
JANUARY 2022

2022
happy new year

Happy new year!

A new year is about to unfold. New opportunities, new challenges but the same good and beautiful God who offers us his unending grace and favour. God specialises in new beginnings. Thus, his undeserved kindness is the perfect footing to enter 2022.

As our society considers their hopes and dreams for the coming year, I love what Jonathan Edwards put forward as his two most important new year's resolutions: "Resolution one – I will live for God. Resolution two – If no one else does, I still will".

I wonder what it would look like in 2022 for each of us to making living for God our highest priority.

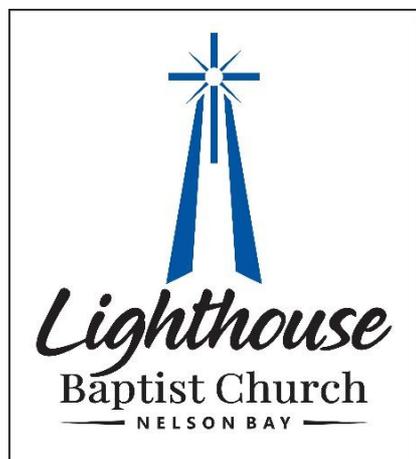
While we are all hoping that 2022 will be an easier year, it is likely that the new few months will be difficult and disruptive for many people as we come to terms with the hard reality of living through a pandemic. Despite the challenges, God is at work. With so many uncertainties, people are searching for hope, meaning and real security. Let's be alert to how we can be and bring the good news of Jesus in the relationships we have been given.

I will be away for the first two Sundays in January having some family time. In my absence Pastor Geoff Hall will be bringing two messages. Upon my return we will be continuing to unpack pearls from the book of 1 Peter.

At the end of January one of our mission partners, Pastor Richard Milligan from Nyngan Baptist will be visiting.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers. This January, may you continue to offer hope by sharing Jesus.

Yours faithfully in Christ.
Pastor Andrew.



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Date	January Preaching Plan	
2	Communion	Guest speaker Geoff Hall
9	Dedication of Maxwell Hanna	Guest speaker Geoff Hall
16	1 Peter 2:11-25	Pastor Andrew East
23	1 Peter 3:1-7	Pastor Andrew East
30	Families Service	Richard Milligan

All our messages are featured on our website in both video and audio form and CDs can be made available for a service if requested.

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Tithes & Offerings

Thank you for your faithful giving to the ongoing work and ministries of Lighthouse Baptist Church Nelson Bay

December 2021		<u>Monthly Budget (4 weeks)</u>		<u>Average Monthly Budget</u>	
Month	YTD	\$12,240			
\$3,652	-\$7,088	<u>Monthly Actual</u>		<u>Actual Monthly Average</u>	
		\$15,892**	\$12,079		
		**	This amount was assisted by a \$3,000.00 Offering Donation from a non Church Family person		

If you would like to contribute to the work and ministry of our church you can give weekly in person at our morning Worship Service, place your offering in the church offering box located at the front entrance and the office door, or you can give online using the Church Banking details shown above.

Account Name - NBBC Main Account
BSB - 704-922
Account Number - 100002678
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Can you help???

Our children's and youth Ministries are in desperate need of Leaders and helpers for 2022. If you can spare 2 hours a fortnight on a Friday evening, or could lend a hand on Sunday morning once a month, please speak with Pastor Andrew, or Jacquie

What's on in January



Returns Jan 28

More details to come



Returns Feb 4

Praise God for:

- The joy of a new year.
- Our service leaders who contribute so faithfully each week.
- The beauty of Port Stephens region.



Prayer:

- Leaders to help with our junior youth ministry and Sunday morning children's programs.
- Safety on the roads as many travel in the Christmas period.
- For opportunities to share the hope of Jesus with people of peace at Christmas

Sunday Prayer Meeting

Before church each Sunday from 9.

Mission Prayer Meeting

In recess in January, will recommence in February

Pastor Andrew and his family will be away on annual leave from 27th December until 10th January.

Should you require any assistance during this time, please contact our Church Secretary – Jill Pretty, a member of the MST or Pastoral care team, or Helen or Jacque in the office.

Other Things to know

We are Co-vid safe

Combined with [good personal hygiene](#), physical distancing can help keep us all safe and protect [vulnerable people in our community](#).

When coming to Church, take these important steps to keep yourself and others safe.

- Check in at the door
- Use Hand Sanitiser and disinfectant wipes often
- Do not shake hands, hug or kiss as a greeting
- Wear a mask while in the church building on Sundays
- If you have cold or flu-like symptoms, please stay at home and worship using our livestream
- Keep a 1.5-meter distance when standing or sitting unless in family group



A prayer for the new year

A new year coming and God is with us,
In loving and in caring, in hoping and expecting,
God is with us and never lets us go.

God live in us, God live with us, God live through us.

God keep us faithful through the days that lie ahead,
God keep us caring in the pain that fills your world,
God keep us serving as we seek to do your will.

God live in us, God live with us, God live through us.

God keep us loving toward neighbours near and far,
God keep us trusting through the uncertainties of life,
God keep us sharing from your generous abundance.

God live in us, God live with us, God live through us.

Amen.

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