

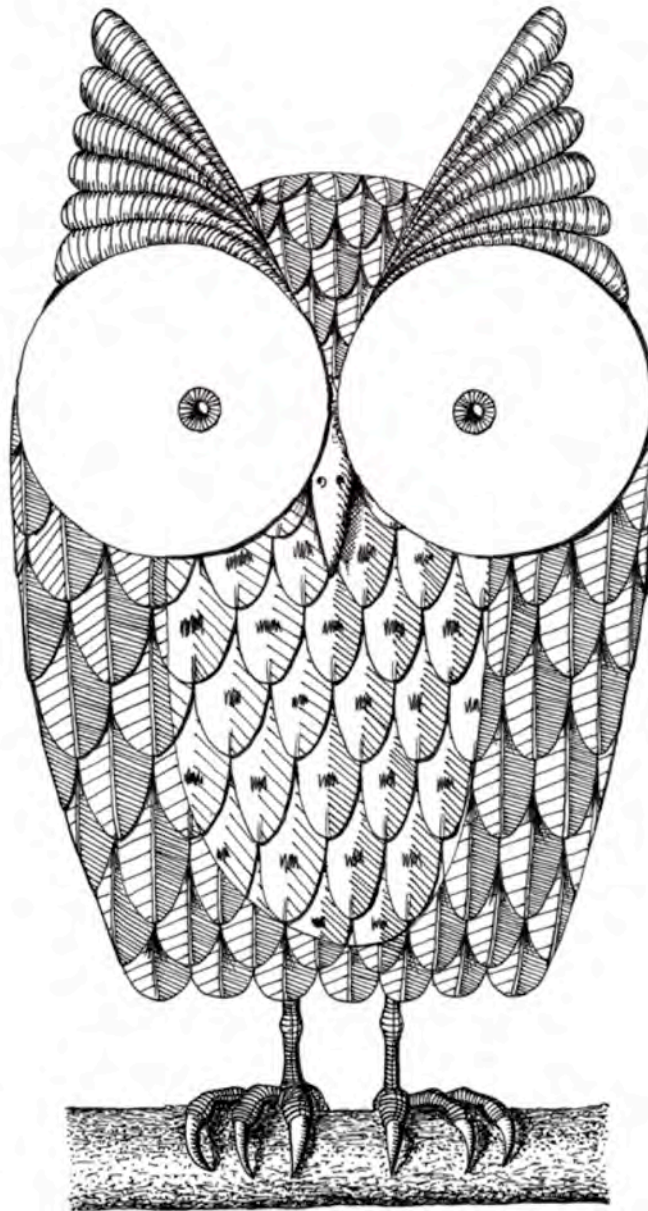


HAWERA BAPTIST CHURCH MAGAZINE



2014 AGM EDITION

# CONNECT



## Year in Review

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault,  
and it will be given to you.

James 1:5



## HAWERA BAPTIST CHURCH

### OUR PURPOSE

We exist to:

**H**onour God

**B**uild the Kingdom of God

**C**onnect 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



# David's Desk



PASTOR DAVID AUTY

It's so great that we're able to put out another "Connect" magazine. Every time we do it I feel so proud that we can pull off something of such quality that many large churches only dream of. I hope you're able to appreciate it as much as I do and enjoy reading the content contributed by so many great people in our church community.

When we originally dreamed up the magazine idea I thought that it would be a wonderful way to "get rid of" the old "annual report". The idea being that we see the quarterly magazines as a living report of what we've done as a church and what we're about to do. With this in mind we have taken the plunge this year to make this edition a special "year in review". This means that there will be no formal "annual report" but instead all the important elements are incorporated into the fabric of this magazine (and the last three to make a full year).

One of the things that I'm most excited about with this magazine is announcing the pilot for a Saturday afternoon drop-in, run by the Baptist Church, down at the new youth space. This is a historic moment, a bit like "back to the future" in some ways, however with the backing of the church and leadership, and the support of the Hawera Youth Facility Trust, we hope it will be a sustainable ministry that can impact the Hawera community for many years to come. Please pray in this way!

