

AWAKEN 2009 – TAURANGA HOUSE OF PRAYER



WHAT IS THE AWAKEN INTERNSHIP?

We believe God is inviting His people to become people of “One Thing” (Ps. 27:4). The *Awaken* internship is a journey of discovering and pursuing God and thereby cultivating authentic devotion and intimacy with Jesus. This is an invitation to take a season of life, be immersed in prayer, worship and the Word and consecrate your heart and life to see this reality come forth.

Awaken will provide a context and environment within the framework of the Tauranga House of Prayer (THOP) for young people to engage in a passionate pursuit of God. The goal is to provide a place for a focused and intense hunger for God emerge. Ultimately we are made to know Him through encounter and experience. Coupled with instruction from God’s Word, this will provide essential grounding for any young person, regardless of their call and function in life and ministry.

WHAT IS A HOUSE OF PRAYER?

In these significant days, God is orchestrating a global worship and movement. A house of prayer is an expression of this movement, where a group of Christian believers in a city/geographic region gather together as a group (not necessarily as individuals), spend a great amount of time worshipping God, thanking Him, enjoying His presence, and praying to Him in partnership for the many things on His heart. The house of prayer movement is unusual in that its extravagance is expressed in the continuous or extended nature of prayer and worship and the focus on the Word that under girds the worship and prayer.

AWAKEN VISION AND DISTINCTIVES

Vision: In the context of encountering God in prayer and worship, to immerse and equip a generation of young people in the knowledge of God, for mighty and extravagant expressions of love.

Seven Distinctives of this Internship:

- **Passion for Jesus:** Enjoying intimacy with God is the foundation of all character formation and ministry.
- **The Value of 24-Hour Intercessory Worship:** We believe that the Lord has spoken of His desire to establish a 24 hour house of prayer in this city, and in His kindness, has invited us to labour with Him to bring this to pass. We desire to cultivate intimacy with God through adoring worship and to contend through fasting and prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to awaken the Church into God’s highest expression of life in His Son and to usher in the Great Harvest.
- **Centrality of the Word of God:** The Scripture is foundational to a vibrant life in God, therefore we teach, sing, pray, and study the Word of God.
- **The Forerunner Ministry:** We are committed to preparing the Church for the return of Jesus through the diligent study of the end times.
- **Family of Believers:** We are a like-minded, vibrant community nurturing one another in the truths of the gospel.
- **Ministry in the Power of the Spirit:** Our staff is committed to the ministry of the Holy Spirit through all the gifts and has a commitment to the restoration of the prophetic ministry to the church.
- **Evangelism and Missions:** Effective ministry training empowers us to evangelize the lost and fulfill the Great Commission.

THE CURRICULUM

Worship/Prayer

Interns can expect to spend 24–30 hrs each week in the THOP prayer room, which will include intercession, personal study, Biblical meditation and devotional prayer time.

Classroom Training

Interns can expect to spend 8-10 hrs each week in classroom training. This will focus on a number of Biblical themes with particular emphasis on intimacy with God, consecration to Christ-likeness, personal and community transformation, the urgency of the hour we live in as well as teaching and training in how to combine worship and intercession.

Other Various Components

The remainder of the curriculum will include ministry assignments within the community, practical work duties, local church attendance, and community building within the internship and THOP spiritual family.

Beyond the Lecture Room

Interns will also have much to do outside of the classroom and prayer room. Besides developing lifelong friendship with their fellow interns and other locals, interns will have opportunities to enjoy the beauty of God's creation in recreational activities within the Tauranga area. The aim will be to have a balanced lifestyle with an emphasis on being in a place of learning and growing in faith and extravagant devotion.

