

## **SHFT/YET (Youth East Taieri)**

### **Youth leaders**

- ⇒ Young adult role models for a safe space to be and be a supportive, nurturing environment for a new generation of leaders.
- ⇒ Pray for our SHFT team to work well together and serve our community well.
- ⇒ Pray for planning for upcoming camps, and for meaningful.
- ⇒ Give thanks for our volunteers and pray that as they serve they will be blessed and encouraged.



### **Obstacles**

What stops people coming? Unsupportive friends and family, peer pressure youth who don't have licences, youth who are not allowed Christian content in their homes. Pray for walls to break down

### **Unity**

- ⇒ Pray for all youth events across the area and combined youth events.
- ⇒ Pray for great relationships between youth groups.
- ⇒ Pray that the encouragement from gatherings will spill over and help youth stand up as Christians in their school communities.

### **Theology**

Many coming to events don't know God or how to find him. Many young people don't know the bible and have no foundational knowledge in spiritual things. Pray that kids will be equipped to know how to be a Christians in the world today. People resources are always needed

### **Holy Spirit**

There is a desire to bring people to come to know Christ and see the Holy Spirit touch and change young people's lives. Pray for faith journeys of all our youth; but particularly those who made steps of faith at Easter Camp.

*'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...July 2025**

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

### **July 2025**

Welcome to the latest 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. 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...**Knowing the God of love we pray to.

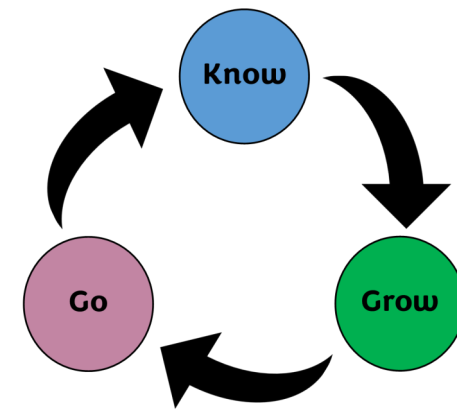
Our perception of God will determine what we pray, whether we bother to pray or if we have the faith to believe He will answer us and speak to us. Often our perception of God can be clouded by our own experience or perceptions of our relationships as we grew up. We can also develop distortions about who God is by what we have experienced in our lives and what others have said about Him.

God's word is clear. He wants the best for us (**Jeremiah 29 v 11**). God is a God of love. He is love by His very nature (**1 John 4**). God is gracious, compassionate, merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and will never forsake us (**Nehemiah 9 v 17**). The love God has for us is not conditional on our performance. We do not need to work to earn His love. He is not disappointed by us. He knows us and has no delusions about us and yet He still loves us.

God hurts when He sees human misery because it is against all that He is and all He wants us to experience. However, we live in a world that for many, do not experience or know His love and that is why we are here.

As you pray over the prayer requests, it might be helpful to ask God:

- **To show afresh the extent of His love for you; maybe ask others to pray with you. Ask Him to uncover your eyes to see Him as He really is and to heal the misconceptions you might have of Him as a loving Father.**
- **Ask Him to give you a heart for the people you know and His love for them; to see them as He sees them**
- **Ask for the people you pray for that they will find the love of God for themselves, even through you!**



## From the **ELDERS** ...

At a recent call to pray, we were led to think about 6 priorities, based on the book of Ezra about our Church.

**Return from exile: For restoration of what could be.** Ask that we would be a people that grow to encourage and build each other up. Pray for those who have wandered off and that they will come back to God

**Rebuilding the temple: Restoration of people through our physical meeting places.** Pray that we will have boldness to step out to develop the spaces we have been given and nothing will stand in the way of this.

**Ezra's Ministry: ET mission to the community.** Pray for future leadership of the Church, including the need for a Senior Pastor. Pray for the leaders of the Church in their various roles across all congregations and for leaders to be grown and nurtured amongst us. Pray we will have an outward focus to reach our community, thanking God for what we do already.

**Spiritual Revival: It begins with the Church and then the community.** Pray that we would know a fresh movement and sense of God's Spirit in our lives and gatherings and that will affect our witness and spill out in the community like it did on the day of Pentecost.

**Opposition and Obstacles:** We need to be wary and on guard for attacks and there is always a need to hold one another up in prayer and fellowship. Pray that we would be united on one purpose, together.

**Importance of the Word: Living biblically centred lives.** Pray that we will live by His word, to want to know God, to grow and develop and encourage others. Pray that we will be bold and sensitive in being witnesses for Him in all of our lives and interactions.

### From the Prayer chain...

There are many people being covered in prayer who have long term illnesses and conditions. Please pray, for healing, for strength of faith and perseverance. Pray that those who are suffering long term might find God in a new and deeper way.

### For ALPHA starting on the 20<sup>th</sup> July:



For team, for unity and protection.

For hearts to be open to the gospel and that people will come to faith or have a renewal of their relationship with Jesus.

Pray that all the organisational aspects of the course run smoothly.

### Night Church...

- ◆ Give thanks for the young people who worship and serve amongst us and for the team that is developing to lead this congregation.
- ◆ Pray for wisdom for those leading youth groups.
- ◆ Pray for the young people who are only just being exposed to ideas about faith and God and that the Spirit will reveal Jesus to them
- ◆ Pray for term 3 of Night Church and the plans ahead.

### 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. Thank God for the families that are now coming
- For the plans for improvements to the facilities; for wisdom, guidance and provision and that these will become a reality.

### 2pm folk...

- \* 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.
- \* Ask for additional younger members to join their ranks who could help boost the support team.



### Children's work...

Praise God for the growth of the children's work as numbers grow. Seven new families have joined us in the past year and this is an answer to prayer. We are praying that 10 more will come too.

Thanks for all those who lead this ministry, pray for their protection and inspiration.

With the growth there is a need for more leaders and helpers.

Pray for the intermediate group who are having a wonderful time worshipping and getting to know their bibles. Pray for further inspiration and personal faith to grow.

The term next term is 'Fire and Faith,' based on the stories in the OT where people had to stand up for their faith. Pray the children will be inspired, come to personal faith and be equipped to be firm in their faith as they grow and develop.

