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Junior Camp 2004 in Taupo, NZ



Kapiti Baptist Church Baptisms



We are in shock of how God is blessing and moving among the people here at Kapiti Baptist Church. Again, we know it is because of your faithful prayers and support.

Immediately following last month's Easter service we took six juniors (8-12 year olds) and two counselors to Junior Camp. There were a total of sixty-five people at camp; forty-nine of them were Juniors. Eleven of the Juniors received Christ as their Savior, of which two of them were from Kapiti Baptist Church. This was the first time, for some of the kids, being away from home that long.

Just before we left for Junior Camp we had the Lord's Supper, which is always a sweet time of testimonies and reflection of God's grace. One of the young men, that had received Christ at Family Camp, did not participate in the Lord's Supper because he had not been baptized yet. He approached us and said he needed to get baptized. We made the announcement that we would be holding a Baptism service the next Sunday evening. We could not believe how God moved on the people. Several came to us and asked if they could be baptized. So we scheduled appointments with each of them to discuss their salvation and the meaning of baptism. At one of their homes, I was able to lead a spouse to Christ (Praise the Lord! He never ceases to amaze me). In the end, we had seven people get scripturally baptized and added to Kapiti Baptist Church, and one saved. Their ages ranged from 8-50 years old. To God be the glory!

Please be in prayer for this week's Missions Conference. We are planning to have three missionary families with us from Friday night through Sunday morning. Each missionary will preach, give their testimonies, and also show their work that God has entrusted to them. Please pray that the people of Kapiti Baptist Church will be moved by this conference and decide to take a more active part in world-wide missions. KBC presently supports four missionaries and would like to be in a position to take on a new one after the conference.

There were twenty-five ladies that attended the Ladies Retreat. One of the ladies made a commitment to start teaching again at church. They are still talking about what a good time they had, and they are already looking forward to next year's retreat.

We are still in need of additional support. If you are able to help please let us know. Thank you and God Bless...



Praises

- Three people received Christ as their Savior & seven baptized.

Prayers

- Souls to be saved
- Growth at Kapiti Baptist
- Missions Conf. May 14-16
- Surprise Sunday June 20th
- Teen Camp July 12-16
- Personal Support Increase