AWAKEN 2009 CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 09

February – May			
Feb 9	Registration	23-28	Week 7
Feb 9-14	Week 1	30- Apr 4	Week 8
16-21	Week 2	6-9	Week 9*
23-28	Week 3	14-18	Week 10*
Mar 2-7	Week 4	20-25	Week 11
9-14	Week 5	27- May 1	Week 12
16-21	Week 6	May 1	Graduation

JUNE 09

June – August			
Jun 1	Registration	14-18	Week 7*
1-6	Week 1	20-25	Week 8
8-13	Week 2	27- Aug 1	Week 9
15-20	Week 3	3-8	Week 10
22-27	Week 4	10-15	Week 11
29- Jul 4	Week 5	17-21	Week 12
6-9	Week 6*	Aug 21	Graduation

SEPTEMBER 09

September – December			
Sep 21	Registration	Nov 3-7	Week 7*
21-26	Week 1	9-14	Week 8
28- Oct 3	Week 2	16-21	Week 9
5-10	Week 3	23-28	Week 10
12-17	Week 4	30- Dec 5	Week 11
19-24	Week 5	7-11	Week 12
26-29	Week 6*	Dec 11 th	Graduation

* long weekend break

SPECIAL WORD TO MARRIED COUPLES

We welcome married couples (both with and without children) to participate in the internship, however due to current accommodation arrangements, we only have limited accommodation for married couples without children. We are unable to provide any housing for families at this time. We will be happy to provide you with a list of rental agency websites to assist you in securing accommodation.

ACCOMMODATION

Interns will be housed in dorm-style accommodation at Faith Bible College www.fbc.org.nz

- You will be sharing a room and bathroom with up to 2 other interns.
- Married couples will have their own room and bathroom.
- Please be respectful of others in regards to volume of stereos /musical instruments.
- No overnight visitors are allowed on the Faith Bible College campus.
- There will be absolutely no smoking, drinking, or drug use on the premises.
- Please be considerate of your room mates by using limited time in showers/bathrooms in the mornings. (Ladies especially!) ☺
- It is expected that you maintain a respectable standard of cleanliness in your room, with *everyone* taking responsibility to do their share of cleaning. This includes:
 1. Keeping beds made daily.
 2. Keeping your personal space clean every day.
 3. Vacuuming as necessary
- You will be rostered on daily work duties at Faith Bible College, as well as participate in an hour of work around the campus each week.
- You are required to abide by all the guidelines and policies at Faith Bible College, which will be provided on arrival.

TRANSPORTATION

Interns staying at Faith Bible College will have the use of a THOP owned and maintained van, however gas/petrol costs will be paid and shared amongst the interns. An allowance of approx \$35 per person/per week is recommended to cover gas/petrol costs for internship related activities. Married couples and families are encouraged to consider purchasing their own transport to accommodate their unique needs.

AWAKEN / THOP POLICIES

Foundational Commitments and Code of Conduct for All Internship Staff and Interns

The Awaken Internship acknowledges our call to live worthy of the Gospel. We understand that the imposition of external "rules of behavior" is not our ideal to motivate people toward holiness. Our motivations for holiness are love for Jesus and people, not the pressure of imposed rules. However, in the spirit of Galatians 3:21-23, we recognize the need for standards set in place until the character of Christ is formed in us as articulated in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). It is in this spirit that we affirm the following:

The *Awaken* Internship is a community of believers who have committed themselves to Jesus as Lord to live as forerunners in the spirit of John the Baptist, preparing the way for the second coming of Jesus Christ. This commitment governs the way we live our private lives and the way we relate to others. The *Awaken* Internship community seeks to witness authentic Christian discipleship by living with integrity, purity and love. The Internship community asks all of its staff members and interns to commit to live counter to the prevailing moral laxity of our society by not participating in or condoning sexual activity outside of marriage and to refrain from the public or social* use of alcoholic beverages, use of illegal drugs, tobacco use, and gambling. We believe that this is an essential commitment in view of our calling as a community to reach young adults.

