

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

Kevin Hogg

Bible Reading

Dave Howell

Song Leader

Geoff Hodgman

Lord's Supper

Yashu Zabawski

Closing Prayer

Vilimaka Lehaul

Sermon

John Staiger

Next Week

Opening Prayer

Gavin De Steur

Bible Reading

Denver Lehaul

Song Leader

Alan Neill

Lord's Supper

Justis Sandwell

Closing Prayer

Zhonny Tavita

Sermon

John Staiger

Communion Prep

Today

Lucy Hill-Khan

Next week

Carol Kirkham

Evening Clean up

Today

De Steurs

Next week

Cany/Anita

Answered Prayer

"[A]nd My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Many times, the world likes to think that God is Who they want Him to be, and that can prevent them from being who He wants them to be.

An example is their idea of prayer. They see the power of prayer through physical eyes, not eyes of faith. They like to think that God loves everyone, so that means He hears all prayers. But, is that thought a biblical concept?

God is not deaf, so we know He hears all prayers, but will He lend His ear to the requests that are made? There are many Scriptures we can examine to discover that answer.

One is 2 Chronicles 7:14 where God shows His hearing is conditional. Notice the next conditional phrase: "will humble themselves and pray." There is no way to approach God without being humble. The original language refers to placing a heavy load on one's shoulders causing one to bend over. Just to know God as Creator and define ourselves as the created should bring us to our lowly place in humility. There is no way we can know God and not be humbled by His power, authority and love. Answered prayers depend on our ability to be humble.

Another condition is found in the words, "seek My face." This phrase gives connotation to seeking God's answer. The idea of His face gives reference to causing God to turn His face toward us, or to pay attention to our request. The power of prayer is not in the asking, but in the knowledge of what to ask. God wants us to know His will for our purpose on this earth. To ask God to change His will is a futile request as God's will is eternal (Luke 21:33).

One last condition is we must turn from our wicked ways. God's calling is to a sanctified family of people who love His truth and know there is no other way for eternal bliss. The term, "wicked ways" gives reference to a dysfunctional way that is not operating according to God's standards. God has given us a life with a pattern to follow. When we

choose to walk according to our own desires, we become dysfunctional to the goals of His family. In other words, we miss the mark. Letting go of what once was our master, the flesh, to follow God's love is essential to answered prayers. (Cub Orcutt)



Today

- Sunday School teachers' meeting in Lynda Staiger's classroom after worship.

Next Saturday

- Ladies Breakfast here at Morningside. 9am. (1 February 2020).

Next Sunday

- Joint Fellowship here at Morningside. 6pm. (2 February 2020).



Morningside Camp 2020

Speaker: Spencer Ross

Theme: "The Heart of Christianity."

Save the date – 13-15 March 2020

Note from Spencer:

Good morning (Texas time).

Good and not so good news. Good news - I got my travel plans all confirmed and will attach itinerary. Not so good news - My mother-in-law discovered a tumour behind her eye, and we found out Monday that she needs to start radiation treatment. Thankfully this should work and it's not cancerous. Her name is Diane Keim. I appreciate the prayers. However, my wife will need to stay home with the boys now and help her mother. Lord willing, I can bring Kandice and/or the whole family to NZ in the future.



Jean Vickery:

Jean is still recovering from a broken femur. She is now staying with her sister in Wellsford. We pray that Jean will be back on her feet soon.

Diane Keim:

(See above).

Sue Beukes:

(Up-Date Monday 24 Jan. 2020)

"It's been an uphill journey with the Lord's hand firmly on us. Sue is still having some tough days after the chemo sessions. After days of terrible nausea (and worse), she has finally started holding her food down. She's now starting to feel "normal" again. We are starting to see a pattern emerge that it takes a few days for her sense of wellbeing to return." (Dereck)

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):

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).

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 Whangaparaoa." (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. "My brother's son, Daren, is still in a coma, but they noticed movements from him on Saturday. Lillian and I visit him every 2nd day and had a special prayer service for him and Ethan last Monday. With God anything is possible. Just feel very sorry for my brother and his wife. But they are also staying positive and praying. They also appreciate our support."

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.

Sweet Sisters

There is an update on our devotional submissions- they will continue to be accepted until the end of February. Sheila says she's been enjoying our entries so keep on

sending them in! She is also looking for a title for the first volume of the devotional book- any suggestions will be gratefully accepted.

Check out the Sisters Servants Soldiers website as it's very encouraging for our faith. Go to:

www.sistersservantssoldiers.com to subscribe. (Rani Timoti)

