

NEWS LETTER

Otahuhu Community Baptist Church

Knowing Christ - Growing in Christ - Going with Christ

TAKE NOTE:

8th September 2019

MISSION SUNDAY

The Tamil elected Elders will be commissioned on this day. Ps. Lindsay Jones will be officiating the ceremony and ministering in the Tamil Service.

29th September 2019

KIDS & YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

The Kids & Youth worship service will be a Combined Service. The Service will commence from 10:30am.

29th September 2019

CHURCH MEMBERS MEETING - FOLLOW UP

The follow up Church Members meeting will be held after the Kids and Youth Worship Service

PRAY FOR 2019 TARGET:

20 Baptisms,

50 Born Again Experiences,

200 Witnessing's

CHURCH - THE BODY OF CHRIST

The Church is place of worship, meditation, prayer, joy, love, fellowship, healing, sharing, encouraging and journeying together. It is so because it is a place where God dwells. It cannot be compared with any secular place. We are not a group of people who come together from time to time. We are not even a group of believers. **We are The Body of Christ.** A humble reminder to the leaders and members on how we treat God and one another with respect and love. May our Lord Jesus build this Church. Amen.

Church AGM:

The Church AGM was conducted on 25th August. In the meeting,



the new Elected Elders were presented to the church and prayed for. The various Ministry Leaders of the Church were also presented

t o the church and prayed for them. Looking forward to the Lord's ministry with these new leaders and some old ones. The Church is requested to support them and uphold them in prayers.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FASTING PRAYER MEETING:

Friday, 6 September, 8pm - 10pm

MISSIONS COMMITTEE:

Saturday, 7th September, 1pm @ Mears Room

TAMIL ELDERS

COMMISSIONING: Sunday, 8th September, 8:15am @ Tamil Service

KIDS & YOUTH WORSHIP

SERVICE: Sunday, 29th September, 10:30am, Combined Service

CHURCH MEMBERS FOLLOW UP MEETING:

Sunday, 29th September, 12pm @ Church

PRAYER NEEDS

Pray for the unity in the church. Pray for the new arrivals into the country to settle down. 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 11: 24

“I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours”

CHURCH ELECTIONS

Elections were conducted in all the three congregations. Darwin, Godson and Beulah Joshua were elected by the Tamil congregation. From the English, Barbara and Arnold were elected. The Chinese are yet to have an election.

CHINESE SERVICE UPDATE

The Chinese though they are small in numbers, yet, the congregation is showing a resolve to grow. The Chinese members and the Oversight Group met to discuss the future of the Chinese Service and the employment of Ps. Grace as their pastor. The meeting went well. Ps. Grace's employment will be finalised soon, hopefully.

MEMORY VERSE COMPETITION

Memory Verse Competition results will be announced in the Kids & Youth Service. Thank you to all participants and congratulations to those who recited more memory verses than was needed. Well done.

NEW MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee has gone through some changes. The new committee has Rachel Jacob as the Missions Co-Ordinator now. Godson and Beulah from the Tamil; Arnold and Ps. Mike from English make the new committee. Josie, Beulah Sushil and Ps. Das have stepped down. Thanking Josie for all her hard work.

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.

CHURCH INTRANET

The Church Intranet is now up and running. Only members can access the intranet. The minutes of OG and Mission Committee will be regularly uploaded for members to access. For those who have not yet signed up are requested to do so soon.

CHURCH MEMBERS MEETING - A FOLLOW UP

In the AGM, some issues were still subject to discussion. Hence a follow up meeting is organised for the 29th September, after the Kids & Youth worship service.

PASTORS COLUMN**Pastor Mike: Rush, Recovery, Revival!**

Greetings Church family from Pastor Mike, in *His* most Holy Name!

What a busy and exhilarating month it has been in our Church, in our families and in our work or study places. Life is certainly full of 'rush'. Living in a city is more often than not, a 'life in the fast lane'. But the Lord be praised because He gives more grace!

At some point as we travel along the fast lane of life, we need to pull over for a short stop and fill up the 'petrol tank' again, so that we can keep moving along in our journey of faith, which also includes the 'rush' aspects of our lives. Sometimes, I think that some believers have a 'fast faith' for their fast lives, while other believers have a 'slow faith' as their lives are much slower.

In either case, all Christians need Revival at some point in their schedule of life. Revival has its many different forms and brings an experience and a personal awareness of being recharged and re-energised in heart, mind or body. But usually Revival is spoken of in reference to our *relationship* with the Lord. We see in the life of the prophet Isaiah, his personal revival as he saw a mighty vision of the Lord!

"In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" - Isaiah 6:1-3

For Isaiah, his revival experience also featured a *strong repentance* as he contemplated the holiness of God...

And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" - Isaiah 6:5. Isaiah's '*Revival in Repentance*' changed his life for ever after this point!

Not only was Isaiah revived and renewed in the Lord personally, but he was *refocused!* His vision and perspective about life and his community, suddenly had a greater godly depth to it. Especially as he saw that God was working in a process of *restoring relationship with the people of God.*

Can you see just how powerful and important Revival in the Lord is? Not only does it powerfully affect you, but also the community can be powerfully affected by the *Revival in You!*

So as we go through the times of 'rush and recovery', let us also as a Church seek the revival that we need from the Lord, to be powerfully enabled to serve Him, and live for Him in this world now!

God bless.

ADDED BLESSING TO THE CHURCH



Chinese Congregation, Ken and Vivian were blessed with a baby girl last month. Praise be to God for His faithfulness in our lives and congratulations to the couple for one more addition to their family.

CHINESE MEMBERS WELCOMING SERVICE

On the 11 Aug, five members from the Chinese congregation were welcomed into the membership of the church. Our Lord Jesus is building His church. Praise be to Him.