Through our series in James over the past couple of months we have looked at putting our faith to work. This doesn't simply mean that we do things "because we're duty bound by our faith," rather it means that our genuine faith motivates and drives us to get active in practical caring ways. It may be that you visit a lonely neighbour, or help out down at the food bank. It may be that you serve in the social committee at work or prepare meals for a young family who is struggling. It may be that you help lead down at the youth drop-in or simply offer prayer and support to those that do. Whatever the things you get involved with I want to encourage you to build it into the fabric of your life - not simply a "thing you do" but something that naturally flows out of your faith.

This is what we are as a faith community - a gathering of different people, with various interests and personal experiences, who work together to help build each other up and encourage one another to be faithful witnesses to Jesus. After all, that's what we're all about isn't it? Being faithful witnesses! My prayer for each of us is that we can be just that, and that this will make a significant Kingdom impact in Hawera.

Enjoy the magazine and remember to keep praying for the Lord's leading as we move ahead, led by the Holy Spirit.

Blessings, David

### Hawera Baptist Drop-In at the Youth Space on Regent Street

The Hawera Youth Facility Trust has been busy at work getting the youth space up to scratch for use. This coming term Hawera Baptist will be among the first regular users as we open up a "drop-in" on Saturdays 2-5pm. This is a pilot program and will run for nine Saturdays during term four - the very first being on Saturday 18 October. If you're interested in helping out please contact David, Brendan or Matthew. We need your support in prayer and practical ways to make this a success. Thanks.



# Close Up

## *with Joan Martin*

When Joan was young and lived at home with her parents she attended a stiff traditional church where there wasn't a lot of joy. Joan went to church as the 'family representative'. Morning prayer, communion, youth Bible study, a lot about the Old Testament but not much talk about Jesus. Joan felt like something was missing and went looking around the different churches for something more alive and spiritual.

Being touched by the Holy Spirit is a very personal thing. A friend said to me "one day it's going to happen to you." But I said, "there was no way I'm going to go out with the Holy Spirit" (laying on the floor, slain by the Holy Spirit).

Then one day at church Pastor Sirius was asking the following questions, do you know the Holy Spirit? Have you ever been touched by the Holy Spirit? If you come up the front you can be filled with the Holy Spirit. "I was glad for other people to be filled with the Holy Spirit, but I was not so sure about it for myself." Joan hesitantly decided to go forward and Pastor Sirius asked for her hands, "Can you feel anything Joan?" Next thing Joan remembers is waking up on the floor of the church two and a half hours later, Pastor Sirius was quoting scriptures, and most people had left church. "I felt so good, I had had the best sleep ever, and I didn't need my walking stick any more. I was on a real high."

"My philosophy is, it's not what we are on the outside - it's what we are on the inside that counts. I battle with depression and back when my children were at school, I wasn't handling things too well and the doctor prescribed me with valium and it felt wonderful to begin with. But after a couple of months I started to feel like I was walking on balls of cotton wool. It didn't feel right, I started to feel like a zombie, and decided to flush the tablets away. At one point I thought about having an overdose. But an audible voice said don't do it, you can fight it. Back at the doctors he wanted to prescribe me with more valium, he said I wouldn't cope without them. But I said no."

"To this day I still get depressed from time to time, but I talk to God and ask Him to help me cope. I can't do this in my own strength but God gives me strength. It doesn't go away but He helps me cope. I use scriptures all the time - they help a lot."

*You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in You. Trust in the Lord forever and He will always protect You.*

*Isaiah 26:3*

*God is always with us, deep within is He,  
You can always talk to Him, He's there for you and me,  
Waiting to be recognised as the almighty power,  
Available for one and all, No matter what the hour.*

*Author unknown*

In 2012, Joan had a heart turn and was taken by ambulance to Hawera Hospital for assessment and then rushed up to Base hospital in New Plymouth. Having a special nurse in the ambulance to keep her awake as she went in and out of consciousness. Her heart could not be stabilised and she was placed in ICU and connected to a machine.



Joan went unconscious and found herself having an out of body experience.

