

TODAY'S SERVICE

I'll be away this Wednesday (the 30th) in Nelson for the Listening Hui of the Baptist Union to be held at Atawhai Community Church.

This morning we're looking at Ephesians 4:7–16 which talks about the fact that God has given various spiritual gifts to believers so we can all help to build the body of Christ.

The Lord has given each of us one or more spiritual gifts (see the lists of gifts in Romans 12:4–8; 1 Corinthians 4–11; 1 Peter 4:10–11). These gifts were given not for our own enjoyment but for service in the body of believers – here at Picton Baptist. Here are the various gifts:

- Speaking Gifts: prophecy, teaching
- Service Gifts: administration, helps, giving
- Relational Gifts: encouragement, evangelism, hospitality, leadership, mercy, shepherding
- Complementary Gifts: apostleship, discernment, faith, healing, interpretation, knowledge, miracles, tongues, wisdom
- Additional Gifts: craftsmanship, creative communication

If you're unsure about your gift, I can give a questionnaire to fill out that might be of help to you. Let me know if you want a copy of it.

No matter what gifts we have, it's sobering to think how, from one point of view, God greatly depends on us to use our gifts wisely to accomplish His work.

But spiritual gifts are not everything – our attitude is! We need to have an attitude of service, which our Lord Himself exhibited when He came down not to be served but to serve and to give His life for us on the cross (Mark 10:45). Even if we're so spiritually gifted, if we have no desire to serve the church, our gifts become like Paganini's violin – they're becoming useless. But even if I have only one gift, if I put it to use each day, the body of Christ is blessed by it, and that gives me great joy.

Pray that God will grant you discernment today and in the days and weeks ahead to discover your gift(s) and use them in the most effective manner for serving the church, your family, and community. Ask God to give you an attitude for service. Pray specifically for five people in your social circle that you can bless with your life and gifts. "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people." (Ephesians 6:7)

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"In His grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift of showing kindness to others, do it gladly."

Romans 12:6–8 (NLT)

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*Opening Song.....	All together
My Lighthouse	
Notices & Prayer	Deo
*Singing	All together
Jesus Loves Me This I Know	
Offering.....	All together
*Singing	All together
I Stand Amazed 10,000 Reasons	
Message.....	Deo
"Unity, Diversity and Maturity of the Church" Ephesians 4:7–16	
*Closing Song.....	All together
Lord Make Me Like You	
Prayer & Blessing.....	Deo

*Led by the Praise Team: Gwenda Galbraith (leading), Graham Galbraith (keyboard), Judith Stretton (singer), Linda Ohia (singer), Gyllian Macdonald (projector), Andy Baldwin (sound)

- ✦ If you have any questions or need help, please ask one of the welcomers who will be happy to help you.
- ✦ If you would like prayer after the service today, ask the people around you or come to the front and someone will pray for you.
- ✦ We invite you to stay for a cup of tea after the service.

PASTORAL NOTES

Kia ora! Welcome to our worship this morning. If you are a first-time guest, I encourage you to fill out a blue visitor card and hand it to the welcomers or drop it in one of the offering bags.

Today is family Sunday – that means kids stay here in the worship hall with their parents during worship. Activity sheets, clipboards and crayons (etc) are available (on the table at the back) that kids can use.

John Pauling's mother, aged 92, passed away this week in Whitianga in the Koromandal. She's a believer in the Lord. Pray for God's comfort upon the family.

PASTORS AND EVANGELISTS

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“So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the pastors and the teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.” (Ephesians 4:11–12)

Around the world, there are many full-time Christian workers faithfully carrying out God’s call on their lives to share the gospel and build up the body of Christ in their own countries or their own people-groups. In places where they face hostility from the community and from the authorities, their work can be lonely, under-resourced, under-supported and dangerous.

