

# NEWSLETTER

WE EXIST TO ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER ON THIS JOURNEY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH, TO SHARE THIS MESSAGE WITH OTHERS AND TO ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER TO GROW IN MATURITY IN CHRIST



## BONFIRE AT THE GIBNEY'S

On Friday 18th May the church family were invited to the Gibney's home for a bonfire and dinner. The menu was delicious American style comfort food - chilli, baked potatoes, chicken wings and coleslaw.

The bonfire was a great success although there were a few hairy moments as the nearby tree caught alight and the power lines were also pretty close! The young people toasted marshmallows, wrapped in blankets and enjoying the chance to be together.

A huge thank you to the Gibney family for a great night of good food and fellowship!



## CHILD DEDICATION

On Sunday 13th May, Greg Deuble shared his last sermon in his series on prayer - the prayer that works. He also called up Jonathan and Daisy Miers and Garth and Tracy Walton with their families to dedicate their children to God. As a church family we were reminded to share in the responsibility of helping and encouraging these precious children to grow in their faith and their walk with God.

Remember these families and children in your prayers.



## KEY DATES

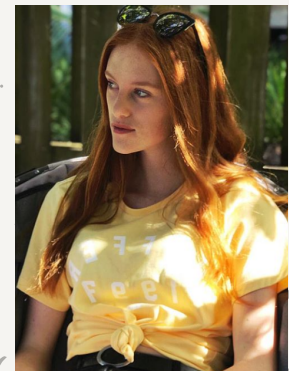
9th June - youth group

10th June - youth Bible study

15th July - honouring age service and soup lunch

12th August - AGM & shared lunch

29th September - church working bee



**Isa Alderink** is leaving on the 8th June to travel to Europe. She will visit France, England and Scotland, although most of her time will be in Holland. Isa has family in these areas to visit and she will look for work during her time there. Her plan is to return to NZ by Christmas. Please keep Isa in your prayers during this time.



## ZIMBABWE RURAL SCHOOLS LIBRARY TRUST

For the past four years, the Zimbabwe Rural Schools Library Trust has been working on the production of a musical album with songs mostly on reading, learning and use of libraries. It took a while to complete the project due to resource constraints, but the good thing is that the album is finally completed and will be officially launched at at Chartwell Library in Hamilton on Saturday 9 June 2018. The 22 song album features a song by the Hamilton West Room 20 Class of 2016 and three songs by Jesse O'Brien and the Grace Falls Band alongside songs by many Zimbabwean musicians based in Canada, the United Kingdom and Zimbabwe, including Jah Prayzah, Leonard Zhakata, Sandra Ndebele, Selmor Mtukudzi, Jeys Marabini, Pastor Charles Charamba and many more. CDs of the album will be sold to raise funds for the shipment of a container of books to Zimbabwe. Chat to Driden Kunaka if you would like more information.

## UNEXPECTED OPEN DOOR

REPORT BY GENE PETERS

*You will remember Gene and Sandy Peters spending three months with us from December to March. Here is Gene's report of that time:*

On December 6, 2017, my wife Sandy and I flew from Orlando, Florida to Auckland, New Zealand, but our three-month adventure started many months before our actual departure date. Our son, Luke, was backpacking in New Zealand, working various jobs. He ended up painting the Church of Christ, Life and Advent in Hamilton, New Zealand. They asked Luke if he knew of anyone in the States that might be willing to come to N.Z. and help out for two to three months and Luke told them his parents might be able to help them out. Thus began the groundwork for this awesome experience. Sandy and I talked with various members of the leadership team and we PRAYED. We had excuses: we are in our 70s,

it's a long flight and we would be away from family at Christmas. Despite all of our misgivings, the Lord seemed to be opening the door for this "short-term" mission trip. There was no reason not to go! Needless to say, we fell in love with the congregation. We could tell right away that it would be hard to leave in three months' time. There is a wonderful group of young adults and teens in the worship team. They practice on Saturday evenings without a grumble! We told the church many times how blessed they were to have these young people involved in their church.

