to realize that it's okay to be me. I have to choose not to waste my life feeling like I am not good enough. A few years ago I had a time of really wondering why I was here on earth? What was the point of me? What was God's purpose for me? I had a eureka moment, I woke up one morning just knowing fully and completely, that God created me to care.

You would think that would be the end of wishing I was someone I'm not, but unfortunately, I still struggle with low self worth, I can't seem to get rid of. I know I am a work in progress. But never fear, God loves us dearly and is always there to remind us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made, each and everyone of us. We all have a God given purpose. We need to realize that it's okay to be the people God created us to be.

*Psalm 139:13-16 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.*



Our Children's Ministry has evolved over time to what it is today. It has its strength in having a group leadership approach, while following a sound, biblically based curriculum that is both engaging and relevant. For sustainability, we feel that the teaching of our children should not depend on any one parent, but that we as a church need to play an active role giving consistency to our children. This sustainability is also for those leading, as the approach we have adopted allows for the workload to be shared, with individuals still able to get spiritual nourishment in the main service most weeks.

As a church, our children are so important to God and us, this approach allows a greater opportunity for us to be a part of them.



## Movie Night



**7pm Saturday 8 June 2013**

**Hosts Howard & Sharon Wilkinson, 69 Murray Ave, Hawera**

*You saw me before I was born." Psalm 139:16 (NLT)*

As the curtain rises, Hannah hesitantly steps onto the stage for her theatrical debut in college. Yet before she can utter her first lines, Hannah—unscripted—collapses in front of the stunned audience.

After countless medical tests, all signs point to one underlying factor: Hannah's difficult birth. This revelation is nothing compared to what she then learns from her parents: she was actually adopted ... after a failed abortion attempt.

Bewildered, angered, and confused, Hannah turns for support to Jason, her oldest friend. Encouraged by his adventurous spirit, Hannah joins his group of friends on a Spring Break road trip, embarking on a journey to discover her hidden past ... and find hope for her unknown future.

In the midst of her incredible journey, Hannah finds that life can be so much more than what you have planned.





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# Term 2 Events

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

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## Derek Pyle

Guest Speaker from Alexandra Baptist Church  
 3pm Saturday 4 May – Testimony of God’s Provision in Church  
 Building Projects. 10am Sunday 5 May – Preaching

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MAY

## Taste of Russia & Ukraine

Tuesday 6pm at HBC (in place of Home Groups)  
 Guest Speaker Brent Weaver Missionary in Ukraine  
 Come and learn and experience Russia and Ukraine.

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## Men’s Breakfast

Saturday 8am at HBC  
 Cooked Breakfast  
 Cost \$5

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## Pentecost Combined Evening Service

Sunday 7pm  
 St Cuthbert’s Anglican Church, Manaia



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## Youth Group

Friday 6pm meet at the church  
 Age 9 and up  
 Contact Matthew Ph 278 3009 / Andrew Ph 278 3681

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## Taste of India

Tuesday 5:30pm, 8 Rimu Street, RSVP for Dinner 278 7823  
 Tuesday 7:00pm, 11 Ngaio Place, RSVP for Dinner 278 7422  
 Guest Speaker Pip working in India, one of our missionaries

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JUN

## Movie Night

Saturday 7pm, 69 Murray Ave, Hawera  
 Movie: October Baby

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## Prayer & Self Denial

9–23 June at HBC  
 What will you give to God?

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## Café Evening

Saturday 7:30pm at HBC  
 Do Christian Schools have relevance today?  
 Discussion facilitated by Welcome Bay Community Church

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## Mid Winter Dinner

Jubilee Fundraiser at Hawera Community Centre  
 Special evening of fine food, good company and quality  
 entertainment. Contact Lynette Ph 06 272 6885

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JUL

## Combined Service @ The Hub

Sunday 10am at the Hub  
 Churches of Hawera worshipping together

