

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Children's Ministry will start next Sunday February 15.

This week:

There will be games, crafts, and activities in the hall for Rainbow Kids and JIGSAW children

- **CRECHE** will be open but there will be no one to supervise children.

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



# Flirt

Coming Soon.



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

**HIGH SCHOOL YEARS 9-13**  
WEDNESDAY 7-9PM

**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](mailto: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:** \$6,415  
**Average Giving:** \$5,767 (last 4 weeks)  
**Year to Date:** \$5,442 (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.



## From the Elders

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It was good to get some feedback from a small number of you about the suggested increased hours for Matt Gordon, all of it pretty positive. (we are assuming other people's silence is because you all think it makes good sense) With only positive feedback we will get Matt into the role as soon as practical. Just to remind you of what the changes are:

- Increase Matt's hours by 1 day, ie to 3.5 days per week
- Youth ministry remains his primary role and focus.
- Increase preaching opportunities
- Add "Inclusion ministry" responsibility to his role

Also we have been busy preparing annual reports etc, which will be distributed in a couple of weeks. The AGM will be part of our café style Celebration service on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Please mark it in your diaries.

If you are not yet a church partner and would like to become one or just find out more about it, please contact the office.

## 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.

**TODAY**  
**10am Brian Cochran**

**7pm Prayer Meeting**

**NEXT WEEK**  
**10am Brian Cochran**  
**7pm Prayer Meeting**

The latest 'Word for Today' and Church Directories are available from the Info Desk for \$2 each.

**Carers of young families** please meet **straight** after church in the Hall.

**Baptist Mission Fellowship** will meet after church on Sunday 15 February, starting with a shared lunch, having an update on our missionaries and holding our Annual Meeting. We are postponing our meeting by one week to avoid Waitangi Day weekend. See you there!

**Children's Ministry** starts next Sunday (15 Feb). There will be a lunch for all families after church. Lunch will be provided.

**New to the DVD Library.** 'Heaven is for real' based on a true story, this movie is a heart-warming and uplifting story about a little boy's visit to Heaven.

**Mainly Music** has started up again for 2015! This is a great morning for parents and young children. Thursday mornings 9:30am. Cost is \$3 per family with morning tea included.

**Towards Belief- DVD Series Starting Sunday Nights in March**

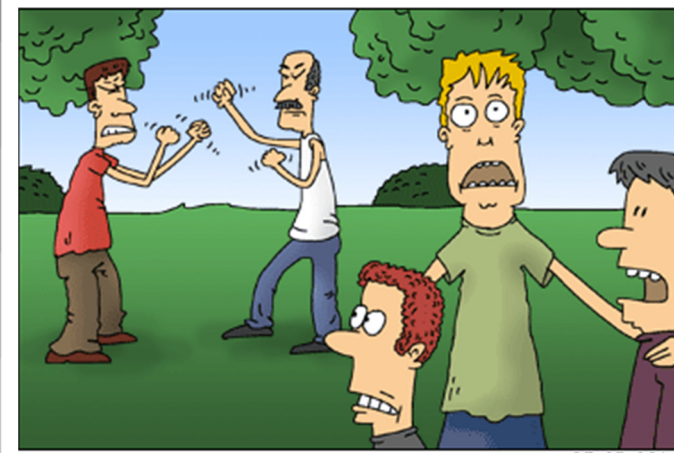
This Australian pastor travels the world and interviews over 30 leading authors and speakers about the top "belief blockers" of our time. The topics include:

- **Suffering:** Presents both an intellectual and personal response to the issues posed by the existence of suffering.
- **The Bible:** Looks at whether what the Bible contains is historically accurate and can be trusted.
- **Supernatural:** Explores belief in the supernatural and looks at a specific case where it seems that supernatural intervention is undeniable.
- **Religious Violence:** Explores whether Christianity, as a religious worldview, causes wars, atrocities and genocides. How does the Church respond to this charge?
- **Exclusive Faith:** Christianity's claim that Jesus is the only way to God is viewed as arrogant, intolerant and a significant blocker to personal belief. In this episode, guests give plausible reasons for the Christian worldview.
- **Church Abuse:** Abuse scandals, particularly in relation to children, have rocked the Church, leaving it open to the charge of hypocrisy.
- **Science & God:** Eminent and experienced scientists explain how and why they can have scientific credentials from the world's leading universities, as well as having a Christian faith.
- **Homosexuality:** In this episode we look at the Biblical view on homosexuality and what is the Christian response in the current social environment.
- **The Church:** There is a public perception that the Christian Church is dying. We talk with leaders who are seeing the Church grow and they give their perspective on the future of the Church.



**WEEKLY PLANNER**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SUNDAY
10am <b>ESOL</b> English using the bible <i>Monday 9th Feb</i>  5.45-7.15pm <b>ICONZ ADVENTURE</b> Boys 8-11	9.30am <b>BADMINTON</b>  9.30am <b>SOUL PURPOSE</b> Ph Jenny 576 6974 <i>Resumes 10th Feb</i>  10am <b>ESOL</b> Conversational English <i>Tuesday 10th Feb</i>	9.30am <b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b> In the chapel, followed by morning tea. Enjoy a time of blessing and fellowship.  7.00—9.00 pm <b>Flipt Youth</b>  7.30pm <b>Holmes Home Group</b>	9.30am <b>MAINLY MUSIC</b>  7.30pm <b>Cochran's Home Group</b>  <hr/> <b>FRIDAY</b> 9.30am <b>BADMINTON</b>  10am <b>Women's Small Group</b> <i>Resumes term 1</i>	<b>Young Adults Group (Fortnightly)</b> Shared lunch after church. Contact Matt Gordon 571 6907  <b>Paine's Home Group</b> 4:30-5:30 with optional shared takeaways for dinner Contact 576 1169



**QUICK ... IF TWO OR MORE GATHER IN HIS NAME THERE WILL BE LOVE!**