



Sabbath:
Learning to Rest in God

PBC NEWSLETTER

9 November 2025

“Love God, Love People,
Make Disciples of Jesus, Together ”

VISITING WITH US

Nau Mai Haere Mai! Welcome!

A warm welcome to visitors and guests joining us today. Do join us after the service so we can chat with you. If you fill in a communication card found on the information table, we can keep you updated with church news.

TODAY

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER | 9.30AM

MORNING SERVICE | 10.00AM

**Sabbath: Learning to Rest in God, 3.
Delight**
Ps Andrew

Church Membership Session | 2-3.30PM

AFTERNOON SERVICE | 3PM

Mandarin Fellowship
Ps Peter

No Converge this Sunday.

THIS WEEK

MONDAY 10 NOV | 7.30PM

Weekly Prayer Gathering in the
auditorium.

**Community Meal meets every 1st
Tuesday of the month in the foyer.**

WEDNESDAY 12 NOV | 10.30AM

Women's Connect Group meets in the
Prayer Room.

THURSDAY 13 NOV | 7.30PM

Worship Team meets in the auditorium.
All Welcome.

MINIKIDZ Ages 1- 4

Will meet in the Children's
Ministry office. Or there is
an area at the rear of the
church for parents with
babies.

KIDZONE Yrs 1-6

We continue this term with our theme is The Big
Story looking at Lesson 27: *David Stands Tall* 1
Samuel 16-17. Please make your way to the
Activity Centre after the notices. Kids will be
returned to the orange tiles in the cafe area about
11:15am.

PULSE Yrs 7-9

Learning to Sabbath Well

How is your experience of Sabbath going?

Are you resisting or entering in?
What are you finding?

The Sabbath is not just about abstaining, but it also requires indulging.

Dan Allender says, *"The sabbath is an invitation to enter delight. The sabbath, when experienced as God intended, is the best day of our lives. Without question or thought, it is the best day of the week. It is the day we anticipate on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday—and the day we remember on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Sabbath is the holy time where we feast, play, dance, have sex, sing, pray, laugh, tell stories, read, paint, walk, and watch creation in its fullness. Few people are willing to enter the sabbath and sanctify it, to make it holy, because a full day of delight and joy is more than most people can bear in a lifetime, let alone a week."*

Meditate on this this week -

**"The Sabbath is a day to delight.
In God's world.
In our life in God's world.
And in God Himself."**

Blessings/ Ngā manaakitanga

Andrew



The annual National Baptist Hui is happening on 5-8 November 2025 in Palmerston North. Ps Andrew and David Ee are attending to represent PBC. This gathering will provide the opportunity to hear annual plans and reports from national departments, to network amongst our churches, to celebrate milestones and of particular importance, to vote on the election of a new national leader.

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING AND AGM, SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2025

The Annual Planning Meeting and AGM of PBC will be held on Sunday, 30 November after the service. Everyone is welcome. The Annual Plan and Budget for 2026 will be distributed next week. Sandi Hazelwood has been nominated as an Elder for a first term, and Mark Lewis for a second term. Thank you to everyone who provided nominations. Please make plans to join us now.



Men's Breakfast Sat 6 December 2025

8AM @ HEIGHTS BAKERY
& COFFEE LOUNGE
114 REEVES RD
PAKURANGA

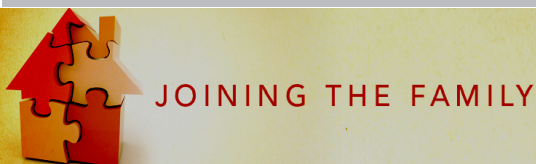
ALL WELCOME!

Because Brothers Need Brothers!

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:4

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP SESSION
SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2025,
2-2.30PM**



Is the Lord calling you to become a member of your local Baptist Church? 1 Cor. 12:12-27 describes how the local church is one body made up of many members who each play an important role. Come along for an interesting afternoon where we explore PBC's story - where we came from, where we are going, what we hold to be important, and how you could play a part. Afternoon tea provided. All welcome. Join us in the Prayer Room. we Talk to Ps Andrew for more details.