** "public or social" is here defined as a gathering that involves or may influence anyone outside the context of immediate family members.*

Dating

Due to the nature of the *Awaken* Internship program and the understanding that this is a season of consecration unto the Lord, dating will not be permitted for the duration of the 6 month internship program. (Dating examples: extended phone conversations, email or 'IM', one-on-one time, riding alone in a car together, etc.) Interns who are in existing dating relationships will also be required to honour this season of consecration during the internship.

Attitude

- Be considerate towards others' possessions and space.
- Prefer your brothers and sisters in love with humility.
- Have a teachable spirit (Proverbs 2). Try to be flexible.
- Take individual responsibility for knowing schedule and location changes.

Attendance

- Interns are required to attend all *Awaken* scheduled events.
- Please arrive 5 minutes early for meetings, classes, work assignments, etc.
- Permission from Internship Leaders must be received *ahead of time* if the intern is unable to attend any scheduled event.

Holding a Job

Interns are not allowed to hold a job, either full or part-time.

Leave of Absence

The internship is an intensive season of consecration to the Lord and attendance is required at all scheduled events. Therefore, we ask that you make every effort to limit a leave of absence to personal emergencies or family trauma. Under these emergency circumstances, the intern must receive prior permission from the internship directors before being allowed to take a leave of absence.

Long weekend Break

There is a scheduled long weekend break during the internship. Interns will have the Friday and Monday free during the long weekend break. Interns are required to attend all scheduled activities on the Thursday prior to the break and be at the prayer room at 8.30am on the Tuesday after the break. Please check the calendar for the exact dates of the break during the internship.

Insurance

If you are not a New Zealand citizen or resident, you are advised to check if your medical insurance covers you while you are in a foreign country. ***We require overseas interns to carry medical insurance for the entire time you are with us.*** You may wish to check with a travel agent regarding insurance.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE that only the sixty-six books of the Bible are the inspired and therefore inerrant Word of God. It is the final authority for all we believe and how we are to live. Matt 5:18; Jn 10:35; 17:17; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21.

We BELIEVE that the one true God exists eternally in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that these, being one God, are equal in deity, power, and glory. We believe that God not only created the world but also now upholds, sustains, governs, and providentially directs all that exists and that He will bring all things to their proper consummation in Christ Jesus to the glory of His name. Ps 104; 139; Matt 10:29-31; 28:19; Ac 17:24-28; 2 Cor 13:14; Eph 1:9-12; 4:4-6; Col 1:16-17; Heb 1:1-3; Rev 1:4-6.

WE BELIEVE that Satan, originally a great and good angel, rebelled against God, taking a multitude of angels with him. He was cast out of God's presence and is at work with his demonic hosts to establish his counter-kingdom of darkness and evil on the earth. Satan was judged and defeated at the cross of Christ and will, at the end of the age, be cast forever into the lake of fire which has been prepared for him and his angels. Matt 12:25-29; 25:41; Jn 12:31; 16:11; Eph 6:10-20; Col 2:15; 2 Pet 2:4; Jude 6; Rev 12:7-9; 20:10.

WE BELIEVE that Adam was originally created in the image of God, righteous and without sin. In consequence of his disobedience, Adam's posterity are born subject to both imputed and inherent sin, and are therefore by nature and choice the children of wrath, justly condemned in the sight of God, wholly unable to save themselves or to contribute in any way to their acceptance with God. Gen 1-3; Ps 51:5; Is 53:5; Rom 3:9-18; 5:12-21; Eph 2:1-3.