It was special spending Christmas in another country (I forgot to mention it was summer while we were there). We had a wonderful Christmas Sunday filled with great Christmas music. There were lots of family members coming home for the holidays – a great time of the Word, fellowship and delicious food. Three months flew by! How truly blessed we were to have such an opportunity to serve our Lord! You just never know when the Lord might tap you on the shoulder, opening a door of ministry you never expected. All we have to do is be willing vessels, and he takes care of the rest. One of the highlights of our trip that the Lord gave me was the honor of baptizing three beautiful sisters: Emma Rose, Jessica and Hannah Gibney. Praise the Lord for this undeserved privilege! We are back home now, but still pinching ourselves that this wonderful experience really did happen. We deeply love our church family in Hamilton and pray for them daily, asking the Lord to provide them with a shepherd. How blessed we were to have this door open unexpectedly and to serve our Lord in ministry. We cannot begin to thank him and our friends in New Zealand for such a wonderful opportunity!



We would like to thank the amazing group that set up the church, stage and sound system each week, and then pack it all away at the end of the service. Also, a big thank you to Garth and Tracy Walton for donating storage containers for the equipment.

## CONTACTS

### Secretary:

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### Treasurer:

Carl Brandt 07 854 8909

### Deacon:

Peter Moss 07 829 4559

### Sunday school & youth:

Tom, Glenyss & Maddi Bennett  
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### Elders:

Bill Goble, Neville Brandt

### Care Coordinators:

Raewyn Moss, Glenyss Bennett

### Next youth group:

Hottest Home Baker - dessert edition  
Saturday 9th June  
7pm @ the Bennett's  
\$5.00 pp

### Youth Bible study:

Sunday 10th June with Glenn Peoples

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6th - Yvonne Madhuku

8th - Graeme Madhuku

18th - Kevin Hooker

19th - Peter Moss

21st - Ropa Kunaka & Hannah Gibney

29th - Driden Kunaka

30th - Bill Goble & Heather Salisbury

## YOUTH GROUP

On Saturday 19th May while the 'transporters' relaxed over coffee and dessert in the warm and pleasant environ of Onyx café in Cambridge, the youth braved muddy, cold and wet conditions of Monavale, Capernwray, just outside of Cambridge. It had been wet, wild weather all that day but thankfully the rain stopped in time for the annual Breakthrough which is held outside. They were put through a whole lot of team challenges which touched on the theme of trust. In the process they were wacked in the face, had their best shoes muddied, were locked in prison, negotiated mazes and - to the parents pleasure - went to etiquette school (it didn't work!!). Dave Firth from Capernwray finished the evening with a talk about trusting Jesus. Thanks to those who helped out with transport and also to the Capernwray crew who always put on a great 'Breakthrough'.

## JUNE CALENDAR

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 Roving Fellowship 9:30a @ Bill's home	2	3 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Paul Goble
4 Queen's birthday holiday	5 Leadership meeting 7:30p @ Neville's home	6 Girls group 4:15p @ Wendy's home	7	8	9 Youth Group Master Chief Challenge	10 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Glenn Peoples WL: Tom Bennett  Youth Bible study
11 Scrabble morning 9:30a @ Elaine's home	12	13 Coffee group 10:00a @ Glenyss' home	14 Bible Study 7:30p @ Tom & Glenyss' home	15 Roving Fellowship 9:30a @ Lynette's home	16	17 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Geoff Folis WL: Peter Moss
18	19	20 Girls group 4:15p @ Wendy's home	21	22	23	24 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Dave Mann WL: Carl Brandt
25 Scrabble morning 9:30a @ Aileen's home	26	27	28 Bible Study 7:30p @ Peter & Raewyn's home	29 Roving Fellowship 1150a Mid year luncheon @ Forest Lake Gardens & Bernice's home	30	