A church pastor in Kalutara District, Sri Lanka, who was targeted by local Buddhists, endured prolonged harassment and violence. Police sided with local Buddhists, who had disrupted church services and previously burned down a church building in the village, and eventually requested that the pastor and his wife leave their home for their own safety. Every year, Christian pastors, particularly in countries where Christians are a minority, face physical violence; some are even killed.

Those who lead churches and disciple believers in Muslim-majority communities often provide a lifeline of encouragement to completely isolated Christians. Mirbek and his wife, who work in a country in Central Asia, regularly travel 60 miles to meet up at a café to pray and read the Bible with one lady whose “faith is very fragile because all the village inhabitants and relatives are very hostile to her.” He and his wife – who also works with children and teenagers, lead house groups, and aid church leaders – are supported by Barnabas.

Give thanks to God for pastors, church-planters and evangelists who serve Him in the face of opposition and violence. Ask the Holy Spirit to equip and empower them, and beseech the Father to meet their material needs. Ask the Lord to protect them from attacks from the majority community, harassment from the authorities and unjust penalties for their service to God. Pray for fruitful

ministry, in lives transformed by the truth of the gospel of Christ and churches strengthened to face persecution with courage and perseverance.

NOTICES

This Week’s Ministries at a Glance

Tuesday 10am	Home group (Bible study) at 90 Linden’s Road	Contact Deo at 573 6315
Tuesday 7pm	Home group at 5 Amelia Cres	Contact Stu at 573 7769
Tuesday 7pm	Home group at 90 Lindens Road	Contact Pene at 573 7785
Wednesday 6pm	Youth group in the Church Hall	Contact Mary at 573 5499
Thursday 7pm	Home group (Bible study) at church	Contact Deo at 573 6315
Sunday 9:30am	Prayer meeting in the Children’s Ministry Room	Contact Steve Lavers at 021 0235 5728
Sunday 10am	Church Service	Contact Deo at 573 6315
Sunday 10:30am	<i>Sunday Friends</i> (Children’s Ministry)*	Contact Carol at 027 7735 263

*Except on the last Sunday of each month

TRACE, FACE, & REPLACE: A Seminar with David Riddell

- Saturday 16th June 9:30am–4pm at Richmond Baptist Church (123 Salisbury Rd, Richmond, Nelson 7020).
- During the seminar you will learn how to TRACE the origins of life’s problems, FACE the underlying issues that have always been avoided, and REPLACE them with a healthy mindset based on truth.
- All welcome. The cost is \$20 per person. BYO lunch; morning and afternoon tea provided.
- RSVP 03 544 7496 or shelley.hawke@richmondbaptist.org.nz.

ROSTERS*

Hosting

3 June N & J Dodge (Communion)
10 June A Woolf & L Price
17 June L Young & N Davis (Communion)
24 June B & M Pettigrew

Children’s Church Teaching

3 June Linda Price
10 June Carol Tapp
17 June Linda Price
24 June Family Worship**

**There will be no children’s church on the last Sunday of each month, as we would like to provide an opportunity for children to worship with their parents.

Music & Sound

3 June: (Deo Vistar) (leading), Jonathan Duffy (guitar), Bronwyn Duffy (keyboard), Jude Stretton (singer), Pare Raj (projector), Steve Lavers (sound)

10 June: (Deo Vistar) (leading), Graham Galbraith (keyboard), Kirsty Baldwin (singer), Pare Raj (singer), Mihi Raj (projector), Andy Baldwin (sound)

17 June: Garry Stanley (leading), Jonathan Duffy (guitar), Bronwyn Duffy (keyboard), Georgine and Mihi Raj (singers), Lynette Stanley (projector), Steve Lavers (sound)

24 June: Gwenda Galbraith (leading), Graham Galbraith (keyboard), Judith Stretton (singer), Kirsty Baldwin (singer), Gyllian Macdonald (projector), Andy Baldwin (sound)

*If the date doesn’t suit please arrange a swap with others on the roster.