

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



The children **stay in church for the first 15 minutes** and then go out to their programmes.

- **RAINBOW KIDS** (3yrs—Yr 1) meet in the room above the foyer.
- **JIGSAW** (Yr 2—Yr 6) meet in the Chapel.
- **CRECHE** is available for toddlers up to the age of 3years (in building by the car park)

Two Parents' Rooms are at the back left of the auditorium for parents with babies.
For further information please see the Children's ministry desk in the foyer

Youth Ministry



INTERMEDIATE YEARS 7-9
MEET IN THE YOUTH ROOM
UPSTAIRS ON SUNDAYS

HIGH SCHOOL YEARS 9-13
WEDNESDAY 7-9PM
CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
UNDER THE ROCK YOUTH!

ICONZ ADVENTURE
BOYS 8-11 YEARS
MONDAY 5.45-7.15PM



Prayer

Do you want prayer for yourself or for family or friends?

- **Prayer on Sunday:** At the end of each service there will be someone available to pray with you. Please make your way to the front of the church by the large cross.
- **Prayer Chain:** We also have a very effective email prayer chain. If you have a prayer need (or wish to join the prayer chain) then please email prayerchain@obc.org.nz or phone the office 576 2523.
- **Intercessory Prayer Group:** We also have a committed group of "prayers" who gather on Sunday evenings from 7-8pm in the Chapel. We would love you to join us.



Budget Figure: \$6,275
Average Giving: \$5,771 (last 4 weeks)
Year to Date: \$5,703 (average)

For electronic banking deposit to: **A/c No. 03 0445 0104208 00.**

If you require a *Giving Number* for tax purposes please contact the Church Office. If paying by EFTPOS please state "EFTPOS" on the giving envelope at the info desk.



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On Wednesday I attended a seminar presented by Kevin Ward, a lecturer at Knox College. He has done extensive research on religion in New Zealand and how changes in society are impacting the church. There has been a steady decline in church attendance since the 1960s. In the 2013 census only 10% of the population attended church regularly and 38% said they have no religion. In addition to this our churches are aging, with over 50 year olds making up 58% of church numbers when they are 32% of the population and those in their 20s-30s making up 21% of churches but are 42% of the population. The reasons for this are many, but reflect changes in society. In particular, younger generations are increasingly suspicious of organised religion. However, they are still interested in spirituality. Belief in God has remained consistent at 70% of people since 1985 and over 60% say they pray. Ward concludes that **today's culture believes but doesn't want to belong**. But if less people are having church contact, what is the next generation going to base their spiritual beliefs on? At present any growth occurring in individual churches tends to be transfer growth from other churches or people who have a church background returning after a time away. So what implications will this have in the future when only 4% of today's children have contact with a church? The next generation is not going to have a church background to return to. **This makes mission to the children and families in our community vital. How can we do this more effectively?**

Jan

FIRST TIME at OBC?

Thanks for visiting us!

If you would like to find out more information about our church and the programmes we are running, please collect a brochure from the information desk in the foyer.

Live-like Jesus

Love-without measure

Learn-our faith

Lead-to make a difference

TODAY

10am Matt Gordon

7pm Prayer Meeting

NEXT WEEK

10am Brian Cochran

7pm Prayer Meeting

The next **parent conversation afternoon tea** is after church today at 3pm in the chapel. This is an opportunity to meet together, watch a short DVD clip on things our children need over time and then talk... The aim is to create space in our busy schedules to just catch up with one another... yummy food, coffee and childcare will be provided.



Toolbox Parenting Early Years Course. Next term Katrina Hudson will be running this course again on a Wednesday night at the church. If you would like to register or want more information, contact Katrina 543 5468

Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item for the **Tauranga Food Bank.** This is a great service in Tauranga that is always in need of more donations. You can place your item in the trolley next to the Info desk.



BBC Men's Seminar-Bridging the Gap. 27 September 1:30-9pm at Bethlehem Baptist Church. This seminar is a time for Men to come together and be encouraged in their roles as males in society. Filled to the brim with great male speakers, this is a day that will leave you impacted and with tools and skills to get the most out of being a male.

SPACE programme at Holy Trinity Tauranga

Know any Mums with new-borns? The Ark Early Childhood Centre at Holy Trinity Tauranga runs the SPACE programme, providing support and friendship as well as informative discussions and activities. For more information phone Jill Glenn, SPACE Facilitator 027 280 3422 or The Ark (07) 578 5377. Email space@holyltrinitytauranga.com.

This coming week is **Hospital Chaplaincy Week.** The government only contributes 50% of the overall costs and the rest needs to be raised to keep this service up and running. There are currently 90 Hospital Chaplains and 310 Voluntary Chaplaincy Assistants in New Zealand. If you would like to donate to this great cause, there are donation slips on the table in the Foyer.

WEEKLY PLANNER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SUNDAY
10am ESOL English using the bible POSTPONED 5.45-7.15pm ICONZ ADVENTURE Boys 8-11	9.30am BADMINTON 9.30am SOUL PURPOSE Ph Jill 576 5837 10am ESOL Conversational English POSTPONED	9.30am COMMUNION SERVICE In the chapel, followed by morning tea. Enjoy a time of blessing and fellowship. 7.00—9.00 pm The Rock Youth 7.30pm Holmes Home Group	9.30am MAINLY MUSIC 7.30pm Cochran's Home Group <hr/> FRIDAY 9.30am BADMINTON 10am Women's Small Group	Young Adults Group (Fortnightly) Shared lunch after church. Contact Matt Gordon 571 6907 Paine's Home Group 4:30-5:30 with optional shared takeaways for dinner Contact 576 1169

Good Neighbour Food Rescue

We are beginning a trial of Café food pick ups. We are starting with 3 cafes with the option of adding others in the near future. We are looking for people to do the café run between 3:30-4:30pm, dropping the food at the Food Rescue shed once they have collected it. We are hoping to have enough people for the volunteers to do 1 run (approx. 1hr) a fortnight. If you are interested or want to find out more please phone or email Jackie Paine 576 1169 or gnfoodrescue@gmail.com.

