



P I C T O N Baptist Church

**“Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord
... Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the
church and gave Himself up for her.”
Ephesians 5:22, 25**

**SUBMIT TO ONE
ANOTHER OUT OF
REVERENCE FOR
CHRIST.**

—EPHESIANS 5:21



293 Waikawa Road, Waikawa 7220

Phone: (03) 573 6315

Email: pictonbaptist@gmail.com

Website: www.pictonbaptist.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/PictonBaptist/

Pastor: *Deo Vistar*, PhD

TODAY'S SERVICE

*Opening Song..... All together

My Lighthouse

Welcome & Notices..... Bill Pettigrew

Tithes & Offerings All together

*Singing..... All together

Great and Mighty King

High Above

Message Deo Vistar

God's Design for Husband-Wife

Relationship

Ephesians 5:21–33

*Closing Song All together

I Give Myself Away

Prayer & Blessing Deo Vistar

*Led by the Praise Team: Deo Vistar (leading), Jonathan Duffy (guitar), Bronwyn Duffy (keyboard), Kirsty Baldwin (singer), Jude Stretton (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.

✱ A crèche is available down at the foyer. The service is relayed into the room so you are able to listen to it. Please ensure the room is left tidy.

✱ 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.

This past week God gave me the following words from James 5:13–16: “Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have

committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess yours sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.”

Keep praying for Jan Shapcott's sister Julie in Brisbane, whose health condition is getting worse. Pray also for those in our community who are ill, in pain, lonely or sorrowing.

I was filled with joy this past Friday when I took the time to visit some of the homes surrounding our church. Together with a member from our Church I knocked on 13 homes. In 9 of these homes our calls were unanswered; apparently the residents were away. But we were able to greet and speak with 4 residents, and that experience was priceless! None of them rudely turned us away. All of them gave us a bit of their time, and although all of them refused our offer of prayer, they did so politely. The best case was the last person we spoke with, who spoke with us for about 5 minutes. I'm sure she was appreciative of our friendly visit; she no signs of being annoyed.

I'll be doing more of this community engagement visits. Pray that it will be fruitful. We are a church without walls, aren't we? If we proactively reach out to our community, we'll be able to achieve more results for God's Kingdom.

This morning we come to Eph 5:21–33, where Paul, inspired by God's Spirit, talks about God's design for marriage. Paul says the husband-wife relationship mirrors the relationship between Christ and His church. This analogy immediately rules out abuse, domination, subjection, etc in husband-wife relationship. It immediately foregrounds the centrality of love, mutual respect, cooperation, sacrifice, etc. But as we shall see the distinctions in the roles of husbands and wives remain and must be observed.

First, Paul begins with *mutual submission* (v. 21) which qualifies his ensuing instructions. Mutual submission is a general principle not confined to husband-wife relationship. Second, Paul says the wife is to submit to her husband, who is her head – just as the church submits to Christ, her Head (v. 22). Not that the wife is inferior to the husband. They are equal in every way but possess varying (but complementary) roles. Paul affirms the loving headship (leadership) of husbands in marriage and the loving submission and cooperation of the wife. Third, the husband is to love

his wife as Christ loved the church. Now we see what husband’s headship is. It’s not domination or forcible rule but loving service. Christ loved the church so much He died for her. Husbands need to follow the Lord’s example. But the mutuality in v. 21 implies that the wife is to love her husband too.

**PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH
IN TANZANIA**

From *The Barnabas Fund 2018*
barnabasfund.org

Tanzania’s population is 60% Christian and 36% Muslim, with the mainland predominantly Christian, and the semi-autonomous Zanzibar archipelago 98% Muslim. Previously known in Africa for religious tolerance, Tanzania is now a place where Christians in Muslim-majority areas are finding life increasingly difficult.

Muslims disproportionately influence the country, having many senior positions in government, judiciary, business and education. Some are pressuring the government to introduce *khadi* (Islamic courts) on the Christian-majority mainland, following Zanzibar, although the process has stalled.

Muslims have customarily slaughtered animals to ensure the meat is halal, but now assume it is their exclusive right. Local authorities are pressured to arrest Christians who slaughter their own animals and sell pork, despite it not being illegal. In areas where local authorities have not yielded to pressure, Christian butchers are attacked, some killed. Their customers are also assaulted.

Violent Islamist attacks are growing, especially against converts from Islam and church leaders both in the mainland and in Zanzibar. On Zanzibar’s island of Pemba, churches have needed constant police protection from arsonists, and many Christians have fled to the mainland.

President John Magufuli – a Christian – is trying to assert Tanzania’s secular nature with equal freedoms for all religions, and last year the Mufti of Tanzania condemned attacks on Christians.

Tanzania’s constitution enshrines freedom of religion, including the freedom to convert, and prohibits religious discrimination. Zanzibar’s constitution enshrines this, but allows limits if deemed “necessary

and agreeable in the democratic system,” potentially allowing such freedoms to be over-ridden at the desire of the Muslim majority.

Pray to God to protect our persecuted Tanzanian brothers and sisters, and for them to be comforted by the words of Christ: “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:10). Ask that they will be given wisdom from above to respond to the developing situation in their country.

NOTICES

Elders’ Meeting
23rd Aug (Thu) 1pm in the Church Office

Thank You
Mr Wang and Mrs Zhang (Guan’s parents) pass their thanks to PBC for our prayers for their safe journey home and for the friendliness and hospitality shown when they were here.

Volunteers Needed

- Webmaster (who will maintain our church website and Facebook page)
- Bulletin editor

Please speak with Deo if you’re interested or if you’d like to know more about these roles.

This Week’s Regular 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 at Steve & Sue Dawson’s place (374 Waikawa Rd)	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

Any Prayer Requests?
If you have any prayer request for the prayer chain, contact Judith Dodge at 573 9245.

ROSTERS*

Hosting

5th August.....Bill & Mary Pettigrew
12th August.....Ana Woolf & Linda Price (Communion)
19th August.....Nelson & Judith Dodge
26th August.... Daniel & Allison Le Heux (Communion)

Music & Sound

5th August: Garry Stanley (leading), Jonathan Duffy (guitar), Bronwyn Duffy (keyboard), Kirsty Baldwin (singer), Lynette Stanley (projector), Andy Baldwin (sound)

12th August: Gwenda Galbraith (leading), Graham Galbraith (keyboard), Jude Stretton (singer), Te Mara Riwaka (projector), Steve Lavers (sound)

19th August: (Deo Vistar) (leading), Jonathan Duffy (guitar), Bronwyn Duffy (keyboard), Kirsty Baldwin (singer), Jude Stretton (singer), Gyllian Macdonald (projector), Andy Baldwin (sound)

26th August: (Deo Vistar) (leading), Ana Woolf (keyboard), Kirsty Baldwin (singer), Jude Stretton (singer), Steve Lavers (sound)

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