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**MORE OF YOU, JESUS**  
& less of me



## 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

# Elders Report

## Looking Back

As a church we have been amazed with the hidden talent coming out of the woodwork. If you have gifts to offer the church please step forward and take the opportunity to grow your talents. There is nothing more fulfilling in life than serving the Lord and using the gifts He has given you.

Looking back at the significant events of Term One:

- Celebrating the life of our beloved Irene Ayling who passed away 19 March
- Combined Churches Walk of Witness on Good Friday
- Matthew Hurst & Antony Squires preaching at Hawera Baptist for the first time
- Our first Café Service discussing the Islamic State and a new kind of church
- Taste of Thailand, catching up with Trewavas family Missionaries in Thailand
- Farewell to student Pastor Robert Ifopo and family

## Looking Forward

As elders we are starting to feel the load without a Pastor. With pastoral needs, church services, Irene's funeral and Easter, term one has been full on. Can we prayerfully consider and discern the Lord's will, as we could really do with a couple more elders elected at our AGM, to help balance the load. The duties of an elder include: praying for the sick, watching over the church, settling disputes, spending time in prayer and teaching the word. It's not hard to identify people already doing these things in the church, pray that God will prepare hearts to accept this role of responsibility.

## Quarterly Meetings

During this time of transition we feel that having quarterly meetings is important to keep everyone informed of how we are going as a church. Our next meeting will be on 28 June after church. The elders would like to propose a motion for our next meeting: Move that 10% of our giving is deposited in our Jubilee Fund. The purpose of our Jubilee fund is to set aside money for the future needs of Hawera Baptist Church, in the area of asset maintenance and capital development.

## Term 2 Preaching Plan

We are approaching the end of our series in Ephesians. During term 2 there will be mixture of topics, guest speakers and a short series with Prayer & Self Denial.

Date	Topic	Preacher
26 April	Ephesians 6	Antony Squires
3 May	Guest Speaker – Stratford Baptist	Doug Robinson
10 May	Mothers Day	Matthew Smythe
17 May		Matthew Hurst
24 May	Guest Speaker - Hawera AOG	Annette Higgs
31 May	Café Service	Nigel Smillie
7 June	Prayer & Self Denial	Andrew Batlett
14 June	Prayer & Self Denial	Olya Bartlett
21 June	Prayer & Self Denial	Nigel Smillie
28 June	Baptist Savings	Phil Strong
5 July		Brendan Grant
12 July		Chris Barnes
19 July		Vernon Wright
26 July	Combined Service with JIL Church	

## Outreach - Youth@62

One of our community outreaches as a church is building relationships with young people at the Hawera Youth Centre on 62 Regent Street. Up until now 20 – 40 youth have been turning up on Saturday afternoons. This year we have dropped back to only one afternoon a month and other people using the facility have cut back also. This inconsistent approach is causing the young people not to know when the doors will be open. This month only 3 young people turned up due to this uncertainty. We are slowly building meaningful relationships with the youth. Please pray for this ministry – the harvest is ripe but the workers are few. If you would like to get involved please contact Brendan & Deanna Grant Ph 06 278 7422.

## Pastoral Search Committee / Discernment Team

The elders are currently approaching people to form a Pastoral Search Committee / Discernment Team to be made up of approximately five people. We are looking for people who meet the following criteria: are active members of HBC, are committed to

the long-term future of HBC, and no more than one member per family. Their first task will be to pray and discern HBC's next steps and report back to the congregation.

### Finances

- Giving for the past 2 months: February \$6384, March \$5118.
- Susi Hip is currently preparing our giving Tax Receipts for the ended 31 March 2014 and we hope to have them out to you in the very near future.
- We are pleased to report we have repaid our \$5000 loan to the Jubilee fund.
- A new fund has been setup with a \$250 donation made by a church member. The Benevolent fund is available to people connected to Hawera Baptist Church, who are facing financial hardship. No interest loans are available when money is lent with an agreed payback period. Please speak to the elders if you would like to know more or get involved with this ministry. The Benevolent fund is about giving people a hand up, rather than a hand out.