"I could look down at my own body on the bed. Then I saw a big round dark tunnel and I was frightened. A voice said, "don't be afraid, I will be with you all the way." I began to see a light at the end of the tunnel - it was so bright. But there were hands trying to grab me on either side in the darkness, I couldn't see faces just hands. I wasn't frightened anymore and the voice said to stay in the middle and follow the light and I continued to float toward it. When I reached the bright light, I could see Jesus and specific family members behind him such as Grandma, Grandad, my Mother and Uncle. Jesus wore a white robe with shoulder length fair hair and piercing blue eyes that could see right into my soul."

*Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

*Hebrews 4:13*

"I felt an awe, and Jesus said, "I'm sorry Joan you have to go back, your time is not up yet. There are things that I want you to do." But I said, "I don't want to go back, I want to stay." Jesus said, "I'll light your way, all the way back through the tunnel."

Then Joan woke up in ICU and the doctors said that Joan's heart had stopped momentarily.

Jesus said to Joan there are still things I want you to do while you are alive on earth, and Jesus has called all of us:

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

*Matthew 28:18-20*





# Parable of the Garden Shed



Thursday 14 August 2014

Very strong winds blew me home from work. I found that the sliding doors on my garden shed had blown in at the bottom. The padlock was still holding them together and they were still on the rail at the top. I'll fix it when the wind dies down I thought and headed inside for some coffee.

I had just sat down with my coffee when I heard this BANG (and I felt it through my feet). Investigation showed my wooden arch had blown down, broken. Hammer and crowbar required to separate into manageable bits to move. While busy attending to this task another gust of wind came and my garden shed rose off the ground on one side. I could put my hand sideways through the gap. What do I do Lord? It will go through my neighbours lounge window (not to mention all the stuff inside).

While shifting the arch pieces I spied some pavers I put 6 of these on the shed and said "I've done all I can do Lord, you'll have to take care of the wind." Next morning I checked it before going to work and it was still there. Daniel and Kahu came and fixed it on Saturday. They were able to lift the shed clear of its foundation. Amazing. It now has new strong bolts attaching it to the concrete and was swept out and everything replaced.

This is the third time the doors have blown in from the bottom. Twice I have hammered and levered them back into place but I never thought to check the bolts. It was only when I was dismantling the arch that I saw the shed lift off the ground. The foundation was strong but the attachments were no longer secure.

What is my foundation? And are my roots secure?

Am I shallow rooted to my foundation?

Will it stand the storms of life?

Do my roots go deep down into my foundation?

Are my attachments to my foundation secure enough to withstand the storms of life?

If I am secure I can support/help a friend /family. If we are all secure in our foundations our whole community is strengthened.

As a craft lady pointed out to me, "it is the unseen things that do the damage in our lives."

Yvonne Evans

## Groups

You can be part of ...



### Community Craft Group

Tuesday Mornings 9:30-11:30am

Yvonne Evans Ph 278 3388



### Ngaio Home Group

Tuesday Nights 7:30-9:00pm  
Brendan & Deanna Ph 278 7422



### Egmont Home Group

Friday Nights 7:00-9:00pm  
Matthew & Inge Ph 278 3009

## Craft Class

This year has been quite different to other years. We started off with very low numbers, partly due to ladies going on holiday but also due to a lot of illness among our ladies. Two have been in hospital for long periods.

We also acknowledge the deaths of Shirley Watson and Dorothy Lee, both very regular members.

Our card instructor Yvonne Walker, has moved to the Central Waikato. We have welcomed Deborah Driever who is teaching us / challenging us on the first Tuesday of each month.

Our midwinter dinner in July was well attended. Every second month we have been having a potluck lunch. This has been well supported with some great feasts.

We are only doing three bus trips this year: Palmerston North, Whanganui and New Plymouth.

Lesley has been a great help and together we all muddle through and with God's help support each other in whatever way we can.

We are grateful for the use of the church facilities to provide the space for the ladies to come to. So many of them live alone, are facing illness or just need to be with others who understand where they are at in this stage of their lives. Yvonne

## VISION NIGHT 2014 – AGENDA

Saturday 27 September, 5:00 – 7:30pm

5:00pm Everyone arrives with their yummy shared meal contributions.

5:15pm Seated for shared meal together.

