

Sunday 10am Bible Classes  
 11am Worship  
 6pm Devotional  
 Wed 7.00pm Bible Study - Morningside  
 7pm - West Auckland



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## Serving Today

### Opening Prayer

Marlon Macatual

### Bible Reading

Zhonny Tavita

### Song Leader

Kevin Hogg

### Lord's Supper

Johnathan Reid

### Closing Prayer

Yushu Zabawski

### Sermon

John Staiger

## Next Week

### Opening Prayer

Trevor Timoti

### Bible Reading

Justis Sandwell

### Song Leader

Alan Neill

### Lord's Supper

Stephan Behrmann

### Closing Prayer

Zhonny Tavita

### Sermon

John Staiger

## Communion Prep

### Today

Rani Timoti

### Next week

Christina Phua

## Evening Clean up

### Today

Hoggs

### Next week

Hodgmans

# The Gift of Dreams

Hopes and dreams can, of course, be mere nonsense. Many people waste their lives dreaming of their boat load of money to arrive so that they can continue doing nothing. The old joke of "I hope I win the lottery even though I didn't buy a ticket" is the same ignorant goal. The only way that dreams become reality is when our hope motivates us to work toward the goal. Hope is defined as the feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen. It is only



real when there are grounds for believing that it may happen. Indeed, the older meaning of the word is a feeling of trust. To hope or dream of things without expectation or trust is, to put it simply, ridiculous. The Old Testament uses several words that translate to English as hope. They carry the idea that this is a plan, a goal that requires trust and waiting for the completion. There's even a word for vain or empty hope. The Psalmist, like all of God's people, uses these words frequently: Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord (Psalm 31:24). For I hope in You, O Lord; You will answer, O Lord my God (Psalm 38:15). Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him For the help of His presence. (Psalm 42:5) I hope for Your salvation, O Lord, and do Your commandments (Psalm 119:166). In real hope there is the reminder that God is both the actual source and goal of the greatest dreams: Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live; and do not let me be ashamed of my hope (Psalm 119:116). I wait for the Lord, my soul does wait, and in His word do I hope (Psalm 130:5). In the New Testament the letters to Christians frequently remind them of their expectations, their dreams, their hope in Christ. You might well remember that Paul spoke of faith, hope and love as the great gifts of God; greater even than the first century miracles that were ending (1 Corinthians 13:13). Recall some of Paul's reminders about the importance of our dreams, our hope and how precious it really is: We exult in hope of the glory of God (Romans 5:2b). Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us (Romans 5:5). For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it. (Romans 8:24-25) It is easy to understand how, when sin came into the world and the richness of God's creation began to deteriorate, we as God's creation might despair of ever seeing such beauty and an eternal home again. In reality, God replaced it with a dream, a hope, a goal far beyond the garden on earth that we lost... the dream, the hope of heaven (cf. Romans 8:20). Be a part of the great dream! Be a part of God's family that you might have the hope, the goal of that eternal home. Don't miss out on any of God's great gifts!.

(Lester P. Bagley)

## Information for Bulletin

Francois van Niekerk is preparing the Bulletin. Please forward information to Francois on [francois.vanniekerk@demix.org](mailto:francois.vanniekerk@demix.org) or message him on 02108544979.

Web Site: <http://www.morningsidechurchofchrist.org.nz/>



- \* **27 July** - Youth event  
(Special Dinner)
- \* **28 July** - Fellowship Lunch
- \* **4 Aug** - Joint Fellowship (M'side)
- \* **22&23 Aug** - Leadership Retreat
- \* **23&25 Aug** - Men's Challenge



### Sandra Setters- Tricklebank:

In February, Sandra was diagnosed with cancer in the spine, breast, stomach, and right eye. Sadly, due to the advancement of the cancer, there is very limited treatment possible. The doctors estimate that Sandra has only two years left. Some of you will remember Sandra from her days with the Hamilton church (the Setters family were a big part of the church there). Please keep Sandra and her loved ones in your prayers.

### Joshua Stokes:

(Bryce Christensen's cousin) has had a recurrence of brain cancer. He had an MRI last Thursday and there are more cancers on his temple and other parts of the brain.

Doctors say to prepare to go to the palliative centre. Please pray for his health and for strength and faith for his family.

### Betty Potgieter:

"My Mom is back at Halldene Rest Home, in Whangaparaoa." (Felicity). She is very frail. Please keep her in your prayers.



Food prices continue to rise, and some families have lots of mouths to feed. Please bring food, e.g. canned food, peanut butter, milk products, etc. All supplies are low. Place the items in grey cabinet in the corner of the Fellowship Hall.



### JULY

- 02 Nathaniel Taufa
- 06 Allan Bell  
David Ding
- 11 Justis Sandwell
- 15 Valentine Savage
- 16 Jean Vickery  
Alex Hodgman
- 17 Jerry Papalii
- 21 Louren Ryan
- 26 Cany Bell
- 28 Gabriella Tavita

### AUGUST

- 04 Rotorua Lehaul
- 07 Lucy Hill-Khan  
Serene Hodgman
- 09 Erika Anacan
- 12 Cyndy Neill
- 26 Francois Van Niekerk
- 27 Lillian Van Niekerk
- 28 Merania Timoti

## Youth Dinner event - 27 July

**Time/Place:** Saturday at 6pm at Morningside.

We are planning a very special dinner event for the youth. Meet after the morning service for discussion. Contact Lillian on 02102518859 for details.

## Leadership & Men's Challenge

**Topic:** Struggles for the Kingdom

The annual leadership retreat and men's challenge are taking place next month. See details below.



Below are the planned topics:

### Leadership Retreat 22nd & 23rd August

- Struggles to see beyond baptism.
- Struggles to accept responsibility
- Struggles to deal with conflict.
- Struggles to identify "disputable matters".
- Struggles to deal with "disputable matters".

### Men's Challenge 23rd - 25th August

- Struggling with the past wrongs.
- Struggling in the face of division
- Struggling to strengthen our souls
- Struggling for the prize.

**Leadership Registration:** from 1.30pm, on 22nd.

**Men's Challenge Registration:** from 6.00pm, on 23rd.

**Camp address:** 359 Hamurana Rd, Ngongataha, Rotorua. 3072.

For detail contact Geoff Fairest on +64272491306 or Email him on [mirrormirror@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mirrormirror@xtra.co.nz).

## Palmerston North Ladies Challenge

**Attention ladies - 31 October to 2 November**

Check out the bulletin boards if you're interested in going to the Palmerston North Ladies Challenge this year.

The theme is *Decisions Determine Destiny* which is very apt when considering how such ladies retreats boost your spiritual walk.

Email Rani on [meraniatimoti@gmail.com](mailto:meraniatimoti@gmail.com) or call/text **027 702 2354** for more information.

## Ladies Coffee/Tea Group - Wednesdays

**Attention ladies -**

Ladies are invited to join a coffee/tea group that meets every Wednesday at 10.30 am in the café at the Kings Plant Barn - 118 Asquith Ave, St Lukes.

Contact Jean Vickery for any details.