



NEWSLETTER

WE EXIST TO ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER ON THIS JOURNEY OF CHRISTIAN FAITH, TO SHARE THIS MESSAGE WITH OTHERS AND TO ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER TO GROW IN MATURITY IN CHRIST



BRIAN COONEY'S 90TH

Congratulations to Brian who celebrated his 90th birthday on the 16th November. Over 100 family and friends travelled from near and far to acknowledge this significant occasion. The afternoon was a joyous time of singing and fellowship with voices raised in song and chatter - but you wouldn't expect anything different from a Cooney gathering. Happy Birthday Brian.

CHRISTIAN SCREEN

Cliff and Leonie recommend the following two movies for December:

The Christmas Candle - A great Christmas movie for all the family. Legend says that every 25 years an angel visits the village candlemaker and touches a single candle. Whoever lights this candle receives a miracle on Christmas Eve. But in 1890, at the dawn of the electric age, this centuries old legend may come to an end. When a progressive young minister arrives in Gladbury the villagers discover a new formula for miracles - good deeds and acts of kindness. Rated G

I Can Only Imagine - The true story of Bart Millard who, following the loss of his father to cancer at only 18 years old, writes MercyMe's greatest hit "I Can Only Imagine". This is a story of a father and son, forgiveness and hope, and the power of music in our lives. Rated PG

LINDSAY BASALYGA



Lindsay arrived from Arizona, Maryland, about eight weeks ago, to do her last teaching placement at Hamilton Christian School. She has been staying with the

Bennett's and we have all enjoyed having her as part of our church family. She's brought a great deal of energy and enthusiasm to our youth events and can be found anywhere there's a game to be had: volleyball, Frisbee, football, basketball, unstable unicorns, etc. We have it on good authority that she is an incredible teacher and is being 'headhunted' for a teaching position in Hamilton, so we are praying that everything will work out and we get to have her back with us next year!



JOSH GOBLE

Josh graduated from Headspace on 9th November at a ceremony in Tauranga. Congratulations Josh, we look forward to what 2020 brings knowing that God can use you wherever you are. Josh will be sharing some of his experiences and thoughts on Sunday 15th December.

LUKE PETERS

We would like to acknowledge the huge amount of work that Luke has been doing around the church lately. We have all been amazed at how quickly he has been getting through this mammoth task and are blessed to have him with us for these few months. Thanks Luke, we always love it when you spend time with us, and not just because of your painting!

COMING UP

- 6-8th December - youth sports camp
- 22nd December - Christmas service
- 22nd December - Carols by Candlelight
- 21st to 23rd February - **CHURCH CAMP**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st - Neville Brandt
- 5th - Jessica Gibney
- 7th - Dionne Madhuku
- 16th - Cliff Ireland
- 21st - Sunia Kamakorewa
- 23rd - Shelley Henderson
- 28th - Jay Miers

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YOUTH GROUP

Where's Wally?? Well there were certainly no Wally's in Lindsay, Georgia, Simone, Jabu and Joel's team. And even though their team leader, Lindsay, is from America she still managed to lead them to victory!! There were four groups pitted against each other to crack the clues and get to the final destination. After finding their way around some of Hamilton's prestigious monuments (the Tongue of Dog, Matariki, Captain Hamilton, the Hamilton Farming family and a few more) they fought their way through crowds of people at the birthday celebrations for Hamilton's Riff Raff (the statue of Riff Raff from the Rocky Horror Picture Show) outwitted their opposition by solving cryptic clues and piecing together Wally's friends who were spread all over Central Hamilton. And after a few dead ends and a little bit of imagination they all found their way to Wendy's Burger bar where they feasted on snow cones and icecream floats. Mmmmmmm. Thanks to all the drivers who almost managed to keep to the New Zealand Road Rules. We are looking forward to Sports camp coming up next on the weekend of the 6-8th December. We are taking a big team across to Totara Springs and would appreciate prayers for safety for them all. >> Tom

OTHER NEWS

It is good to know that **Brian Moss** is safely home from his Roll Ball tournament in India where they won three of their matches. Welcome home Brian!! And *bienvenidato* to **Doris Dominguez's mother**, who has travelled from Colombia to be with Doris for three months.



DECEMBER

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
30	31					1 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Geoff Follas WL: Peter Moss <i>Knowing Jesus—Phil 3:5-11</i>
2 Scrabble morning end of year lunch	3	4 Leadership meeting 7:30p @ Neville's home	5 Music practice 7:00p	6 Roving fellowship 10:00a @ Neville's home	7 YOUTH SPORTS CAMP	8 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Carl Brandt YOUTH SPORTS CAMP
9	10	11	12 Music practice 7:00p	13	14	15 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Josh Goble WL: Brian Moss <i>Dephine's baby shower 2:30p</i>
16	17	18	19 Music practice 7:00p	20	21	22 Christmas service 10:30a Speaker: Paul Goble Carols by Candlelight 7:00p
23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28	29 Church service 10:30a Speaker: Tom Bennett