BAPTISM PREPARATION



Baptism classes commence this week. Is the Lord calling you to be baptised? Would you like to prepare for baptism as well? Talk to Ps Andrew for more information this Sunday.

"And now what are waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name" (Acts 22:16).

Women's Event
Christmas Treats

- at the church from 10am until 12 noon
- bring a plate of your favourite home-made or supermarket Christmas treats!!

**Saturday
6 Dec 2025**

A decorative graphic featuring a polaroid photo of several Christmas cookies, including one shaped like a Christmas tree. To the left of the polaroid is a leafy branch, and to the right is a small brown paper bag.

- either bring a small plate of your favourite home-made Christmas or special occasion treats, plus their recipe.
- or, bring a small plate of your favourite supermarket or bakery treats.
- we will have morning tea together and sample everyone's special occasion treats!!

Let's Bring the Gift of Christ to
CHRISTMAS
Donate towards the 2025 Auckland Santa Parade Nativity Float

A graphic with a green background showing a nativity scene. At the top is a bright star. Below it is a white nativity scene with a manger. To the left is a white truck. To the right are silhouettes of people and a city skyline.

Not long now until the Auckland Santa Parade! We're working hard behind the scenes to put the float together, but we need your help.

We're looking for people to play the vital roles of Mary and Joseph; one couple on the float during the parade, and a different couple at Santa's After Party in Aotea Square following the parade.

Is that you, or someone you know? If you are between the ages of 14 and 21, or you know a young person who would be keen, we'd love you to fill out this form. Spaces are limited - please submit your form before Monday 10th November. You would need to be available for a costume fitting and practice at a time that works for you prior to the parade, and for the parade itself on Sunday 30th Nov. Scan the QR code to fill the form.

PRAYER @ PBC Monday Night

Prayer Meet in the Auditorium. | 7.30pm

Sunday Pre-Service Prayer

Meet in the Prayer Room | 9.30am

After the service - Front of stage

Look for the Prayer Team wearing the red lanyards.

Prayer Chain

Please email prayer requests to Andrew Brown, andrew.brown@pakbapt.org.nz

YOUTH YEAR 9-13

Converge meets during term time at 6pm Sunday night with dinner at 6:30pm. We have games, worship, a message on prayer, and small groups. We finish at 9pm. We think that God has formed Converge like another family. So this term we will be looking at what this means for us, what God's heart is for Converge and how Jesus is at the centre of it all.

YOUNG ADULTS 18-35 YEARS

ZEAL | Wed | 7pm

Meets at Mark's place during term time. Please contact Mark Lewis via SMS on 0221677975.

CUTIE-FRUITY |Thurs | 7.30pm

Meets at Joshua Neal's place during term time. Please contact Lupita via SMS on 021 089 20461.

FINANCE AND OFFERINGS

We encourage regular online giving. Tithes and offerings can be made by online banking to the church bank account: 12-3056-0656934-00.

Particulars Field: legal name and surname,

Code Field: your Contributor Number,

Reference Field:

only use if this is a special offering, e.g. missions, compassionate fund. For a giving number please contact the church at office@pakbapt.org.nz

CONNECT GROUPS

CONNECT GROUPS	DAY	WHEN	TIME	LEADER
Prayer	Mon	weekly	7.30pm	Simon Christophers 021 260 7749
Women's Group	Wed	weekly	10.30am	Adele Swears 273 5439
Zeal Young Adults	Wed	weekly	7pm	Mark Lewis 022 167 7975
Revolution	Wed	weekly	7.30pm	David Chou 021 664 743
YYA Young Young Adults	Thur	fortnightly	7.30pm	Rachael & George 022 130 9398(R) 022 095 8662(G)
Cutie-Fruity Young Adults	Thur	weekly	7.30pm	Lupita Loto-Aso 021 089 20461
Worship Teams	Thur	weekly	7.30pm	Andrew Chessum 027 678 7744
Meet Up	Fri	fortnightly	7.30pm	Rachel Chou 021 210 0839
FHL	Fri	fortnightly	7.30pm	Albert Lee 027 627 5111
For more information contact Colleen at the church office: office@pakbapt.org.nz				

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