**6:00pm ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (children will have a program provided)**

Item	Lead	Prayer
Welcome and opening prayer	Rocco	Rocco
Leadership consolidation	David	Yvonne
Prayer & Worship focus spot	Andrew	David
Discipleship & Training focus spot	Matthew	Andrew
Review of finances for 2013/14 year	Rocco & David	Matthew
Budget for 2014/15 year	Rocco	Yvonne
Election of Elders and Trustees	Rocco	Rocco
Care & Inclusion focus spot	Brendan	David
Local & Global Mission focus spot	Olya	Brendan
HBC to do ministry at the youth space	Youth space team	Olya
Q & A time with the leaders	Rocco	Rocco

**7:30pm Finish off evening with a cuppa and fellowship**

Nominations for Elders:

- Yvonne Evans has been nominated for re-election
- Brendan Grant has been nominated for re-election

# Hawera Baptist Church

## Proposed Budget 2014/15 AND Actual vs. Budget 2013/14

	Budget 2014/15	Actual 2013/14	Budget 2013/14
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Hall Hire	3,000.00	2,004.15	3,000.00
Interest Income		249.37	
Offerings and Donations	75,000.00	75,145.69	105,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$78,000.00</b>	<b>\$77,399.21</b>	<b>\$108,000.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Care &amp; Inclusion</b>			
Hospitality	480.00	255.58	400.00
<b>Total Care &amp; Inclusion</b>	<b>480.00</b>	<b>255.58</b>	<b>400.00</b>
<b>Discipleship &amp; Training</b>			
Baptist Assembly	465.00	284.35	800.00
Children's ministry	180.00	41.98	500.00
Training & equipping	180.00	118.26	500.00
Youth work	180.00	18.80	500.00
<b>Total Discipleship &amp; Training</b>	<b>1,005.00</b>	<b>463.39</b>	<b>2,300.00</b>
<b>Local &amp; Global Mission</b>			
Other Missions	1,800.00	3,273.31	4,800.00
Pirie family	3,600.00	3,850.00	3,600.00
Tranzsend x 3	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Trewavas family	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
<b>Total Local &amp; Global Mission</b>	<b>7,800.00</b>	<b>9,523.31</b>	<b>10,800.00</b>
<b>Prayer and Worship</b>			
Music & AV	250.00	226.96	800.00
Visiting ministry	400.00	0.00	500.00
<b>Total Prayer and Worship</b>	<b>650.00</b>	<b>226.96</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>
<b>Resourcing &amp; Administration</b>			
Accounts & Compliance	1,345.00	1,494.44	1,000.00
Advertising	120.00	485.56	500.00
Bank Charges	60.00	167.56	100.00
Baptist Union giving	1,440.00	967.30	1,400.00
Cleaning & consumables	180.00	339.69	200.00
Combined Churches	180.00	165.22	300.00
Connect & Baptist Magazines	400.00	403.58	600.00
Discretionary	200.00	97.23	500.00
Gas & Electricity	1,500.00	1,466.58	1,800.00
Insurance & ACC Levies	4,500.00	4,133.05	6,000.00
Stipend & allowances (80% in 2015)	50,760.00	63,069.02	62,000.00
Property	2,000.00	2,057.00	2,000.00
Rates	3,200.00	3,195.54	3,200.00
Stationary & Office Supplies	480.00	274.18	1,000.00
Support staff	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Technology	700.00	25.22	1,000.00
Telephone	1,000.00	969.04	1,000.00
<b>Total Resourcing &amp; Administration</b>	<b>68,065.00</b>	<b>79,310.21</b>	<b>92,600.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$78,000.00</b>	<b>\$89,779.45</b>	<b>\$107,400.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income (Surplus/Deficit)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>-\$12,380.24</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>

### Other Income/Expense (outside Budget)

	Actual 2013/14
<b>Other Income</b>	
Appeals In	1,012.40
Appeals In Donation	83.00
Other Activities In	9,746.96 *
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>10,842.36</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>	
Appeals Out	1,683.50
Other Activities Out	9,431.96
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>11,116.26</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>-\$273.90</b>

\* relates mainly to  
Israel trip and  
youth space funding.

