

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. On the Sunday (24th December), we will be joining downstairs. From then on, until the 28th of January, those who are around will be combining with downstairs - hopefully supplemented by lots of BBQ's, picnics, and summertime adventures! **Who's keen to host?** Get in touch if you would like to organize one of these events so that we can keep being a welcoming, fun loving whanau. This is also a wonderful opportunity to invite others along too..

Advent (preparing for Christmas as a family): Some of you have posted some ideas, which is great! In addition, we have some packages to give each of our families (or individuals) as a gift. We hope you enjoy!

Keeping Connected...

prayer (as a habit), and as a window to God's love! **Therefore, God help us** (as a church) to be more like this man Daniel - to be a window to the kind of love (and commitment) that you have for all of us. Amen.

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

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So, how about us? How easy is it for us to trust, and to pray, with our backs against the wall? Yet with Daniel, we see a testimony (or a window) - not just to God, but to others (and to us), that in the worst situations imaginable, God is always by our side. Think of the potential and the power of

In chapter 9, we get a glimpse of this man Daniel, as he prays for his nation: that God would forgive them of their sin: **"Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act!"** (v.19). But before his prayer is finished, the answer arrives: even in Babylon, God is real, and will be with them - even in his overnights stay with the lions!

If you ask me, Daniel is a bit of a super-hero! Faced with a monumental test of faith: Pray to the king and live, or pray to God and die, Daniel continued in the same habit as before - three times a day he would get down on his knees before the window of his home that was open towards Jerusalem. He would give thanks to God, just as he had always done before.

Kia ora, and a big warm welcome to The Upper Room! We hope you can feel right at home... This morning I have the privilege of speaking from Daniel 6, as a part of our progression (upstairs) through the Central Kids program that we are following until Christmas.

Pastor's Scribble...



Keeping Connected cont...

Christmas lights: Saturday 2nd December, we would like to help the downstairs congregation with their Christmas lights, which get attached to the outside of the building to look beautiful! Also, we want to build the relationship between our two congregations, and with each other, and this is a wonderful opportunity to do so... Join us at 930 am at TCBC (it should take no more than an hour or two). And of course, we could always finish with a milkshake down the road!

Shared Lunch Next Sunday: Next Sunday, we will be introducing + meeting with a woman (Nicola), who has applied for the role of Leader / Facilitator of Central Kids, Families, and Community Engagement. We are very excited to introduce you to her, so make sure to come along!

Prayer Focus:

- Emma's Mission (care packs for those in need).
- David Hodgkinson (TSCF).
- Robyn Cotton (International Needs, who are looking for a new national leader).
- TCBC's journey to constitution + our leadership, vision, and engagement with the community.
- The process of calling a Leader / Facilitator for Central Kids, Families, & Community Engagement.

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UPPER ROOM ROSTERS FOR 26TH NOVEMBER:

CENTRAL KIDS PRIMARY: Juliet M, Heather M [God is in Control (Esther 1-10)]

CRÈCHE / U-5'S: Katrina M, Heather O [Prophecies ("God Promised to send a Rescuer")]

COFFEE & TEA: ?

SNACKS / BAKING: Claire Keam