### Property

- The manse has been rented out on a 6-month contract until October.
- We really appreciate the outstanding work Henk, Nigel, Nathan and Kevin have been doing around the back of the church completing the fence, making concrete mowing strips, fixing the soak holes and down pipes.
- We have updated our church sign at a cost of \$140.



### Church Membership

If you are interested in being a member of HBC please speak to one of the elders.

The Member's Pledge is:

1. To live at all times such a life as reflects a true Christian and a member of the church.
2. To take an active and diligent part in the life and work of the church, regularly attending its services of worship as far as I am able, and being willing to help in whatever way I can.
3. To be faithful in prayer for the church and its witness in the community.
4. To share conscientiously in contributing to the funds of the church according to my means.
5. To share in the government of the church by supporting and encouraging the leadership of the church and by attending church members meetings.
6. To do all in my power to deepen and enrich the spirit of fellowship in the church, always seeking to develop a spirit of love in this fellowship of Christ's people.
7. To share by life and word in the supreme task of the church, namely by witnessing to the saving power of Jesus Christ our Lord.
8. To support the vision and mission of Hawera Baptist Church.

### I feel the tug at my heart...

*Do more, more, more. Prove your worth. Show your value.*

I have always wrestled with this lie. It has led me to the edge of burnout. In times when it's quiet, it has drawn me away from embracing rest.

Maybe you too? We hear more is better. But sometimes more is less.

*Less of what God has for us. Less of what truly brings peace. Less of what we're really put on earth to do.*

We're a culture built on efficiency. Children of the industrial age. We think in terms of factories and output, maximum volume, *how much we can produce*. But we are human. We are not made that way.

And it seems God is sometimes alarmingly inefficient.

Jesus spent most of his life as a carpenter and only three in ministry. That's not "efficient" in our eyes. Surely he should have healed everyone he could, done all he could accomplish, gone on a world tour and spoken to every person, met every need. But, no, he quietly and simply showed us this—*it's not about doing more it's about doing what matters*.

When we do what God has for us then our actions multiply through His power in ways we can't see or understand. *Doing less when we're in God's will is far more efficient than doing the most we can on our own*.

It's hard for me to wrap my mind around this truth. I want to jump back on the inner treadmill. I want measurable results. I want to feel productive. But somewhere deeper within, a Voice asks not for my hands but for my heart.

Let's not do more. Let's dare to do less.

And instead embrace more of the One who says we're already enough.

By Holley Gerth

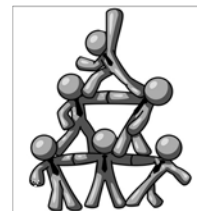
# Groups

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



### Music Practice

Thursday Nights 7:00pm  
Andrew Bartlett Ph 278 3681



### Egmont Home Group

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



### Youth@62

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month 2-5pm  
Brendan & Deanna Ph 278 7422



### Prayer & Worship

Sunday Prayer 9:30-10:00am  
All Age Worship 10:00am

# Close Up

## *In Loving Memory Of Irene Ayling*

Irene Joan Ayling, was born prematurely to Elsie and Jim Blake on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 1945. I am her elder sister by 7½ years and was taken from school to see her as she was so tiny. Waitangi Day wasn't a holiday then.

Irene was interesting and interested in people and what was happening. One of my memories was of her looking out the window one very wet day at the hens across the paddock and saying "Poor chookies got no dressing downs."

She attended the Hawera Main School and the Hawera Technical High School, cycling the 3 miles from our parents dairy farm on Nolan Road, from the standards on.

We all attended the Hawera Methodist Church and Sunday School and Irene along with sisters Helen and Dorothy sang in the Methodist Junior Choir. We all had music lessons and Irene's 'thing' was playing hymns.

