

# God's Vision for Our Church

**Caversham Community Church**

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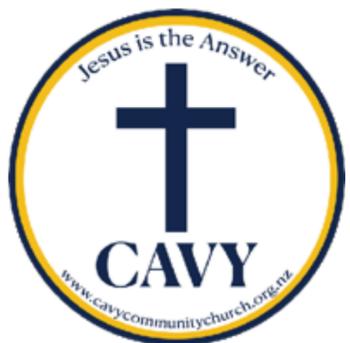
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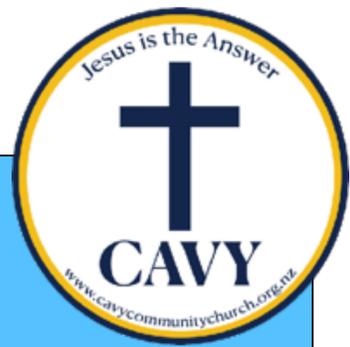
**How do continue our  
growth so we together  
reach maturity and the  
fulness of Messiah?**

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- God's Vision for a Healthy Church
- How We Intend to Fulfill that Vision
- What We Ask from You



# Ephesians at a Glance



Segments	Chapter	Theme
<b>Wealth of the Church</b>	1	Every Spiritual Blessing in Messiah
	2	New Individuals / New Community
	3	Revealing the Mystery of Christ
<b>Walk of the Church</b>	4	Unity - Gifts - Maturity - New Self
	5	Spirit-Filled Living at Home and Work
	6	Armour of God
<b>Book Theme</b>	Riches of God's Grace	
<b>Author</b>	Paul (imprisoned in Rome, apostle to the Gentiles, entrusted with the mystery)	
<b>Date</b>	AD 60-62	
<b>Purpose</b>	Reveal the mystery, remind the saints of their identity and walk	
<b>Key Words</b>	In Christ, riches, love, inheritance, walk	
<b>Historical Context</b>	Roman empire, Emperor Nero, Artemis, hostility to Christians, Jew-Gentile relations	

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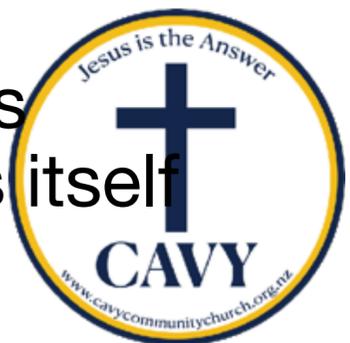
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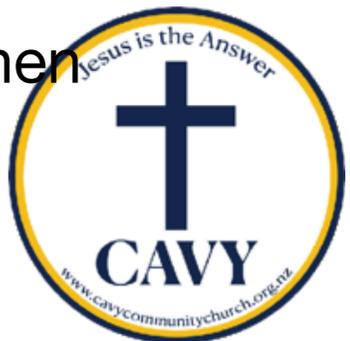
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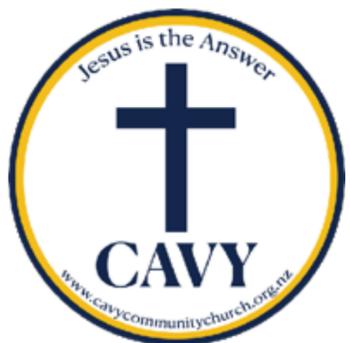


**Biblical truth → Members equipped →  
Gifts working → Growth to maturity**

# Evangelical

## Our Identity

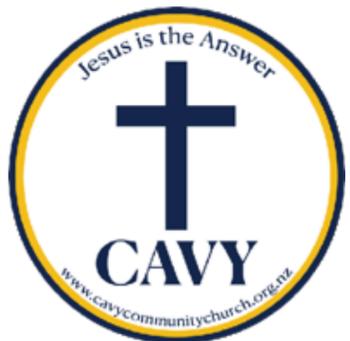
- A personal relationship with God.
- Being born again by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus alone.
- Spreading God's message worldwide.
- The Bible as the final authority on all matters of faith and practise.



