

4%

of us...

Speak Maori to a conversational level...

Donate blood yearly...

Admit to paying a bribe...

Go tramping regularly...

Have Dutch ancestry...

Attend a Christian church every week...

Surprised by that last one? In the 1891 census, 99% of our entire nation claimed to belong to a Christian religion - and yet today in 2013 only four percent of us attend church weekly?

The reason why is exceedingly simple: most churches offer little that the average Kiwi is interested in. If that church down the street was intensely interesting, answered all your questions and was vitally helpful in solving the truly serious problems in your life, would you not be there?

People spend their time on those things they value most. Kiwis have been voting with their feet for decades that there is little of value to be found at church.

At **Timaru Bible Baptist Church** we like to think that you will find something a bit different. The Bible really does have an answer to every problem and the help Jesus offers is real. There's more to life than the rat race - there's more to church than tradition and fluff. Bible Christianity isn't about religion - it's about Jesus! The answers he provides can truly change your life!

Timeless or Trendy?

Cafes are trendy. Churches should feel timeless. With the forceful current of constant change sweeping over every part of our lives, people have the need to connect with something enduring and firm. We believe that Christ designed the church to fulfill that need by showing us an eternal kingdom and ageless truth with no need to imitate the culture.

We want you to know that there's still a church that feels like church. TBBC won't feel like a rock concert, comedy club, or motivational seminar. We're not old fashioned as in 50 years ago - we're timeless as in 2000 years ago!



What is an Independent Baptist Church?

We are a local church of Bible believing Christians, not under the control of or associated with any other union or council of churches. In fact, at one time all Baptist churches in NZ were independent assemblies - we remain so!

We believe in the historic fundamentals of the Christians faith because we believe the Bible to be our final authority - God's perfect words to be taken literally and at face value, but always in their proper context. This means we believe that Jesus is God manifest in the flesh - the Son of God who died for the sins of all mankind, who offers the free gift of eternal life to anyone who will trust in him alone.

Today there are some 45 independent Baptist churches up and down NZ, many of whom we cooperate with in camps, conferences, evangelism and missions.

STILL PREACHING



Dynamic, passionate preaching straight from the Bible still brings more lasting change than comedy routines, drama, or motivational talks. Come discover the benefits of Bible preaching.

STILL MEN



The rumour that masculine men hate church isn't entirely true. Come discover an environment where real men still believe and are taught to step up and provide sincere, loving leadership in the church and in their families.

STILL HYMNS



Much church music today amounts to dumbing down the lyrics and cranking up the volume to build interest. The hymns we sing still generate an attitude toward God that is anything but lifeless and boring.

STILL REVERENT



Casual is all the rage in Kiwi institutions, but God deserves better. While you won't find a judgmental spirit here, you will find a place that still believes reverence is right in the presence of God.

STILL FAMILY



Our culture's experiments with the family have left many Kiwi homes in a sorry state. We still teach the biblical roles for the family as the best answer to our nation's woes while also recognizing that God has a plan for every person, regardless of how difficult their family situation might be.

STILL EXCITING

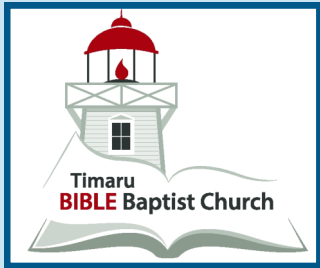


God doesn't need a band or the latest fad to be exciting. We still enjoy timeless, Spirit-filled worship around God's Book that stirs the soul in a way that strobe lights and dancing in the aisles can never manufacture.

STILL ANSWERING



Evolution. Atheism. Abortion. Euthanasia. Many churches have been silenced by the world or other "christians" because they have no answers greater than their own opinions. We still believe that God has something to say about every issue and his answer is always the final right answer.



"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."



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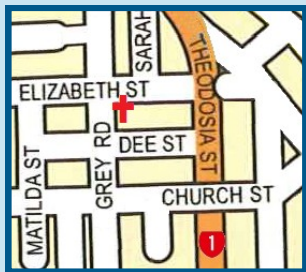
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10:30 am 63 Grey Road
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THURSDAY SERVICE

6:30 pm Location Varies
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Our Pastor: Jeff Williams



Jeff & Debby came to Timaru in late 2012. Jeff has helped to start independent Baptist churches in Dunedin, Blenheim and Reefton. In 1992 he founded the NZ Correspondence School of the Bible which has seen over 3500 Kiwis enroll in its verse-by-verse study system over the entire word of God. In 2001 Jeff founded the Blenheim Bible Institute which is still training Christian workers—graduates can be found serving Christ today throughout NZ and around the world.

THE GOOD NEWS

"I've got some good news, and some bad news; which do you want first?" Many a joke has started off with that line, but the Bible is deadly serious when it also informs us of both.

The bad news is that the whole world is in very real, spiritual danger. Just as our government has passed laws for our protection and the safety of others, God too has established laws for our good. Just as there are penalties and fines for breaking NZ laws, there are penalties for breaking God's laws. Many think hell is just a swear word or a bad joke, but Jesus himself warned us of this place numerous times.

Most people consider themselves to be good people – but when we read God's laws in the Bible, we find out quickly just how imperfect we are. When we lie, steal, or show pride, we are breaking God's laws – we hurt ourselves, others around us, and offend a holy God – the Bible calls this "sin." God isn't like the police who may miss an instance when we speed. He knows everything and has a record of every time we break His laws. Even if we gave everything we own to charity it would not wipe away our violation of even one of God's laws. Mowing the officer's lawn after a speeding ticket doesn't take away the infringement...there is still a price to pay.

When it comes to our breaking of God's laws, someone has to pay - either you or Jesus! You paying is where hell comes in that Jesus warned us about. The good news however is that Jesus loves you and has already paid for your sins! Such payment is not automatic – you must choose to believe in Jesus Christ. Jesus is the One who took the punishment for our sin with his own life on the cross. Only if we admit our sin, ask God's forgiveness and trust in Jesus alone will He forgive us!

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom 6:23

"God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.." Rom 5:8

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

"Jesus saith...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved...For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom 10:10 & 13

Eternal life is not granted because of your family, religion, or church. Salvation or damnation is the result of your CHOICE of what do with the Lord Jesus Christ. Will he be your Saviour or your Judge?

Real Answers?

Why Are they So Hard to Find?

