

**ELI'S SALVATION**

ONE OF THE TEENS WE
TOOK TO YOUTH CAMP WAS
SAVED THE FINAL NIGHT

**FRIDAY DINNERS**

WE ENJOY A MEAL
TOGETHER AFTER BIBLE
STUDIES EACH FRIDAY

**RECENT BAPTISMS**

PRAISE THE LORD WE WERE
ABLE TO BAPTIZE FIVE ON
SEPTEMBER 21ST!

THE HUTCHENS FAMILY



November 2025 Update

What a blessing to finally be able to report to you all concerning our recent move in to our new building and subsequent Grand Opening Sunday. The last several weeks have been remarkable in a lot of ways, and have caused me to be a little tardy in getting this latest report out. Despite the lateness, I hope your heart is encouraged by what God has done here in Christchurch, New Zealand.

[Our crowd from
Grand Opening
Sunday \(more on
the sides\)](#)

It's been a long time coming, but if you've been keeping track of our progress with the building we purchased last year, you know that we were finally able to move in late August after a lengthy strengthening and renovation. We scheduled a Grand Opening to "officially" open the building, to give glory to the Lord for all that He has done, and to prayerfully let our community see what the Lighthouse Baptist Church is all about - proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We put out a few thousand tracts, encouraged the church family to invite family and friends, put up an ad on Facebook, and prayed for a great day on October 19th.

In the days leading up to that Sunday, the weather forecast called for cool temperatures, strong winds, and rain. This was a problem, considering we were planning on hosting our dinner outdoors. Our church family prayed fervently that God might change that forecast, and that was exactly what he did. On Saturday, the forecasts changed to hint at more sun than rain. On Sunday, we woke up to brilliant sunshine - literally not a cloud in the sky. The temperature rose to a wonderful 20 degrees C (68 F), with a nice breeze. What an answer to prayer to start the day!

120 people gathered for the service itself, eclipsing our previous high attendance of 110. Numbers are far from everything, but I want to reiterate what an incredible blessing that number is, especially in New Zealand. Our church building has 100 chairs, and we rented some extra chairs for overflow. The building was packed. Probably 40 people were first time guests.

We took time to thank several tradesmen who were involved in the project, as well as several church members who went above and beyond to help with the project. We sang praises to the Lord and gave thanks to Him repeatedly throughout the day. I preached the Gospel as clearly as I could, and while no one moved to be saved in the service, multiple Gospel conversations were had in the hour after the service was over. If you would, pray especially for our main builder, Jason. I had the chance to witness to him a few times during the project. He attended the service, and was very honest in his assessment of his faith. He said, "I don't want to pray to be saved unless I truly believe it." I've been praying that God will continue to work in his heart, and I hope you will as well.

What a day! The church family didn't finally clear out until almost 3:00 PM, wanting to talk about all that God had done that morning. It was an appropriate thanks to the Lord and a clear proclamation to SW Christchurch that a Lighthouse now stands on the corner of Gilberthorpes and Waterloo roads. Pray for us as we continue to establish ourselves in this community and reach more people for Jesus.

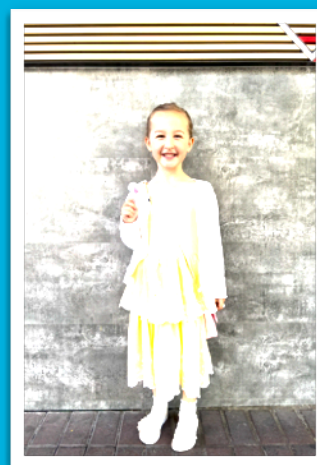
The week following saw an attendance of around 90, with *more* first time guests! Not a single week has passed since we moved in without a first time guest. Pray for us as we try to steward these connections wisely! So many names I could type of people we're working with now. Please pray with us for fruit!

We have some brief family news to share as well. In our last letter, we let you know that we were expecting our fifth child. I'm pleased to let you know that last week we found out baby #5 is a boy! Harrison is pretty chuffed (a good Kiwi word) to know he's going to get a new brother. Baby boy is healthy and growing in the womb, and we of course would appreciate your prayers for the remainder of the pregnancy.

The Hutchens Family

Sam, Juliana, Emma, Alexa, Samantha, Harrison, & ?

Family pictures



TOP: Samantha turned 5 on November 3! Incredible to see how much she has grown!

MIDDLE: Harrison chases some bubbles. Imagine another one of him running around here soon!

BOTTOM: The kids enjoyed a random day when some spring snow fell recently!

EXTRA PICTURES