Irene did nursing training at Stratford Hospital becoming a Community Nurse. Her interest in those with difficulties took her to nurse at Kimberley Home in Levin. Upon leaving there she worked in McKenzie's of Woolworths and McKenzie's fame in Hawera.

Always cheerful, helpful and willing. She went with our young brother Kelvin, over to Hawke's Bay picking fruit. Scottish Country dancing was another interest and she would travel with other dancers to Balls around the Province. In the early 1970's she helped Kelvin to milk on our Dad's farm at Manutahi she also helped Dorothy, who with her new husband Graham were share-milking at Alton, while Graham worked at Patea Freezing Works because of the drought that year. Somewhere about this time she caught the eye of a Scottish seaman and he charmed her with his accent! He thought she had good legs and went with her to Scottish Dancing! They were married on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1975 in the Methodist Church Hawera, and went to live in the house they bought on Waihi Road.

Irene was very fond of children and baby-sat her nephews and nieces as well as managing crèches at the Methodist and Baptist Churches.

She loved their Labrador dog Indigo and would take her to visit the rest homes with her, as she was such a well behaved dog. Irene loved concerts and would take her rest home friends – sometimes two carloads.

John took Irene to visit his birthplace Scotland in 1984. She went with him on a couple of voyages. They also toured part of the South Island and she had another trip with me and again with her father in law.

Irene inherited a family interest in Horticulture and loved getting in the garden, unfortunately oxalis and convolvulus got the better of her and she could never remember names of plants!



**John & Irene Ayling married for almost 40 years.**

Irene was a loyal conscientious member of the Bible Society, Grey Power, U3A, Rural Woman, Baptist Church and Hospice where she conscientiously did the vacuuming, cleaned and tidied. If you wanted anything cleaned Irene was meticulous. Recycling was a passion, she would keep all sorts of bric-a-brac for which she was sure a use could be found!

Our family acknowledge John's loving care for Irene over the years and Trinity Hospital nurses and staff these last two months. Generous, friendly and a maker of macaroni cheese Irene was always willing to help. She will be missed by us all.

Funeral Eulogy by Margret Parker 23 March 2015

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As a church family we honour John and Irene Ayling as a couple, they connected whole-heartedly with us in Christian fellowship. Together their Christian marriage has been a role model to us, the way they have stuck together through thick and thin, with God's help.

Life was not easy for John and Irene. Irene having suffered bipolar throughout her life, they felt it would be unwise to have children. Irene loved children and cared so beautifully for everyone else's. The prolonged use of the drug lithium for bipolar, damaged Irene's kidneys and over the past year we have watched Irene's rapid decline in health. We are comforted by the fact Irene is no longer in pain and she will be spending eternity with our Lord Jesus, where there is no more suffering.

We remember Irene with fondness, a true servant of the Lord, who cared for and tended to many pastoral needs in the Hawera community. She served the church with communion duties and keeping the church clean and tidy. Many people are having to step up and fill the gaps Irene has left at Hawera Baptist Church.

On the 25 April (Anzac Day) Irene's Ashes were buried on the family farm in Manutahi. A beautiful autumn day in a piece of bush her father planted.

Lets give John special attention and our prayers over the coming months as he adjusts to living life on his own.



# Mission

**"The harvest is great, but the workers are few," Jesus said. "So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." Matthew 9:37-38**

These well-known verses have no doubt been shared many times in regard to the topic of mission. The Bible drips mission; God's heart radiates it. It is a vital part of the Church's purpose in the world, and the very reason the New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society exists. This year marks 130 years of collective missionary endeavours by the Baptist churches of New Zealand. Is it time for us to rest on our laurels and consider the harvest taken care of?

Just a look through a newspaper, or at the headlines on the evening news, and we know our work is not yet over. If anything, the need is becoming more desperate. We cannot say we have 'done our bit.' There is no option within God's call to mission to declare 'that's good enough' and so leave the task for others. There are still disciples to be made. There are still people to be reached with the Good News.