# Finances

As you can see from our accounts, we had a large deficit of \$12,654 to the year ending 31 July 2014. This deficit is largely due to a reduction in our Offerings & Donation, however there were also a few one-off withdrawals from our Mission and Jubilee accounts, as well as unplanned accounting costs that together account for about \$4000 of the deficit. This year we are presenting a very conservative budget in line with our actual income for last year.

Back in May the Elders board decided that we needed to reduce our Pastors role to 80%, and pay an 80% stipend from 1 June 2014. Despite its obvious drawback for the Pastor, this move has made a difference to our cash flow, however we are still on a knife-edge and if circumstances don't improve soon we may need to consider further action.

Several months ago our General account "borrowed" \$3000 from our Jubilee account. Although we hope to repay this over the coming months, the reality is that if things continue as they are we may not be able to do this for some time.

In telling you all this we do not want to paint a bleak picture, or to demand that you give over and above your means. We appreciate the sacrificial giving of many! We do however want to be transparent about what our real financial situation is, and to encourage us all to give as we are able - led by the Holy Spirit.

For Internet giving or automatic payments our Bank account number is: 15-3950-0504185-00

Thanks. The Elders Board.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2014		
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Chequing/Savings</b>		
Petty Cash		8.40
TSB-00 HBC General		1,497.84
TSB-01 HBC Mission		1,162.73
TSB-02 HBC Jubilee		2,905.03
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>		<b>5,574.00</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>		
Accounts Receivable		830.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>		<b>830.00</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>6,404.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>6,404.00</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Accounts Payable</b>		
Accounts Payable		86.15
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>		<b>86.15</b>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>		
GST Tax Payable		-74.49
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>		<b>-74.49</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>11.66</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>11.66</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Members Equity		8,339.11
Opening Bal Equity		10,707.37
Net Income (Deficit)		-12,654.14
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>6,392.34</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		<b>6,404.00</b>

## HAWERA BAPTIST COMMUNITY MINISTRIES TRUST

This Trust remains dormant but is ready to be used for future Community projects as the Church sees fit. It holds a bank balance of \$8685.91 at 11 Feb 2014 (which is not represented in our Church accounts as the Trust is a separate legal entity). Nigel Smillie has stepped down as a Trustee leaving Henk Mansvelt and David Auty as the only Trustees. The Elders would like to nominate Rocco Gous and Matthew Smythe as further Trustees. This will be voted on at our AGM as per the Trust's deed.



### A Man May Go To Heaven

Without Health  
Without Wealth  
Without Fame  
Without A Great Name  
Without Learning  
Without Big Earning  
Without Culture  
Without Beauty  
Without Friends  
Without Ten Thousand Other Things

**But He Can Never Go To Heaven Without Jesus Christ**



## MEMBERS AS AT 31 AUGUST 2014

David Auty  
Helen Auty  
Irene Ayling  
John Ayling  
Andrew Bartlett  
Olya Bartlett  
Hugo Bower  
Joyce Crossman  
Chantelle Denton  
Herbert Denton  
Vicki Dundas  
Yvonne Evans  
Lynette Gous  
Rocco Gous  
Brendan Grant  
Deanna Grant  
Beryl Guckert  
Michelle Herbert  
Henk Mansvelt  
\*Declan Sheridan  
\*Lynda Sheridan  
Nigel Smillie  
Inge Smythe  
Matthew Smythe  
\*Eleanor Sutherland  
\*Nathan Sutherland  
Anne Unsworth  
Dave Unsworth  
Denise Wright  
Vernon Wright

**Current total: 30**

*Last year's total: 32*

*Additions: 4 (\*above)*

*Subtractions: 6*

*- Howard & Sharon*

*Wilkinson's now attend*

*AOG, Hawera.*

*- Jacques & Imelia*

*Potgieter moved to*

*Australia*

*- Peter & Pip Harpur*

*moved to Auckland.*

# Policy Overview

The following list is a summary of policies the Elders have put in place. If you would like to read the policies in full, they are available to view at the church office.

## **BANK ACCOUNTS**

Hawera Baptist Church will operate three TSB society cheque accounts:

- 1) Working account for day-to-day banking of church income and expenses, keeping a minimum balance of \$2500.
- 2) Hawera Baptist Mission – a tithe (10%) of all church income will be deposited into the account for local and global mission.
- 3) Hawera Baptist Jubilee – specific fundraising and donations for capital development.

