

## 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**  
FRIDAY 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: \$6,225**  
**Average Giving: \$6,330** (For the last 6 months)

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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As you can imagine I spend a reasonable amount of time thinking about church and what we do well and what we don't. The staff and leaders are constantly considering where we are at and where we would like to be. Some things are going really well and we are pleased, and of course there are other areas that we need to develop.

One easily measurable thing that has been a concern for a number of years is the lack of baptisms. It was great to see Terry Martin baptised back in March. It was a year before that 2 others were baptised and another year before that that 2 others were baptised. It would be great to see more baptisms, but it's not just about baptisms. Baptisms are just a sign of how much we are sharing with friends and family about Jesus, they are a sign of people taking opportunities to build relationships with the unchurched and being Jesus to them, both through church programmes and in life outside of the church.

One very effective tool for evangelism is The Alpha course and we are planning on running one from 26<sup>th</sup> July. Check out the details inside the newsletter and think about who you can invite.

If you haven't yet been baptised and would like to talk about it with someone, please contact one of the Pastors.

Brian

### 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 Brian Cochran

7pm Prayer Meeting

**NEXT WEEK**

10am Pause Remember Celebrate

7pm Prayer Meeting

**Self Denial:**

You can put it in the Urn at the front of the church or place it in the offering but make sure it is clearly labelled "Self denial"

**To date we have raised \$3487.60!** Our goal is \$5000

We are planning a **baby dedication** for Sunday July 26. If you would like to have your child dedicated talk to Jan or Brian.

**New books!** There have been 14 new Children's books added to the Library shelves this week. There are a couple of great devotional books but please don't hold them for a year!



**Alpha Course** starting 26 July at church on Sunday mornings. There is no cost and food and childcare are provided. To book a place or find out more information contact the church office or Andrew Austin 570 1175



There will be a **bake sale** after church today to raise funds for the youth to go to snow camp in July. Please enjoy the delicious variety of baked goods.

**Towards belief DVD Series TONIGHT 7pm in the Chapel.**

**Tonight's Topic:**

- **Homosexuality:** In this episode we look at the Biblical view on homosexuality and what is the Christian response in the current social environment.

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**Has OBC got Talent?**

We have a **Talent Quest** coming up and we want you! Talents, shows and acts of all sorts would be considered. Please see Lee Bateman or email kiwi\_batey@hotmail.com

**Parent Conversation Lunch** TODAY after church in the hall. This will be a time to connect and catch up with other parents. Soup and buns will be provided. If you are able, a donation to cover the cost of the lunch would be appreciated. We will provide supervision and a DVD in the Chapel after lunch for the children so you can talk uninterrupted.



Thank you to **TECT** who donated \$2435 towards the toilet upgrade.

**WEEKLY PLANNER**

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SUNDAY
10am <b>ESOL</b> English using the bible  5.45-7.15pm <b>ICONZ ADVENTURE</b> Boys 8-11	9.30am <b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b> In the chapel, followed by morning tea. Enjoy a time of blessing and fellowship.	9.30am <b>MAINLY MUSIC</b>  7.30pm <b>Cochran's Home Group</b> 576 3116  7.30pm <b>Hudson's Home Group</b> 543 5468	9.30am <b>BADMINTON</b>  10am <b>Women's Small Group</b>  7.00—9.00 pm <b>Flip! Youth</b>	<b>Young Adults Group (Fortnightly)</b> Shared lunch after church. Contact Matt Gordon 576 8015  <b>Paine's Home Group</b> 4:30-5:30 with optional shared takeaways for dinner Contact 576 1169
TUESDAY	7.30pm <b>Holmes Home Group</b> 571 8104			
9.30am <b>BADMINTON</b>  9.30am <b>SOUL PURPOSE</b> Ph Jenny 576 6974  10am <b>ESOL</b> Conversational English				

**How to Engage in your Community workshop Saturday 25 July**

Do you have the uneasy feeling that your community flows past your church without really seeing it or needing it?



At this highly practical workshop you will learn more about Community Mapping, how to put your church and your community in touch and the importance of keeping relationships at the core of things. 8:45am– 4:45pm Bethlehem Community Church. To register or find out more information go to [www.loveyourneighbour.co.nz](http://www.loveyourneighbour.co.nz)