WE BELIEVE that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, that He was conceived and born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, and offered himself as a penal, substitutionary sacrifice for sinners. By the blood of His cross He obtained for us eternal redemption, the forgiveness of sins, and life everlasting. He was raised bodily on the third day and ascended to the right hand of the Father, there to make intercession for the saints. Matt 1:18-25; Jn 1:1-18; Rom 8:34; 1 Cor 15:1-28; 2 Cor 5:21; Gal 3:10-14; Eph 1:7; Phil 2:6-11; Col 1:15-23; Heb 7:25; 9:13-15; 10:19; 1 Pet 2:21-25; 1 Jn 2:1

WE BELIEVE that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. No ordinance, ritual, work, or any other activity on the part of man is required in order to be saved. This saving grace of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, also sanctifies us by enabling us to do what is pleasing in God's sight in order that we might be progressively conformed to the image of Christ. Jn 1:12-13; 6:37-44; 10:25-30; Ac 16:30-31; Rom 3-4; 8:1-17,31-39; 10:8-10; Eph 2:8-10; Phil 2:12-13; Titus 3:3-7; 1 Jn 1:7,9.

WE BELIEVE that the Lord Jesus Christ baptizes believers in the Holy Spirit, in whom also we are sealed for the day of redemption. The Holy Spirit regenerates, forever indwells, and graciously equips the Christian for godly living and service. Subsequent to conversion the Spirit desires to fill, empower, and anoint believers for ministry and witness.

We also believe that signs and wonders, as well as all the gifts of the Spirit described in the New Testament, are operative today and are designed to testify to the presence of the kingdom and to empower and edify the church to fulfill its calling and mission. Matt 3:11; Jn 1:12-13; 3:1-15; Acts 4:29-30; Rom 8:9; 12:3-8; 1 Cor 12:12-13; 2 Cor 1:21-22; Gal 3:1-5; Eph 1:13-14; 5:18.

WE BELIEVE that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are the two ordinances of the church to be observed until the time of Christ's return. They are not a means of salvation but are channels of God's sanctifying grace and blessing to the faithful in Christ Jesus. Matt 26:26-29; 28:19; Rom 6:3-11; 1 Cor 11:23-34; 1 Pet 3:21.

WE BELIEVE that the church is God's primary instrument through which He is fulfilling His redemptive purposes in the earth. To equip the saints for the work of ministry, God has given the church apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. We also affirm the priesthood of all believers and the importance of every Christian being joined with and actively involved in a local community of the saints. We believe that women, no less than men, are called and gifted to proclaim the gospel and do all the works of the kingdom. Matt 16:17-19; Acts 2:17-18,42; Eph 3:14-21; 4:11-16; Heb 10:23-25; 1 Pet 2:4-5, 9-10.

WE BELIEVE that God has called the church to preach the gospel to all nations, and especially to remember the poor and to minister to their needs through sacrificial giving and practical service. This ministry is an expression of the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ and is an essential part of the kingdom of God. Is 58:6-12; 61:1; Matt 28:18-20; Lk 4:18; 21:1-4; Gal 2:10; 1 Tim 6:8.

WE BELIEVE in the literal second coming of Christ at the end of the age when He will return to the earth personally and visibly to consummate His kingdom. We also believe in and are praying for a great end-time harvest of souls and the emergence of a victorious church that will experience an unprecedented unity, purity, and power in the Holy Spirit.

Ps 2:7-9; 22:27-28; Jn 14:12; 17:20-26; Rom 11:25-32; 1 Cor 15:20-28, 50-58; Eph 4:11-16; Phil 3:20-21; 1 Thess 4:13-5:11; 2 Thess 1:3-12; Rev 7:9-14.

WE BELIEVE that when the Christian dies he/she passes immediately into the blessed presence of Christ, there to enjoy conscious fellowship with the Savior until the day of the resurrection and glorious transformation of the body. The saved will then forever dwell in blissful fellowship with their great Triune God. We also believe that when the unbeliever dies he/she is consigned to hell, there to await the Day of Judgment when he/she shall be punished with eternal separation from the presence of God. Matt 25:46; Lk 16:19-31; Jn 5:25-29; 1 Cor 15:35-58; 2 Cor 5:1-10; Phil 1:19-26; 3:20-21; 2 Thess 1:5-10; Rev 20:11-15; 21:1-22:15