

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

Trevor Timoti

Bible Reading

Justis Sandwell

Song Leader

Alan Neill

Lord's Supper

Stephan Behrmann

Closing Prayer

Zhonny Tavita

Sermon

John Staiger

Next Week

Opening Prayer

Francois van Niekerk

Bible Reading

Thomas Lehauli

Song Leader

Geoff Hodgman

Lord's Supper

Gerald Lange

Closing Prayer

Louren Ryan

Sermon

John Staiger

Communion Prep

Today

Christina Phua

Next week

Rani Timoti

Evening Clean up

Today

Hodgmans

Next week

Justis/Laurie

The Gift of a Day



Time seems to be the one ingredient that we always are lacking. How many of us would gladly have one more day with a loved one that is no longer with us? At the same time, how often do we put off time with a loved one until another day? The gift of a day is often best appreciated when we can no longer have that day back. And in that simple fact is an urgent lesson from God. Deborah, the judge of Israel, reminded Barak, her general, that this is the day (Judges 4:14) of victory over the enemy. David was reminded of the same lesson by his soldiers as Saul lay

sleeping (1 Samuel 24:4). Barak and David would both use the opportunity to show their spirit as soldiers of God, although in quite different ways. It was that same lesson that David would later share in Psalm 118:24: This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it. The important lesson is, of course, so much more than just being happy today. Today is a blessing that is best used wisely. How we use it speaks volumes as to who we really are. The writer of Hebrews repeats this lesson some five times. Two of those are God's lesson to not be like the generation that died in the desert and use today to listen to and obey God (Hebrews 3:7, 15). Another (Hebrews 4:7) is cited as a prophecy by David reciting the same thought to us: Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as when they provoked Me. Hebrews 3:13 stands out as both a humorous comment and a joke to keep us thinking: But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. In God's own kind, light-hearted way we are reminded that we only ever have today. As the old saying reminds us, Yesterday is gone, tomorrow is not promised, it is only today that we have. The question for us is, how will we use today. If you knew that you die tonight, how would you live today? If you knew that this was the last time to say, "I love you" or hug someone, would you make a point of treasuring that time today? Let's be even more introspective, if you knew that today was the very last day for you to prepare for eternity, what would you do? You see, today really is the day that the Lord has made. And He made it for you to use and treasure... not waste. Use it to show love and tenderness. Use it as the day of salvation, for that is indeed what it is (cf. 2 Corinthians 6:2). Use it wisely that you might value every moment God gives you. Use it wisely so that when tomorrow comes, there will be no regrets. Use it and treasure it as God's gift to you.

(Lester P. Bagley)

Information for Bulletin

Francois van Niekerk is preparing the Bulletin. Please forward information to Francois on francois.vanniekerk@demix.org or message him on 02108544979.

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

Today

➤ Fellowship Lunch after Worship



- * **4 Aug** - Joint Fellowship (M'side)
- * **Wed** - Ladies Coffee/Tea
(Café @ Kings Plant Barn)
- * **10 Aug** – Youth Rock Climbing
- * **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 Whangaparoa." (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 Lehauli
- 07 Lucy Hill-Khan
Serene Hodgman
- 09 Erika Anacan
- 12 Cyndy Neill
- 26 Francois Van Niekerk
- 27 Lillian Van Niekerk
- 28 Merania Timoti

Youth Events

Youth Dinner (27 July)

Francois & Lillian want to thank Kevin, Lynda, Marlon, Maida, Cyndy, Gavin, Collect & Lourie for helping at the youth dinner event. It was great fun !!

Rock Climbing (10 August)

The next youth event will be on 10 August at 4pm, which is various climbing facilities.

\$14 per head, food & drinks included.

Where: 5 Waikaukau Rd, Glen Eden, Waitakere.

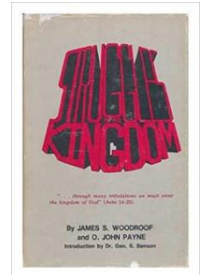
Contact Cyndy on 0212891492 or Alan 021615560 if you need a ride.

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.

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 or call/text **027 702 2354** for more information.