## **FINANCE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 1) Treasurer
- 2) Financial Administrator
- 3) Pastor
- 4) Signatory
- 5) Reviewer

## **THE JUBILEE FUND**

The Jubilee fund is primarily set aside for the future needs of Hawera Baptist Church in "Capital Development". This means that any funds raised for this account, or interest accrued in it, will go towards "Capital Development" for HBC (e.g. facilities, property, major capital expense items that secure the church's future etc.).

## **MISSION FUND**

A tithe (10%) of all church income will be deposited into the account for local and global mission. The mission team has authority to utilize any money within the HBC Mission Fund for the advancement of Local and Global Mission.

## **MONEY HANDLING**

System for collecting, counting and banking of church offerings

## **PASTORS STIPEND AND ALLOWANCES**

Unless otherwise agreed the Pastor will be paid a stipend and allowances in line with the "Terms of Call" issued to them by the Church. The details of how this is distributed will be agreed between the Chairman of the Elders (or other nominee) and the Pastor. Payment will be implemented by the Treasurer.

## **SAFETY FIRST**

The Pastor will conduct an initial and 3 yearly police vetting checks on; Leadership (Elders and Champions), Staff and Youth/Children's ministry volunteers.

The Chairman will conduct an initial and 3 yearly police vetting check of the Pastor.

## **SAME SEX MARRIAGE**

Hawera Baptist Church will follow the Baptist Union's current recommendations with regard to same sex marriage:

- 1) The Pastor will not conduct a same-sex marriage
- 2) Church property will not be used for same-sex marriage ceremonies

## **SPECIFIED GIVING**

If the church promotes a specific appeal we will give receipts. For non-specified appeals people will be encouraged to give directly rather than go through the church.

Specified giving is written in the offering records notebook. The appeal will be receipted with the appropriate percentage depending on the government's tax-deductible status for that charity.

E.g. - New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society (NZBMS) - Receipted at 50%

- Hawera Youth Centre – Receipted at 100%

Our financial administrator is aware of specific percentages and will receipt accordingly.

## **UNBUDGETED EXPENSES**

Any expense outside the budget and over \$500 needs to go to a church meeting for approval.

Any expense outside the budget and under \$500 can be approved at an Elders meeting.





# Prayer & Worship

Prayer and worship really are a vital part of church life and growth, and we have been very blessed over the last year, especially in the worship team. Being a small church, we are more affected when people come or go. Among the regulars in the worship team we have two young men who are talented musicians and keen to play practically every week, and two others who have been faithfully running the sound and visual part of our services. Thank you Nik, Dave, Alex and Benjamin!

We have also increased the number of leaders with Inge and Pastor David joining the regular rotation of worship leaders along with Lynette and Antony, and Eleanor has started singing along with our regular, Anne. Jono has begun to drum more often and Matthew Hurst has played guitar with us too. Keep an eye out for others, particularly younger ones, as we look to expand our group. Every new person brings a different flavour to the whole area of worship and this diversity makes our church special. We have so many cultures represented and it's good to celebrate this.

Our worship leaders, and the whole team, have met at different times to look at the progress and growth of the worship ministry this year. There has been a lot of positive input from the group and we are trying to keep on growing. We don't want to stay content with where we are as we believe that we can always learn something new and improve our skills, using the talents God has given us to the best of our ability.

We have had some targeted prayer times over the year for different events, and it has been good to see the church willing to pray for others' needs. Let's continue to pray for our leadership, the financial situation, and future of the church. Prayer and worship can and should underpin all our other ministry areas and it is encouraging to see that it does. Our regular Friday prayer meetings last year finished, but we are launching a new prayer initiative at the upcoming Vision Night and we encourage you to be faithful in this essential Christian practice.

Thank you to the church for the way you engage in worship and prayer with us. We are really pleased to serve you in this area as we honour God and build the Kingdom together.

