



Every Member Ministry
 Developing God Leaders
 24/7 Worship
 Prayer Inspired Risk Taking
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 Every Member Mission
 Embracing The Neglected

18 December 2011

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME 2011
 18th Dec - Combined Service @ 10.00am
 24th Dec- Christmas Eve " *The Bethlehem Protocol*"
 8.00-9.00pm
 25th December - Christmas Day -Combined Service
 " *The Indescribable Gift*"
 9.30-10.30am
 JANUARY SERVICES - SUNDAY'S @9.30AM
 Two services will resume February 12th 2012

CHURCH OFFICE & PASTORAL CARE IN JANUARY
 The church office closes Friday 16th December and reopens Monday 16th January 2012.
 Contact Glenn Edmonds in case of emergency until 9th January.
 Contact Craig 10th to 19th January.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA – some feedback from Saturday
 "Can't stop singing "Glory to God-Glory to God".....stirring stuff!! The concert was wonderful--I could have sat thru a third session. The audience was really blessed by the performance-- the songs were well chosen and the narration fitted in well. A BIG THANK YOU to you and the choir for all your hard work." It was beautiful and moving loved it!!" "greatly enjoyed by the visitors I talked to. They were also touched, and moved to tears by it. One person I spoke to had also returned to the evening

TEAR FUND "CHOOSE LIFE" SUMMER APPEAL
 Contribute to the Tear Fund "Choose Life" Summer Appeal by making use of the brochure and envelope included with your newsletter. Donations can be made by credit card, cheque or by phoning 0800 800 777 (24hrs)

This Week
 Lawn mowing Roster- Tim Wilton (24th)
 Flower Roster -
25 December 2011 (next week)
 9.30am: Christmas Day: Combined Service
 Glenn Edmonds - " *The Indescribable Gift*"
 9.30am Welcome Team: Shahvez & Shikha
 9.30am Morning Tea Team: **Volunteers would be appreciated**
 Church @7 - No church @7 for this Sunday or all of January. Services resume Sunday 12th February.

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Welcome to Hillsborough Baptist

When I need a little inspiration and motivation in my day I have gotten into the habit of popping into the prayer room and having a read of what is recorded in the little red and black prayer book. It is there to record thoughts and words that God has given HBC folk during their times in the prayer room.

I find myself encouraged by the promises and prophecies I read there (and how they resonate with what I see God doing in our midst) and also I am encouraged to know that truly faithful people are on their knees beseeching God to see us realize his highest. I thought I'd include a few of the "thoughts" recently recorded in the book.....see how they sit with youdo they resonate with you?

Here are some extracts: "More life, more love, more power...all through the name of Jesus Christ. A revival is coming to Hillsborough BC both for young and old. People will be out of their comfort zones. But the Holy Spirit is alive and at work and we are going to be taken to places we have never been before. I'm willingare you?"

"I am going to do a NEW thing....new beginnings, a refreshing of my spirit upon you. Hunger and thirst after me and you will be filled. You will see my glory afresh! Come now turn from sin, repent from all that would hold you back. Come into my presence, experience my anointing."

"Wait on the Lord, be of Good courage and He shall strengthen your heart (Ps 27:14) They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength." (Is 40:31)

What is coming across to me when I read through the book is a sense that God is moving in our midst but that we aren't to just leave all the work up to Him – there are quite a few "doing words"/exhortations in the above... i.e. are we willing to "get out of our comfort zones" ?"are we hungering and thirsting" for what he wants to do among us and through us ?....am I in sin ? what is it that holds me back from running in the things of God ?....We are in exciting times....lets be diligent.

Blessings Nadine (ps have a great Christmas, we are off early next week so we'll see you all in early January xxxx)

SUNDAY SERVICES
Morning 9.30am all January
Evening:
resume 12 Feb 12



Sunday 18-December 2011

7.30am - 8.15am

Pre service prayer in Upstairs Lounge

10.00am: **Combined Family Service**

Raewyn & Ruth

Don't forget the Church shared lunch at West Reserve after the service today, see details in the middle of newsletter.

Church@7: **No service tonight or during January. Services resume February 12, 2012**



If you're new...

Welcome to Hillsborough Baptist Church! It is great to have you worshipping with us today. If you have any questions please ask the ushers at the door.

Before you leave please make sure you get a "Welcome Pack" & take the opportunity to fill in a New Persons card.

Children's Ministry:

If you have children we have well resourced programmes running. Start in with the family worship before going to age appropriate groups. Follow the signs in the foyer to find programmes for your pre-schooler, primary and intermediate aged children. A parents room is available for babies too. You are welcome to keep your children with you in the auditorium if you wish.



Family News

10.30AM MORNING TEA ROSTER

We want to release the Elders from morning tea duty on Sunday. We **urgently** require another 4 people or 2 couples to make a commitment of once per month (2 people /Sunday). Please contact the church office 625 5050 or office@hillsbc.org.nz

A SAD FAREWELL

Our love and blessings go with Daniel and Wendy Lovatt and their daughter Alison as they leave us to take up ministering in their local community of Mangere. For all you are and all you have contributed at HBC we say thank you so much, we reluctantly say farewell. You will be missed but we wish you God's fullest grace.

HELP FOR SHIFTING

Alan and Pam Utting need to shift back to Long Bay on Saturday 21st Jan and would appreciate help with packing and shifting there. Please call them if you can help. For those that prayed while we ministered at the Thai Burma border area we are most grateful as we know the team of 6 left the Karen Christian leaders greatly encouraged.

CHRISTIAN LOVELINK

Christian Lovelink Referral Centre will be closed from Monday 19th December to 16th January 2012.

CHURCH LUNCH

Shared church lunch at 'West Reserve' (at the end of Currie Ave) **after the service today**. BBQ Sausages, bread, onions will be provided please bring a salad or dessert and a drink to share with everyone. Don't forget a rug and beach umbrella. Let's hang out and have a fun relaxed time together!

HBC FAMILY CAMP 2012

Pick up a brochure from the foyer
Get your deposit into the church office or the church bank account to get the early bird discount.

Marsden Bay Christian Camp
24th-26th February 2012.



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