

**Worship Music team...**

- \* For growth in the team, both physically, and for the greater sense of togetherness and community. Prayers for this to continue to deepen over the next year.
- \* For our vision to align with the Father's heart for our congregation, as we choose and learn new songs.
- \* For the songwriters in our congregation to arise and come together to write songs for our people here, and for the wider church, that they can express their worship to the Father as well as become more devoted in their commitment to live for him.

**Ministry conference May 2025...**

Please pray for:

- ◆ Good health amongst all the team taking part and the speakers
- ◆ That ideas and resources will come together at the right time
- ◆ For toleration and patience for those organising the event
- ◆ For God's leading in the sung worship, creative elements and catering
- ◆ That God will meet people where they are and they will receive a refreshing and regenerating from the Holy Spirit as a result of being at the conference
- ◆ For conference leaders, speakers and workshop leaders; their preparation and 'dovetailing' together of the Holy Spirit
- ◆ For the technical team and that there will be no interruptions
- ◆ Refreshing after the conference for those who are organising the event and taking part.



***'Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in all circumstances give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus...'***  
**1 Thessalonians 5 v 17-18**

**PrayerMatters...**

***Prayer letter for East Taieri Church-  
'To Know, To Grow, To Go...'***

***March 2025***

Welcome to the first edition of our bi-monthly prayer letter for all of the ET congregations. You can use this personally in your time with God, with each other, with your prayer partner, in your groups or in your congregations.

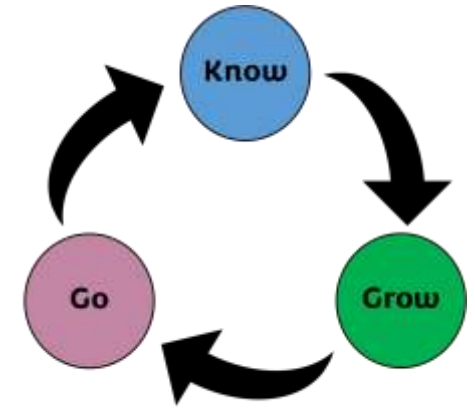
Some of these are for future events. For example, the Easter camp is happening in April but now is the time to prepare the ground with praying for our young people and the people leading them. With prayer, working with God we can accomplish much.

God said to Solomon when he was praying for his people, ***'If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.'*** (2 Chronicles 7 v 14)

***Praying thoughts...Intercession***

To intercede is to stand in the space between a person or a situation and God; we are asking something on behalf of someone else. It is a great privilege to pray for others. Jesus is our intercessor who stands before the Father on our behalf and He calls us to the same ministry, to join with Him in partnership to bring in His Kingdom to change people's lives.

We can often be good at telling God what we think we want him to do. I would suggest as you cast your eye over the great things we are doing as a Church and begin to pray for each area mentioned, to pause, bring the area to God, name it and wait to see if there are any things God brings to your mind, before you start to read the list or use it as a shopping list of requests to God! In the presence of a King, we are not the ones who speak first! A good practice is to end your prayers with thanksgiving for all He is and what he has done. This is a declaration of faith in the God who loves us and is working His purposes out, through partnership with Him.



### **From the Elders...**

- Give thanks for all those that serve in various ways, whether it be seen or unseen.
- Give thanks for the staff team and for wisdom, strength and discernment
- That the prodigal people that have left church (and no longer attending anywhere) will come home.
- That God's people would be empowered and refreshed by the Holy Spirit to step out in obedience to Jesus. That we would know the authority we have in the name of Jesus Christ. That we would be bold in doing what Jesus did. That through our love and obedience to Jesus, others would be drawn to Jesus and God would be glorified.
- That we would be spirit lead in all we do and that we can have discernment to know what is of God, and what is of the flesh.
- That each individual may really grow in their relationship with Christ, for strong foundations of faith and that we live our faith each day; that as a body, we are of 'one mind' and that we seek God in our decision making (big and small)
- That we are 'salt and light'; that we love our community and circles of influence as 'Jesus would' - that we have His heart and His insight in our dealings with others. That we can see past 'labels' that society puts on people and see into the heart of the matter. May God give us wisdom in a world of lots of chaos and conflicting ideas.
- That the Lord will raise up volunteers where they are needed throughout all the various ministries of our Church.
- That we are wise in our stewardship of our resources- whether that's money, time, areas of focus and channelling our skills
- For wisdom in moving forward with ET building needs and facilities.

### **Easter Camp...from the team**

- ◆ For the youth coming to camp, that God would be preparing their hearts ready to receive from Him and prompting them to sign up
- ◆ For the leaders, that they will have the energy and passion to prepare and deliver an 'awesome' camp, that they would remain united with each other and be protected from any attack.
- ◆ For the youth leaders from the Churches that are encouraging their youth to come along
- ◆ For any barrier for any youth who want to come to be taken away
- ◆ For new youth groups who haven't been before that they would feel encouraged to come along
- ◆ For finances, that the Lord would provide for all we need



### **Night Church...**

- \* Give thanks for the young people who worship and serve amongst us.
- \* For this term's Night Church Programme, on the theme of 'LIVE MORE, FEAR LESS!'
- \* That the people who come along will be encouraged to find a new freedom in their lives and developing faith
- \* That the young people will develop a hunger for God and his word
- \* Pray for Lynda and Andrew as the lead this ministry and the team around them who help with planning, food and activities.

### **Fuel...**

- ◇ Thank God for this congregation who are expressing Church alternatively, learning and growing together and reaching out to their community
- ◇ For the growth in people's lives and faith and for more families to come
- ◇ For people who want to participate and grow their gifts amongst us
- ◇ For ALPHA that is being planned for term 3
- ◇ For the plans for social housing and improvements to the facilities; for wisdom, guidance and provision.

### **2pm folk...**

- Pray for our members who are becoming frail and for their spouse or carers to continue to have the energy required to meet their needs 24/7.
- May the ones suffering know the peace and understanding of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Carers gain strength and patience from the Holy Spirit.
- Maybe we could also pray for additional slightly younger members to join our ranks who could help boost the support team...!

### **Children's work...**

- ⇒ For the leaders, for protection and health and for inspiration on what to teach
- ⇒ For new female and male leaders to come forward to join our team who have vision and a heart for kids. In specific someone who is passionate about intermediates and providing a space for them.
- ⇒ For the kids hearts to be open as we explore Jesus' journey to the cross and what that means for them. That our children will choose to accept Jesus into their hearts as their personal Lord and Saviour
- ⇒ That we will be able to create life changing relationships with the families who come along to Little Groovers, that God will be moving in their hearts and that they would feel a sense of home.
- ⇒ That we would see 5 new families come and join our church.

