

Throughout January, those of us who are around will be combining with downstairs - hopefully supplemented by lots and lots of BBQ's, picnics, and summertime adventures! Check out the poster of these events on the notice board + fill in your name if you'd like to organize one of these events.

Shared Lunch - December 17th: Next Sunday, we want as many as possible in The Upper Room! We are calling this time together: "Pause, Thank & Celebrate!" It's been a big year for everyone - lots to give thanks for and to celebrate, with a brief look to 2018. So bring some food, bring your loved ones, play some games, and share the good news! Hopefully, we will also have a BBQ. Please be in touch if you would like to help us to do this well!

Christmas + Summer with The Upper Room & TCBC: This Christmas (falling on a Monday), The Upper Room will be hosting a relaxed, fun, worshipful Christmas morning at 9:30 am. Who wants to be involved? **On Sunday (24th December)**, we will be joining downstairs (also at 9:30 am). It would be wonderful if as many of us as possible can participate in both. The downstairs congregation (who have given us so much) will be thrilled to have us around!

Keeping Connected...

TAURANGA CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH:
ONE CHURCH, TWO CONGREGATIONS,
ON A JOURNEY TOGETHER.

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May the LORD be with us and guide our hearts today!

Kia ora, and big warm welcome to The Upper Room! Any Upper Roomers will tell you that we value community, we value relationships, and we love to be together! Life is busy, even hectic, and we want to carve out the time each week to be together, to give thanks for the uncountable gifts that we have in Jesus Christ. We want to learn from Him, we want to be filled by His Spirit, and we want to grow in our relationship with God. What this looks like is a mixture of love, attentiveness, and Spirit-empowered service, both to God and each other. And it's to bring the good news (both in word and in deed) of God's incredible and uplifting love to our communities, in the places where we live, work, and play. It's an often unsettling challenge to partake in a new way of life which is no-longer just about us, but is instead defined by self-giving ('Measure your life by loss instead of gain,' said Hudson Taylor - the great Missionary to China), particularly in recognition of the fact that many of us reign from positions of great privilege and blessing. Yet God wants to partner with us (what an incredible honour!) to lift up the broken and the weak, the burdened and the humble in our world - to bring Him glory! So, in this, our second week of Advent, we are looking at the first chapter in the Gospel of Luke, where Mary - the mother to be of our Saviour - becomes the first example of this herself!

Pastor's Scribble...

welcome to
**TAURANGA CENTRAL
BAPTIST CHURCH**
in The Upper Room



Gathered, Dispersed, In Community: Existing to Bless

10.30am SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 2017

Keeping Connected cont...

Our Talents: Al McChesney has given us a challenge . . . Did you get an envelope?! Don't forget to be thinking, praying, and sharing your stories of the ways that you have invested this money for God's Kingdom! We would love to hear your stories!

Prayer Focus:

- Emma's Mission (care packs for those in need).
- David Hodgkinson (Tertiary Students Christian Fellowship).
- Robyn Cotton (International Needs, who are looking for a new national leader).
- People for whom Christmas and the summer holidays is extraordinarily hard.
- The search for a new Pastor for TCBC + the process of calling a new Leader / Facilitator for Central Kids, Families, & Community Engagement.
- A safe, enjoyable, refreshing summer holidays in preparation for the new year.

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UPPER ROOM ROSTERS FOR 17TH DECEMBER:

CENTRAL KIDS PRIMARY: Juliet M, Sharon C [Advent of Jesus]

CRÈCHE / U-5'S: Katrina M, [Christmas Story – Jesus is here!" (Matt. 20:21)]

COFFEE & TEA: TBC

SNACKS / BAKING: Please bring a plate and be prepared to pitch in :)
