

# NEWS LETTER

## Otago Community Baptist Church

*Knowing Christ - Growing in Christ - Going with Christ*

### TAKE NOTE:

**11th August 2019**

#### MISSION SUNDAY

Ps. Daniel Nazir from Hamilton will be ministering in the Tamil Service and Mr. Benjamin will be ministering in the English Service.

**17th August 2019**

#### YOUTH SEMINAR

The scheduled Youth Seminar will be conducted by Ps. Caleb and his team from Eastgate Baptist church. Please do register.

**25th August 2019**

#### AGM SERVICE

Church AGM will be on Sunday from 11am. All members are expected to attend for a full quorum.

#### PRAY FOR 2019 TARGET:

**20 Baptisms,**

**50 Born Again Experiences,**

**200 Witnessing's**

### DEFINING MOMENTS



#### Induction Service:

Ps. Mike McHugh is an answer to many prayers for a long time since Ps.

Bob left in March 2018. On Sunday, 21st July, there was a renewed joy in the church when Ps. Mike was inducted into pastoral ministry of OCBC. God is faithful. The ceremony was officiated by Ps. Lindsay Jones. This is one of the defining moments of OCBC that will be attributed to God's work alone.

#### Kids Holiday Program:

For three days, 9th - 11th July, around 35 kids enjoyed the ministry of Bro. Raj and his family



where the gospel was brought to them through dramas, songs and activities. The kids learnt the gospel through practical stories. This was the 13th KHP since 2012, the best of the lot and a memorable one too. Thanks be to God for a dedicated team led by the KHP Co-Ordinator Beulah Sushil.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FASTING PRAYER MEETING:

Friday, 2nd August, 8pm -  
10pm @ Solomon & Shiny's  
House

### TAMIL SERVICE ELECTIONS:

Sunday, 4th August, 10am @  
Keith Hall

**OG MEETING:** Friday, 9th  
August, 7:30pm @ Mears Room

### ENGLISH SERVICE ELECTIONS:

Sunday, 11th August, 12pm @  
Mears Room

**YOUTH SEMINAR:** Saturday,  
17th August from 10am to 1pm  
@ Church

**AGM SERVICE:** Sunday, 25th  
August @ 9:30am Combined  
Service followed by AGM from  
11am

## PRAYER NEEDS

Pray for more souls to be won  
for Christ and more to make a  
commitment to take baptisms

Pray for the weak, the sick, the  
struggling, the jobless, the  
weary, the hungry... May our  
dear Lord meet their needs.

## VERSE FOR THE MONTH

**Mark 10: 27**

**“With man this is impossible,  
but not with God; all things are  
possible with God”**

## CHURCH ELECTIONS

All Church congregations will go through the elections as their respective Elders have completed their two year terms. Please do pray for the elections and with the help of God, may the members choose the right leaders for the important role of the Elders of the Church.

## CHINESE SERVICE

The Chinese are still in small numbers. The Church members are requested to uphold them in prayers for their growth in all aspects. Ps. Grace needs a lot of support through prayers and encouragement by the wider church.

## MEMORY VERSE COMPETITION

Memory Verse Competition was once again a success. Thanks to all the participants. Thanks to the judges for doing a good job and to Sudha for organising it. It is a blessing to memorise the Word of God in 50s & 100s.

## SELF DENIAL

This year Self Denial from all the congregations raised about \$1400/-. Thanks to the church members for their generous contributions towards this mission.

## PRAYER & BIBLE STUDIES

Join the Week Day Prayer & Bible Study at Mears Room every Wednesday from 7:30pm - 8:30pm in English and at Godson & Diana's House, Mt. Roskill, in Tamil.

## YOUTH SEMINAR

The Youth Seminar is on the 17th August. All the youth are encouraged to attend. There will be forums, worship, teaching and prayer. Pastor Caleb will minister with his team. Please do register. More information will follow in the respective services.

## CHURCH AGM

The Church AGM is set for 25th August and all members will be expected to attend. We need a full quorum for any decisions that can be made in the meeting. The Service is from 9:30am till 11am and then from 11am we will have the AGM meeting.

**UPCOMING PROGRAM: KIDS & YOUTH SERVICE:  
29th September, Sunday, 10:30am Combined Service**

## PASTORS COLUMN

### Pastor Mike: Learning from King David.

It is my great joy, and I sincerely thank you all for your prayers, love and support, to be serving you all in this local church that we call Otahuhu Community Baptist Church. It is a local church full of rich history, with connections to the son of the 'Prince of Preachers', Charles Haddon Spurgeon. But let's not forget that this church has been faithfully kept going through the good times and the hard times by faithful believers, just like you and me.

The Apostle Paul preached in Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:36) "For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers..." The first thing in this verse that is a Godly example for us, and an inspiration, is that King David served God's purpose. Not his own purpose! To understand God's purpose is in fact to understand God's will. Remember even as Jesus prayed to the Father, "Not my will, but yours be done." So it is my endeavour to always submit myself to the will of God, and not to press forward my own agenda.

The next relevant thing that I can see in this verse is that David served God's purpose in *his generation*. As a pastor, I see it to be very important to minister in the reality of the 21st century, but to be careful to maintain the 1st century message!

Finally, we see that David "fell asleep and was put into his tomb". This is a typical euphemism to say that David dropped dead. As the Bible says, it is appointed once to die, and after that the "judgement". The pastor, and all members of the church, should never lose sight of the fact that we have limited time to serve the Lord faithfully in the age of the Church, before the Kingdom of the Lord arrives!

Perhaps now is the time of our apprenticeship in the Lord's service, to prepare us for what God will be doing next when His Kingdom comes? I leave you with that thought to ponder! God bless.

### Pastor Das: Evangelism Explosion @ OCBC

"Evangelism is when the Gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, is preached or presented to all people", said Billy Graham. Is evangelism hard these days? In the Evangelism Explosion Series we had at Mt. Roskill Cell Group, we had a belief it's not that hard. Bro. Raj trained a group of about 10 people on how to do it for over six weeks. Now the members believe that it is possible to share the gospel to common people and are keen to be witnesses. Thanking Bro. Raj and his family for their time and dedication for our church. Pray along with us that



there will be a big harvest in the coming days.

**Note:** Some new members signed up for membership with the church. It was a joy to welcome them into the family on 21st July and now it's a privilege to journey with them along with Christ.

### Memory Verse Competition - 20th July 2019



### Kids Holiday Program - 9th - 11th June 2019