This is the focus of this year's Prayer and Self Denial Appeal. 'till the nets are full' is a simple phrase, an analogy borrowed from Scripture that carries a great weight. Jesus told His disciples they would be 'fishers of men' – that they would spread their nets for souls, not snapper. That commission continues with us today.

The Great Commission ends only when the task is complete; when every knee bows and every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord. The nets are not full. There is still room in the Kingdom for the lost, the hurt, the dying and the desperate. The nets will hold more, and so we continue to spread them wherever we are able.



We will focus this year's appeal on a passage in Luke's Gospel:

*One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.*

*When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."*

*"Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. (Luke 5:1-7)*

At Hawera Baptist Church over this three-week series we will explore the idea of mission:

**7 June – At The Water's Edge**

**14 June – Into The Deep**

**21 June – Spreading The Nets**



John Ayling is going to Mercy Ships, Pacific Hope to help prepare the boat for service, between the 10 – 19 April 2015. The aim is to have the Pacific Hope ready for service in June 2015. John also hopes to go on a short-term mission with the Pacific Hope some time in the near future. Both John and Irene Ayling have been involved with Mercy Ships for the past 30 years. As a church we prayerfully and financially support John in his passion for the Lord and this great ministry.

Marine Reach is based in Tauranga, New Zealand and has been serving the Asia-Pacific rim nations since its inception in 1990. A Christian voluntary organization, of trained professionals and dedicated volunteers delivering much-needed medical care, education and community development projects to those in need worldwide.

Marine Reach are committed to help make a difference in the lives of others. They believe in the two-handed gospel. In the one hand we provide free health care to the poor in the isolated areas of the Pacific Islands. In the other hand we bring the good news of Jesus Christ sharing with others the hope and compassion found in a relationship with Jesus Christ.



# Global Mission Support

**Malcolm, Rebecca & Family**

Serving in Ethiopia  
With SIM (Serving In Mission)  
Support \$300/month

**Mark, Katrina & Family**

Serving in Thailand  
With Mekong Evangelical Mission  
Support \$50/month + projects

**Andrew, Andrea & Family**

Serving in East Asia  
With Tranzsend  
Support \$33/month

**Pip**

Serving in India  
With Tranzsend  
Support \$33/month

**John & Susan**

Serving in Bangladesh & India  
With Tranzsend  
Support \$33/month

## Brent Weaver – NZ Missionary in Ukraine

On Monday April 13th Brent Weaver, a missionary to Ukraine, visited Hawera and shared about his ministry to the young adults in Kiev. A group of about 20 people met at Andrew and Olya's home to hear what Brent had to share. We started off with some fellowship and a cup of tea, with some Russian goodies to try. Brent visited our church before a couple of years ago when we had our first "Taste of Russia" dinner. Many remembered good things Brent talked about previously and he was as brilliant this time around. He is a very gifted and passionate speaker.

The way ministry is happening in Ukraine has really resonated with the question we have been exploring about the "new kind of church" - those young Christians and non-Christians meet at homes, explore the Bible together, each taking part in organising something for the meeting, sharing meals together, praying for one another, asking questions, sharing about their growth and struggles. They don't have a building, they don't have a pastor, but they are growing in their faith, are being discipled by someone and in turn making a start at discipling others too. A big part of the ministry are the summer camps, where new students come and get immersed into an atmosphere of love, trust, openness, having loads of fun and learning about the Bible and Jesus Christ.

Here are a few bits Brent shared that really stuck with the group (what I got from comments and questions):

- We really need to know what gospel we are sharing with people and what we are passing on, and in the best simple but impacting way you can fit it in three phrases: "love God", "love people", "make disciples". The last one is very important and is often missed by believers. We can be great at loving our God and our neighbours, but forgetting that it was Jesus' command to "go and make disciples".

- New Christians in Ukraine are encouraged to "dive into life with God". Brent showed us a great word and picture illustration of how many Christians live like taking tiny steps into the water as it is the safest way to be and that way they feel being in control of their lives. But because we are called to live by faith, instead of treading waters we should be diving into life with God and trusting Him with every aspect of our lives.

