

Happening

Playgroup: Monday and Tuesday 9.30am-11.30am. Contact Janet Kidd
Toy Lending Library: Tuesday 11.30am-1pm. Contact Janet Kidd
Second Chance Op Shop: Tuesday and Wednesday 10am - 2pm. Contact Myra Dormer Ph. Church office 8337815 **Note:** Please make any donations of quality clothing and goods to the Op-Shop during their open hours.
Transformation Youth Group: Wednesday 4.45pm-7pm. Contact Gabe 021 037 9223
Mainly Music: Thursdays 10.00am. Contact Sherilyn Sampson 021 2982762
Son-Shine Club: Thursdays 3.15pm till 5pm. Contact Christine Bartle 833-8766
Friendship Group @ Ranui: Friday from 10am till 12pm. Morning Tea provided. Contact Myra Dormer or Ph. Church office 8337815
Missions Prayer Meeting: 1st Sun of the Month after Morn. Service. Contact Ronnie

Women's Bible Study Group: Monday 10am in the Prayer Room. Contact Glenda Winn.
Young Adults Group: Every 2nd Monday, 7pm-9pm Old Hall. Contact Matthew Ball.
Monday Night Prayer: Monday 7.30pm-8.30pm, prayer room. Contact Christine Bartle
Intercessors: Wednesday 10-11.30am in the Prayer Room
Men's Home group: Thurs 7.00-9.00pm in the Café. Contact Corey Scott or Graham Davis
Women's Fellowship, Prayer and Bible Women's group: Thurs 7- 9pm Currently held at Shirlene Brown's place, 1 Elvira Place, Ranui. Contact Allie Eagle 098109366 or 0212128862. If you need a ride, or more details, ring Shirlene Brown 02108868969

Garage Sale: TBA See Graham Davis 0274 867950

Moneymates: Wed 10am—12pm Contact Glenn Harris Budget Office 8325961

Duty Roster		16th August 2020	23rd August 2020
Worship:	10am	Jasper Fityus	Pastor Tai
Sound:	10am	Anthony King	Jozsef Fityus
Data Projector:	10am	Robert Bartle	Robert Bartle
Door Greeters:	10am	Marlene & Henry van Sitter	Carol & Ian Dawson
A Praise, Prayer and Healing service will held at 6.30pm each Sunday			

Ranui Baptist contact Information

Interim Pastor: Lloyd Ashworth

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TYG Leader: enquiries See Gabe Tauga

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Monday to Friday

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Sunday 9th August 2020

This Week's Services

10am

Pastor Lloyd

Belonging to the Baptist Family

Pastor Lloyd

"Heading to the Promised Land" Numbers – Message 2

6.30pm

Choosing to Praise God in the Face of a storm

Next Week's Services

10am

Peeters Family 15 min

Pastor Lloyd

"Heading to the Promised Land" Numbers – Message 3

6.30pm

Finding that Hunger for the Lost

Pastor Lloyd

NUMBERS Message 2 – ‘MOSES CALLED OF GOD’

Exodus 2:1-6; 10-14; 3: 1-10

The book of Numbers is a diary of an eleven-day journey that took 40 years! Numbers explains why the 11 day journey took 40 years; it was because the people kept leaving God's pathway. They took exit ramps and either did a 'resist and run' (Jonah) or a 'distort and deny' (Saul) when they should have done a 'tremble and trust' (Habakkuk). But Numbers would never have happened except for a man by the name of Moses. His life is divided equally into three parts.

A FAILED LIFE The first 40 years started badly; he was abandoned at birth. He was uplifted from the river by Pharaoh's daughter and taken into the royal palace where he lived a very entitled and privileged life. He was also educated in the best schools of the day in mathematics astronomy and chemistry. But Moses had a decision to make – he remembered his Jewish roots and something deep down in him started to churn. Would it be slavery or the pampered life of royalty? It was a failure of a life because he lived a lie and then tried to rectify it but only made it worse. This was Moses, the self-appointed messiah, but he lacked the deep character shaping.

A MANAGED LIFE The next 40 years of Moses life was all about minimum hassle and maximum routine. He lived in Midian, found his wife, had family and sorted his job as a shepherd. But this middle section of his life was unremarkable in many ways. All the privilege of training and gifting Moses had was for a time set aside and the underside of his life was rebuilt.

A SURRENDERED LIFE There are days in our lives that start like any other, but by the end of them, everything has changed. God turns up in the form of a burning fire and a conversation takes place. Now Moses eliminates himself from the task. During these final forty years, Moses works out what God has worked inside him. His woundedness, his waywardness and his weaknesses all come to the fore.

Perhaps a message for us today. Does our penchant for comfort and familiarity lure us into exit ramps from what God wants for us? Is the larger story God is writing through us a passionate desire by us or perhaps will we become fixated on our little stories and take an exit ramp of personal preference?

The entry and exit points of our spiritual lives need to be strong, to enable us to span the journey. Here's the question – for many people they can get out of 'Egypt' but can they get into 'Promised Land'? Or will you, like those in this story, perish in the wilderness by taking exit ramps of your choosing?

PLEASE NOTE: You can pick up a copy of Pastor Lloyd's Sermon from the foyer.

New People Dessert Evening

**Wednesday, 16th September
7.30pm in the café**

Those who are newcomers to the church over the last year are invited to attend a coffee and dessert evening to learn more about the church ministries and meet some of the key leaders.
Phone Barbara 0273862508



New Preschool opening

Ranui Christian Preschool is about to start in the community in a few weeks' time.

It will operate 8am – 5pm

Monday to Friday

and has very reasonable costs.

If you know of any preschoolers who might be interested please contact Angela Taua for a brochure which outlines this in more detail.



REFERENDUM ISSUES AND ELECTIONS

When you cast your vote this year you will be asked to vote on two very important referendum issues.

Our elders feel that we need to be more informed about these two issues: the 'End of Life Bill' and Marijuana Law Reform.

Family First is a Christian organisation seeking to inform and influence public opinion on these two issues and have prepared a very detailed brochure.

Our eldership urge you to take time to read this material and come to your own conviction about how you will vote on election day.

This information is available also online at: Family First Information about the Referendums <https://valueyourvote.org.nz/2020-general-election/#!/document>

NOTE: These two issues are quite separate from voting related to your political party. Our church does not endorse any particular political party.



Prayer should be a natural part of our thinking. Not just in our worship but in our work. Not just in our quiet moments but in our chaos. We pray because He's there. We pray because He's God. We pray because He cares. (living the Battle plan)