

CHOOSING “REAL LIFE” - Saying “Yes” to God

The Bible says that God loves us, and invites us into a life-changing relationship with Him that lasts for eternity. Jesus describes this as “abundant life” and at BBCC we call this “Real Life”. Whatever we call it, this new life with God empowers us to find hope, peace, joy and strength in the midst of a broken and hurting world. If you’re ready to experience “Real Life” and say “Yes” to God’s invitation, follow these lifechanging steps.

Admit you’re not perfect. That shouldn’t be too hard, right? If we’re really honest with ourselves, we know we’ve done things that weren’t up to God’s perfect standards. The Bible calls this sin, and sin damages us, our relationships with God, and with other people. The first step towards God is to admit we’re sinners and ask for His forgiveness.

Believe in Jesus Christ. Jesus is so much more than a good teacher, wise prophet, or religious guru - He’s 100% God - and believing in Him is the only way we can have our sins forgiven and come into relationship with God. To believe in Jesus is to believe he entered our world and lived a perfect life (that we couldn’t), died on a cross for our sin (to pay our penalty), rose again from the dead (to prove his identity and authority), rules from Heaven and will one day return to judge the world.

Commit to following Jesus as Lord. Jesus is described in the Bible as the most powerful authority in existence. Saying “Yes” to God means choosing to take a new direction with our lives (we call this repentance) and living under the authority and leadership of Jesus. This takes courage and faith but we can’t experience “real life” unless Jesus is Lord of our lives.

If you’re truly ready to say “Yes” to God, say this simple prayer and God will respond to the truth of your heart and give you a new life in Christ. If you need help, or have questions, come to the front after the service and there’ll be people ready to talk with you.

Father God, I admit today that I’m a sinner and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe in Jesus Christ as my Saviour and King and I welcome into my life today. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and help me live for Your glory. Amen.

If you’ve prayed this prayer with sincerity you are a new person in Christ! It’s important now to stay connected with other Christians who will help you grow in this new relationship with God. Being part of a good church is essential to the Christian life and we’d love you to be part of our family here at BBCC.

If you choose to say “no” to God today, you need to seriously consider the consequences. Rejecting God’s offer of relationship means you’re rejecting the Creator and Sustainer of life, and the Bible says that has terrible consequences for this life, and the life to come. The choice will always be yours but we hope you’ll reconsider God’s offer of real life to you today. We’d love to talk more about this - regardless of what you believe - so feel free to contact Pastor Andrew if you want to discuss this further.

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CREATION IS THE CANVAS ON
WHICH GOD HAS PAINTED HIS
CHARACTER.

JESUS-OUR-EVERYTHING/TUMBLR

*The BBCC family is called to be a tangible expression of Jesus to the world,
empowered by the Spirit to proclaim the Gospel, reconcile lost people back to God,
and transform them into fully devoted followers of Christ.*

WELCOME

Great to have you with us today and if this is your first time at BBCC - an extra special welcome! We really hope you experience God's presence and the love of His people. Primary School aged children are welcome to join our *Kidz Quest* programme at 11.00 and there's also a Creche room for babies and toddlers. We do hope you stay to chat after the service, over a cuppa. If you want to know more about Christianity or becoming part of the BBCC whanau, please fill out a contact card at the Info Kiosk and we'll be in touch during the week.

PRAYER MINISTRY

A Prayer Team is available every Sunday. Please come to the front after the service if you need support and prayer for any need.

We hold a weekly Prayer Meeting on zoom, every **Thursday, 7.30 - 8.30 pm.** Please contact the church office for an invitational link to join us.

Our main Prayer Meeting is held once a month after the service from 12.30 - 1 pm in the KQ hall
Stay & Pray TODAY: 14 Feb @ 12.30 pm

We Prayer Walk once a month to discern what God is doing & pray blessing over our community.

NEXT PRAYER WALK: Sat 20 February
Meet @ BBCC, 10.30 - 11.30 am

Coming up @ BBCC:

The Genesis Academy:
Sundays 6.45 - 9 pm @ Alliance Office
Tonight: Parts 3 & 4
Day 1 - the creation of the world
Days 2 & 3 - the creation of dry land & plants

Gold Club Waiheke Trip - Fully Booked!
Wednesday 17 February
Meet @ BBCC 8.30 am
Cost \$10 for vehicle ferry costs
BYO lunch
Remember to bring your Gold AT HOP card

Combined BHB Churches
Ash Wednesday Service - 17 February
7.30 pm @ Church of the Saviour

Alliance Prayer Retreat
Saturday 27 February, 9.30 am
Cornerstone Park, 93 Totara Rd, Whenuapai
Sign up at the Info Kiosk

BBCC Special Members Meeting
Sunday 21 February, 12.30 pm
To select a nominating committee before the AGM. Members, please think about who you could ask to be on the nominating committee - & run it past them before our meeting on 21 Feb! The role of the nominating committee is to bring forward names for the position of Elder to be voted on by the membership at our AGM.

BBCC Annual General Meeting
Sunday 21 March, 7pm @ BBCC
This is a significant meeting in the life of our church. Members please plan on attending this gathering. Annual Reports are currently being compiled, and will be distributed two weeks prior to the AGM.

Birthdays

Prue MacGregor - 15 February

Anniversaries

Gill & Gary Devine - 14 February
Rodd & Jill Jacques - 17 February

As we give today....

If you're visiting us today, please don't feel obliged to give. For regular BBCC whanau we thank you for honouring God with your finances. If you would like to start giving directly into our bank account the number is:
ASB 12-3049-0265986-00

Today's Stewardship Verse: 1 Tim 6:17-19 (NIV)
Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Here are a few more things you might like to know to get connected with our whanau. There's more information on our website, our Facebook page, and our hosts at the Info Kiosk.

Sunday Mornings is our main family gathering from 10.30 - 12.00ish. About 11.00, children (years 1 - 6) go to Kidz Quest and a supervised Crèche area is available for babies and toddlers with a video link to the service. Communion is offered most weeks with children joining us for the first Sunday each month. After the service Prayer Teams are available for anyone who needs support; and refreshments are provided to fuel some great conversations. *Today's Prayer Team is Peter, Vera, Hudson, Nalini*

A range of **Small Groups** operate throughout the week for men, women, seniors, youth, and mixed adults with more info in the bulletin and from the Kiosk. We also run a regular **Sunday Night series** which has a small group vibe. All our groups are open to join.

Blockhouse Bay Christian Kindergarten is a ministry of our church offering high quality early childhood education from *Monday to Friday*.

Our **website** www.bbcc.org.nz has lots more info about the church and our **Facebook** page posts regular updates about news and events.

Our Pastor and Church Staff can be contacted at the Church Office as follows:

- **Pastor Andrew Marshall:** Tuesday - Friday: 9.00 - 1.00 pm - andrew@bbcc.org.nz - Mob: 027-296-8834
- **Carolyn Officer (Admin Manager):** carolyn@bbcc.org.nz - Ph: 626 6284 ext 5

THIS SUNDAY	Sunday Celebration @ 10.30 am; Stay & Pray - 12.30 pm <i>Aihua Alliance Church (Chinese) - 2 pm @ BBCC</i> <i>Arise Vietnamese Church - 5.30 pm @ BBCC</i> The Genesis Academy 6.45 pm @ Alliance Office
MONDAY	Kindergarten: Monday - Friday (9 am - 3.30 pm)
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	Zoom Prayer Meeting: 7.30 - 8.30 pm
FRIDAY	<i>mainly music</i> - 10.00 am
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