Andrew Bartlett



## Friday Night Prayer

7 – 8pm

**Hawera Baptist Church**

(During Term 4)



## Music Practice

7pm Thursday Nights

**Hawera Baptist Church**



## Sunday Worship 10am

*Including Children's Program For All Ages*

We are a bunch of ordinary people trying to make sense of our Christian faith in the real world. Why not join us and we can take this journey together.



## Movie Night

7pm Tuesday 30 September  
11 Ngaio Place

## The Sound of The Spirit

Follow precocious Messianic Jewish teen Rivka from the tragedy of the loss of her last remaining parent, through her experience living with the strangers who are her traditional Jewish relatives, to the triumph of love and reconciliation...as she discovers that 'sometimes the strongest voice is a whisper'.



# Discipleship & Training

Can discipleship and training be separated, or are they too intrinsically linked to separate? In some ways, I think they should be seen separate entities because anyone could provide training on a particular topic without knowing the people they are teaching, whereas discipling someone requires a relationship with the person or people one is walking alongside.

Discipleship can have a structured aspect to it in the shape of planned meetings where a specific topic is covered or it can simply take the form of informal meetings with someone over a coffee on a regular basis. I'm pleased to say that these different ways of discipling have been happening in our church over the past year. In this particular ministry area I believe we actually lean more toward one way than the other and I believe that the Lord made us differently so that both aspects of discipleship can be catered for. Regardless of where your inclination leans, discipleship is a long term process and it's been so encouraging to see some of the fruits of this process as people have drawn closer to the Lord.

Training is easier to put into a box because we think of it in terms of courses or programmes. These have been carried out in a number of places and at different times in Home Groups, the Children's Ministry, the End Times Series, and the Valiant Man. I think it's important that we remain open minded about the areas that the Lord is leading us to cover. It's also been encouraging to see the growing opportunities for cross-congregational training in the areas of Communication and Facilitator Training. Not only has this helped to better equip us in serving others, but it has also helped build and strengthen ties between us and other believers in our wider Christian Community.

One thing I'm really excited about is how we as a church and as individuals are going to engage and support the Hawera Youth Centre. I see this as such a great opportunity to connect with the young people of our community and to start to build those relationships that are vital for discipleship. My hope is that as a church, we will fully support this exciting new opportunity to impact the town we live in.

Personally, I view Discipleship with an outward focus. This area of the life of the church requires us to stop having a, "what's in it for me?", type attitude and start giving of ourselves for the sake of others. My hope and prayer for the coming year is that we as individuals and as a church will passionately follow the Lord's leading and put aside our feelings of inconvenience and own desire for gain, and really see the value in playing our part in helping those who are lost to connect with their heavenly father.

Matthew Smythe



## Introducing a free Christian Resource Library here in Hawera.

Offering Christian resources to encourage, equip and build up the body of Christ in South Taranaki:

- Life Group Resources
- Christian Movies
- Kids DVD's
- Christian Novels and Books

To view the library and make booking requests visit:  
<http://hebronhouse.weebly.com>

*So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind. 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

## You Need Jesus

Jesus loves you! He desires to have a relationship with you and to give you a life full of joy and purpose. Here are three reasons why you need Him in your life:

1) You have a past. You can't go back, but He can. The Bible says, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). He can walk into those places of sin and failure, wipe the slate clean and give you a new beginning.

2) You need a friend. Jesus knows the worst about you, yet He believes the best. Why? Because He loves you not only as you are now, but He sees the potential for all you can be with Him. What a friend!

3) He holds the future. Who else are you going to trust? In his hands you are safe and secure – today, tomorrow, and for all eternity. His Word says, "For I know the plans I have for you... Plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray; I will listen" (Jeremiah 29:11-13).

If you'd like to begin a personal relationship with Jesus today, please pray this prayer: Lord Jesus, I invite You into my life. I believe You died for me and that Your blood pays for my sins. I now turn from everything I know is wrong. Thank you for the gift of eternal life. By faith I receive that gift, and I acknowledge You as my Lord and Saviour: Amen.

We encourage you now to contact your local Christian Church.