- Three simple steps to remember of how to build friendships and make disciples are "prayer, care, share" approach. Choose a few people from your sphere of life, show them that you care in some very practical ways



then share the gospel with them. The last part can be in little bits, asking questions first, getting to know them better, making them feel loved. It does not have to be a full presentation with repentance prayer on the spot. Respect where they are at and try to understand why they feel or believe that way.

When everyone left Brent told me that he felt a very special interest and hunger within the group, that people were ready to hear those things and to put some things into action. May it truly be the case and with God's help we will dive into the life we are supposed to live by faith: loving God, loving people, and making disciples.

By Olya Bartlett



**VENUE:**

Hawera Baptist Church  
6 Surrey St, Hawera

**DATE:**

Monday 29 June 2015

**TIME:**

7:30pm

**FINANCIAL HEALTH CHECK SEMINAR**

# When was your last FINANCIAL health check?



Phil Strong is  
the National  
Seminar  
Presenter  
for Baptist  
Savings.

- Phil is based in Hamilton and is married to Kathy. They have two teenagers, fourteen sheep and three chickens.

- Phil and Kathy call themselves social entrepreneurs – they start businesses to help others. They have owned a financial services company, a building company, a real estate franchise network and many online businesses. They are passionate about property investment and have helped others to successfully invest in real estate.

- Phil has been involved in the financial services industry since 1990, working in insurance, financial planning and mortgages.

- Phil has published three books about money and has been travelling across NZ teaching people about money since 2001.

- Phil is the CEO and founder of the Wisemoney Foundation, a charitable trust established to invest in financial education and other practical solutions that meet needs in impoverished nations.

- Discover the true meaning of success and learn how it applies to money.
- Find out why couples fight about money – and what to do about it!
- Learn how to get ahead, regardless of your level of income.
- Compare an upside down budget to doing things the right way up.
- See why most NZ families are on track to have a 40 year mortgage.
- Learn how to get out of the debt trap!
- Attend and receive a personal consultation – FREE OF COST OR OBLIGATION.
- Find out the best bank, which are the right insurances and whether you should fix or float your mortgage.
- Find out how to pay the lowest interest rate on your credit card.
- Bring a friend, family member or neighbour – you will both enjoy and benefit.
- Find out who you can trust – who will tell you the truth.



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# Upcoming Events

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

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### Movie & Study – The Song

Time: 5pm Saturday Nights 9 May – 20 June  
 Venue: Sutherland's Home  
 7 Week Series Working through the Song of Solomon  
 Family Friendly



*The Song* is a romantic drama about a singer-songwriter, whose marriage suffers when the song he wrote for his wife propels him to stardom. The film was inspired by the Song of Solomon. Exploring God's plan for relationships, love and marriage. Addressing real-world relationship issues like dating and romance, intimacy, conflict, restoration and cultivating true commitment.

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### Soccer Game & BBQ

Time: 2pm Sunday Afternoon  
 Venue: Hawera Soccer Field  
 Plan to challenge another church at soccer and finish with a sausage sizzle.

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### Prayer & Self Denial

Time: 7 – 21 June 2015  
 Venue: Hawera Baptist Church  
 Theme: Till the nets are Full

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### Variety Night

Time: 6pm Saturday Night  
 Venue: Hawera Baptist Church Hall  
 Come and enjoy a night of fun: supper, dancing, games, and concert items. More information to follow.

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### Church Meeting

Time: 11:30am Sunday  
 Venue: Hawera Baptist Church  
 HBC Quarterly Progress Report – How are we going?

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### Financial Health Check Seminar

Time: 7:30pm Monday  
 Venue: Hawera Baptist Church  
 Free Seminar offered by Baptist Savings

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JUL

### Soup & Movie Night

Time: 5:30-6:00pm Saturday  
 Venue: Gous's Home