

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
 Justis Sandwell
Bible Reading
 Thomas Lehauli
Song Leader
 Alan Neill
Lord's Supper
 Jim Kirkham
Closing Prayer
 Laurie Ryan
Sermon
 John Staiger

Next Week

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Communion Prep

Today
 Meryl Howell

Next week
 Cany Bell

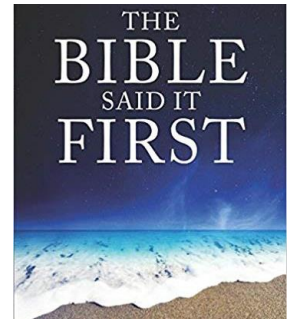
Evening Clean up

Today
 De Steurs

Next week
 Cany/Anita

God Said it First

It is truly amazing to realize how much impact the Bible has had on our language and the things we say. Whenever I hear someone "knowingly" expound on how uninspired and useless God's written word is to people today I find their ignorance appalling. Why? Because of the sheer number of words and phrases that only exist in our English language because of God and His word! Recently a publication by members of the Lord's church included a short article entitled, 'Quoting the Bible and Didn't Know It.' Their point was that many words and phrases originate with the Bible and people commonly quote them without realizing where they come from. The fact is this list is just a 'drop in the bucket' (Isa.40:15) and it ought to cause God's people to see 'the handwriting on the wall' (Dan.5). After all, there is 'nothing new under the sun' (Eccl.1:9) and we should all certainly be aware of the fact that without God, 'woe is me' (Isa.6:5)! Several years back a couple of language specialists wrote a book on the many words and phrases coined by Shakespeare that we still use today. A few years later they did a book on 150 words and phrases that first appeared in English translations of the Bible. Can you imagine our language without such words as 'appetite' or 'liberty'? Ever hear of 'blood money' or the 'salt of the earth'? If you imagine that the Bible gives us just one short article and one book worth of words for our language, then you are about to be disappointed. There are dozens of other books and articles written on this subject! As the Bible says it, 'But, beyond this, my son, be warned: the writing of many books is endless, and excessive devotion to books is wearying to the body' (Eccl.12:12). Bringing various concepts from the Greek and Hebrew languages into English required many new words for the English language. The early translators Wycliffe and Tyndale would create many words and phrases that would later be copied by the King James translators and thus become enshrined in our language. Words like treasure, mystery, glory, horror, female and sex owe their existence as English words to Wycliffe's Bible. Phrases like 'city on a hill,' 'my brother's keeper,' 'ye of little faith,' 'salt of the earth' and 'thirty pieces of silver' are commonly found in both literature and speech today with many people never realizing that they were words invented for our language to translate concepts from the Bible. And what would English be like without words like problem, zealous, feel, liquid, viper or beautiful? Have you ever heard of a 'scapegoat'? The term is commonly used in our world today without any thought of its origin in Leviticus 16:8. Of the two goats that formed a part of the yearly sin offering for God's people, one would be sacrificed to the Lord. The other was allowed to escape into the wilderness with the sins of the people and thus become the scapegoat for sin. Isn't it odd that this term foreshadowing the blood and sacrifice of Jesus would be used in our world without appreciating its original meaning? A generation of people imagined that the words 'To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven' were made up by the Byrds for their song. Yet they are originally the words of Solomon from Ecclesiastes 3. Have you ever used the phrase 'bite the dust?' It comes



from Psalm 72:9. Have you ever had a 'broken heart?' Without Psalm 34:18 the words would not be in our vocabulary. Many people today will refer to their 'cross to bear' without a thought of Jesus and His lessons. If God and His word make up so much of our daily language, should we not have a greater appreciation for Him? Isn't it incredibly sad that people miss God literally talking to them every single day when they fail to recognize and appreciate His words? Let us work hard this year and 'prove ourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves' (James 1:22). — Lester P. Bagley

Today

- **6pm Paul Mansfield and Kevin Hogg are speaking at this evening's Devotional here at Morningside.**

Next Week

- **Joint Fellowship—Mt Roskill Hosting at 2 Kairanga St. Mangere East.**



1. Palmerston North Camp. (17-20 Jan.2020)
2. Pirongia Camp. (24-27 Jan.2020)
3. Auckland Family Camp (13-15 Mar.2020)



Jean Vickery:

Jean fell and broke her femur. She is presently recovering at Waimarie in Remuera.

Sue Beukes:

(Up-Date Monday 23 Dec.2019)

“Sue is having some tough days after the chemo sessions. She is battling with nausea. It's debilitating and she tries to offset the nagging nausea by lying still and measuredly drinking liquids for fear it may come up. She's on a very good suppressant now and we hope that it helps. We pray that daily she'll improve and stabilise.”

Sandra Setters-Tricklebank:

In February, Sandra was diagnosed with cancer in the spine, breast, stomach, and right eye. 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.

Julie Christopherson (Lynda's friend):

Update (04-01-2020)

Julie has been admitted to the Northwest hospital with another small bowel obstruction. She is not allowed food or drink until it clears. You can imagine how difficult this would feel. Please pray for the obstruction to clear quickly. She is still on chemotherapy treatment.

Brian Caitor (Matt's brother):

Please keep Brian and Matt Caitor in your prayers (Brian is Matt's brother). Brian has cancer and had an operation on the 28th of November. Brian is aged 37, with a young family.

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05	Maria Kalolo
08	Antonio Lehaul
10	Caleb Hogg Mandy Martin
11	Donna Staiger
13	Geoff Hodgman Taylor McKenzie
15	Trevor Timoti
16	Lorina Papalii Bradley Fay
21	Jim Kirkham
22	Vai Lehaul
25	Justin Joseph
27	Alan Neill
28	John Staiger Aria Fay

Ethan van Aswegen (in South Africa):

Ethan was on our prayer list before. His cancer is back for the third time. The family is devastated.

Please pray for him and 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.

Duran van Niekerk (Francois' nephew):

Duran has been in a very bad motorbike accident, in SA. He had various surgeries done to his face and is kept in a coma. The longer he stays in a coma though the more concern there is about his recovery. Please keep him in your prayers.

Al and Donna Horne (Lynda's parents):

Continue to keep for Lynda's parents in your prayers.

Donna's hand operation has been delayed because her RA factor is too high, causing her to have lots of inflammation in her body. She is under the care of a Belgian specialist, who is doing lots of tests and a new treatment on her, after which the operation may take place on her hand. Al continues to recover from his skin graft.

Marania Timoti

Any Sisterly Scribes out there? Morningside sisters are welcome to write a daily devotional to encourage sisters worldwide. Sheila Butt, the speaker at the Palmerston North Ladies Challenge in October, would like sisters in New Zealand to submit a story for the first "Sisters, Servants, Soldiers" devotional book. The guidelines are: 150 to 250 words more or less, must include Scripture, up to 5 submissions per person will be accepted for publication for this first book and the writer's name and city will be noted.

Submit to: sbutt@charter.net with SSS DEVO in the subject line. Visit www.sistersservantssoldiers.com to subscribe to Sisters, Servants, Soldiers.

Auckland Family Camp 2020

Save the date – 13-15 March 2020

Next year's Auckland Family Camp date has been set for 13-15 March 2020. Please save the date early in your diaries. More details to follow as plans progress.

2020 Auckland Anniversary Weekend Camp
January 24th – 27th
Pirongia Forest Park Lodge

Theme: Life Lessons from Christ

Cost: \$95 Adults (18+)
\$50 Children and Teens (5-17)
Spaces limited so, first to pay will get first option to stay.

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