# Local & Global Mission

WOW! Where shall I start?!!! September 2013 - August 2014 has been a full on year on the mission front, both local and global. Just to mention each initiative, meeting, event, visitor, giving, conversation and prayer will take at least one page. Read on this very brief account and lets make the next year as great as this one, following God's leading on the path of a mission with these words "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "**Here am I. Send me!**" (Isaiah 6:8)  
Olya Bartlett

## Sept/Oct'13

- Missions' team meeting, approved to buy Freedom Bibles.
- A group from the church went to Stratford Baptist to hear Nigel Woodley who is the Chairman of the Ebenezer ministries (an international Christian organization which is helping Jews worldwide to return to their ancient biblical homeland in Israel). Thankyou Nigel for passing on to us your passion towards God's chosen people!
- Operation "Christmas Child" promotion during the service - Rochelle, Jacob and Lauren did a wonderful presentation!



The Pirie Family

## Nov/Dec'13

- A visit from the Pirie family, "Taste of Africa" dinner where they shared with us about their ministry to missionary kids in Ethiopia. It was sooooo good to see them in person. Plus some real Ethiopian coffee and yummy South African dishes to taste - thank you Vernon and Lynette!
- Missions' team meeting, approved to give \$1000 towards the Hawera Youth Facility Trust. Over the whole year the church gave total \$5000 towards the trust through mission giving, fundraising/donations, and a secondment arrangement to free up David for 80 hours as Managing Chair/Trustee for 3 months.
- Christmas dinner organized by Michelle Herbert and combined team from different churches to bless the community. A HUGE success!!!

## Jan/Feb'14

- Christmas Appeal funds raised to go as monetary gifts towards the missionary families we support.
- Missions' team meeting, approved to support the "Hope" project and to give \$1000 towards it. Go Dave Mann!!! The 1st part of this worthy project is to start very soon!



## Mar/Apr'14

- Pastor David's trip to Israel and also visiting Trewavas family in Thailand. What a journey, and we have been following it each Sunday thru the video clips. David also visited Andrew, Andrea, Liam & Mahlia in South Asia whom we decided support as a church. The mission team had a wonderful Skype chat with the family, it was a great opportunity to get to know them.
- "Taste of Israel" dinner. A special meal and evening taking us through the Jewish Passover. Thankyou Phil Woodmass for doing it so skillfully and gracefully! Ps David shared with us about his trip.

## May/June'14

- Self-denial appeal, focus on the freedom. Miscelle shared how blessed she felt to be a part of it and learning how to give to global mission in a very real and meaningful way.
- Mission team is supporting and promoting John Ayling's trip with Mission to Seaman. Talk to John if you would like to join.

## July/Aug'14

- Mission board was put up and is functioning, please take time each week to check the current local and global events, and also the latest news from the missionaries we support. Thanks Nik for designing the board!
- Combined churches hosted the Watoto choir group, many from our church enjoyed the event and were touched by children's stories.





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# Upcoming Events

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

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SEP

## Vision Night - AGM

Time: 5 – 7:30pm  
Venue: Hawera Baptist Church  
Shared Meal followed by AGM with children's program provided.

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SEP

## Movie Night

Time: 7pm Tuesday  
Venue: 11 Ngaio Place, Hawera  
The Sound Of The Spirit – A family movie.

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OCT

## Free Garage Sale

Time: 9:00am Saturday  
Venue: Hawera Baptist Church  
We have a bunch of stuff down at the church, which is free to a good home. Come down and see if there's something you'd like. It's free and we hope that it's a blessing to our community.

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OCT

## Spring Clean

Time: 9:00am Saturday  
Venue: Hawera Baptist Church  
Get those cleaning gloves on and dusters out, and come down to help with a spring clean

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## Combined Churches Prayer & Pizza

Time: 5 – 6:30pm Sunday  
Venue: Hawera Baptist Church

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## Friday Night Prayer

Time: 7 – 8pm Fridays  
Venue: Hawera Baptist Church  
Friday Nights throughout Term 4, starting 17 October.

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OCT

## Hawera Baptist Drop In @ The Youth Space

Time: 2 – 5pm Saturdays  
Venue: Youth Space, Regent Street  
For 9 Saturday's through Term 4, starting 18 October.

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OCT

## Hawera Youth Facility Inc Trust AGM

Time: 5:15pm Friday  
Venue: At the Youth Space, Regent Street  
All welcome.