# Open Brethren Heritage

## Our Identity

- Believer's baptism
- Priesthood of every believer
- Dispensationalism and support for Israel
- Eternal security without Calvinism
- Complimentarian male-female roles
- Every believer baptised by the Spirit
- Simplicity in worship
- Centrality of the Lord's supper
- Plurality of elders
- No ordained clergy
- Fellowship, not membership



# Christian Community Churches of New Zealand

## Our Identity

### **OTAGO**

Caversham Community Church

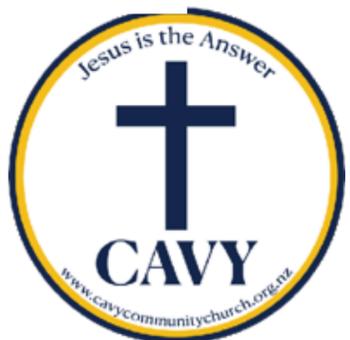
Cornerstone International Bible Church

Orwell Street Church

Riverside Chapel

### **SOUTHLAND**

Rosedale Bible Chapel



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### **CANTERBURY**

Bryndwr Chapel

Church Street Bible Chapel

EAUKS (Ekalesia Au Uso Kerisiano Samoa)

Glentunnel Chapel

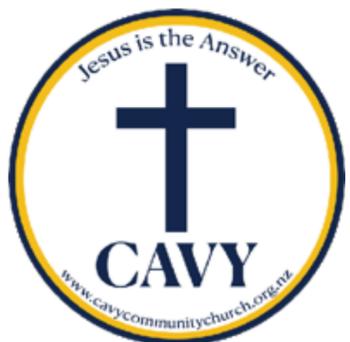
Redemption Church Christchurch

Riccarton Community Church

Rowley Avenue Bible Chapel

Rutland Street Church

Wairakei Road Bible Church



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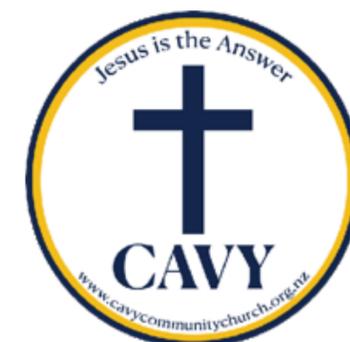
### CCCNZ EVENTS

**MINISTRY SUMMIT** 10 - 12 MAY 2021  
WILLOW PARK • AUCKLAND  
YOUTH • ADMINISTRATION • CHILDREN & FAMILIES  
PRAYER • CHURCH EQUIPPING & PLANTING  
FOR PAID STAFF, KEY VOLUNTEERS & INTERNS

**FIRST TRAINING**  
SOUTH ISLAND 5 - 7 JUNE 2021  
LIVING SPRINGS • CANTERBURY  
UPPER NORTH ISLAND 20 - 22 JULY 2021  
CHOSEN VALLEY • AUCKLAND  
LOWER NORTH ISLAND 12 - 14 OCTOBER 2021  
FOREST LAKES • ŌTAKI  
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUTH AGED 16 - 18

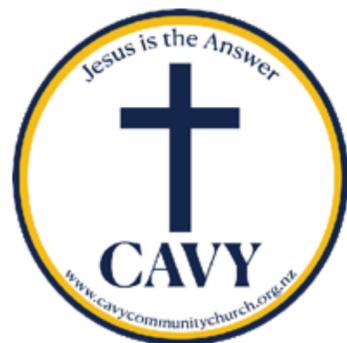
**CCCNZ PASTORLINK RETREAT**  
NORTH ISLAND 3 - 6 AUGUST 2021  
MĪCAMP • TAUPŌ  
SOUTH ISLAND 18 - 20 AUGUST 2021  
TEAPOT VALLEY • NELSON  
FOR PASTORS & SPOUSES

**NATIONAL ELDERS CONFERENCE** 23 - 25 SEPTEMBER 2021  
WILLOW PARK • AUCKLAND  
FOR ELDERS & POTENTIAL ELDERS



# Playfair Street Gospel Hall

## Our History



**Our Vision:**

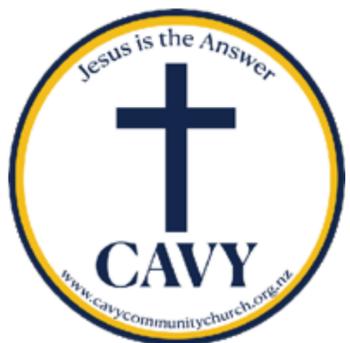
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**Our Strategy:**

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# What We Ask from You

1. Believe in the Lord Jesus
2. Commit to this church
3. Eagerly maintain the unity of our church
4. Get into God's word like never before
5. Use your spiritual gifts to build up our church
6. Aim together for maturity and the fulness of Jesus



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