

NEWS LETTER

Otahuhu Community Baptist Church

Knowing Christ - Growing in Christ - Going with Christ

TAKE NOTE:

12th July 2020

MISSIONS SUNDAY

Missions around the world are struggling in this pandemic. But God is a God of Missions and so we trust and pray that God will take care of missionaries and we continue to support those who work all around the globe.

12th, 19th, 26th July 2020

SELF DENIAL

We have our Church Self Denial this month. Every year our church gets involved in raising funds for NZBMS missions. Please find more information on page 2.

ALL SATURDAYS

Community Outreach @10am

2020 TARGET: Praying for , 50 Born Again Experiences, 200 Witnessing's

STRENGTH AND JOY IN UNITY



Our first Combined Service after lockdown

Imagine having a strange kind happiness when one meets after a long long time. That was how we felt with our first Combined Service after the lockdown. It was truly fun being together celebrating God's ever present love with us in tough times. We worshipped God with heartfelt thanksgiving for His protection and providence during the lockdown. We did in the end have a great fellowship over shared meal. The joy had returned in a new way bringing a new hope for the future. Thanks be to God alone for taking care of us and preserving our church.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FASTING PRAYER MEETING :
Friday, 3rd July, 8pm to 10pm at Church.

OVERSIGHT GROUP MEETING:
Tuesday, 14th July, 6:30pm @ Mears Room

AGM REPORTS: Sunday, 19th July, AGM reports will be given to church members

SELF DENIAL: Sunday's - 12th, 19th & 26th July - Self Denial in all three Services.

PRAYER NEEDS

We need prayers at this time more than ever

- Pray for those who are infected by the Covid19 virus and for complete healing.
- Pray that NZ will not go into another lockdown
- Pray for NZ economy
- Pray for those who have been made redundant and have lost jobs
- Pray for pastors, missionaries and evangelists working hard in the midst of this pandemic.
- Pray for people to trust in God at this time and depend on Him alone.

VERSE FOR THE MONTH

Psalm 86: 11b

"Give me an undivided heart that I may fear Your Name."

MISSIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE: Rachel Jacob

Please do note that we have our **Self-Denial this month**. Also, looking forward to your inputs for missions and Missions Committee at our AGM. Thanks for your continued generous support towards missions. God Bless.

WHAT IS SELF DENIAL ?

Self Denial, as the title suggests, is about denying self - which is depriving oneself of the normal basic needs such as food and entertainment for a time period. There are countless others in the world who do not have basic privileges. So those who take part in Self Denial are asked to sacrifice any one privilege for the month, save the money that would be spent towards that and give it to missions. Now, we need to support missions and mission organisation more than ever. Hope we as a Church will be united in raising a considerable amount this year for NZBMS missions.

CELL GROUPS AND BIBLE STUDIES

The Cell Groups and Bible Studies have resumed. Tamil Cell Groups meet online on Zoom. Please do tune in on Zoom if you are unable to go to a meeting physically.

CHURCH HEALTH:

We are still in the midst of a pandemic and on top of that we enter winter where we get exposed to flu. We encourage our church members to take good care of their health and take precautions in preventing themselves from getting infection. However, if you have any flu like symptoms please do stay home. Look after yourself and your fellow members.

ZOOM SERVICES

Will continue to relay Worship Services through ZOOM. It is wonderful to see our friends and family members from overseas tuning into Zoom. Please do encourage other friends and family members to take part in our Worship Services if possible.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN:

Some holiday activities are planned for kids. Please contact the Sunday School Teachers for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AGM: 9th August 2020, Combined Service