

Sunday 10am Bible Classes
 11am Worship
 6pm Devotional

Wed 7pm Bible Study - Morningside
 7pm Bible Study - West Auckland
 @ Rakai's Home



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It all adds up...

Teachable...?

Serving Today

Opening Prayer

Kevin Hogg

Bible Reading

Jonathan Reid

Song Leader

Geoff Hodgman

Lord's Supper

Paul Mansfield

Closing Prayer

Vilimaka Lehauli

Sermon

John Staiger

Next Week

Opening Prayer

Gavin de Steur

Bible Reading

Paul Mansfield

Song Leader

Illya Anacan

Lord's Supper

Gerald Lange

Closing Prayer

Louren Ryan

Sermon

John Staiger

Communion Prep

Today

Erika Anacan

Next week

Cany Bell

Evening Clean up

Today

Hoggs

Next week

Neills

There's an old story of a young man seeking the wisdom of the ages. He had heard of an old wiseman who lived in the remotest part of the mountains. One famed to have all the answers to all of life's questions. The young man searched for months and finally came upon him in a small hut. On arrival the young man was warmly welcomed and invited to sit down for tea. The young man talked incessantly and the old wiseman listened with care. The old man put a cup in front of the young man and started pouring the tea. The young man, still in full flight of discourse, signalled that it was enough. But the old man kept pouring. The tea went over the rim of the cup and quickly ran along the table toward the young man. Jumping up, just before it poured onto his lap, he looked at the old man and said with disgust, "You know, I travelled for months to find you. They said you were the wisest man alive. But look at this mess...this is the doings of a fool!" The old man stared back at the young man and said, "You came looking for wisdom, but all you've done is talk about yourself. You are like that cup. You are so full that you have no room for anything to be added."

There are fewer insults worse than being called unteachable to your face. But worse still is for others to think it without ever confronting you with the truth. A thing that ruins your work for Jesus.

If we are not careful, all of this will sound unkind and unfixable. But hear me out.

The unteachable in conversation is unbearable. The poor Christian listening will have to be abundantly endowed with the virtue of patience. Given long enough, their patience will be so stretched, that it will have to be upgraded to 'Endurance Class.'

Eventually, the 'victim' realizes that anything he says is just an unwelcome appendage to the offender's monolog. Creative thought becomes redundant and boredom sets in.

Instead of avoiding the unteachable (this can be easier said than done) we must set a Christ-ward trajectory.

Firstly, keep in mind that the Holy Spirit is alive and well. He still convicts hearts. He sees potential beyond your despair.

Secondly, honour your duty to the souls of all men. Pray for them and seek their salvation. This especially applies to the unteachable. If no one can tell them anything this side of heaven, then tragically it is doubtful that they will enter heaven at all. We strive for better things.

Finally, Christians are bold and resourceful. Not prone to be put off by those who want to be the centre of attention. We seek for ways that include ALL. Beware the trap: Know-it-alls love to waste your time on themselves—Don't let them!

John Staiger

**Please
Pray
For:**



Suzzann Mostert: Ian has asked us to pray for his wife, Suzzann. He writes: "To say that Suzzann is not well is an understatement. She is very sick and in a lot of pain."

Rosalie Reid (Jonathan's Mom): Please pray for Rosalie who is struggling with Parkinson's and her mental health. Her condition has been deteriorating rapidly this year.

Laurie Bailey: Laurie's Mom Shirley passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Ron Savage (Valentine's Dad): Please continue to pray for Ron and Valentine in Ron's time he has left to live.

Ethan van Aswegen (in South Africa): Please keep little Ethan and his family in your prayers.

Brian Caitor (Matt's brother): Brian is recovering from chemo and adjusting to his new way of life.

Sandra Setters – Tricklebank

Lynda's Parents (Al & Donna Horne): Please pray for Al who is in a lot of pain while waiting for a hip operation. And please continue to pray for Donna's strength in body and mind under the circumstances.

Betty Potgieter: Please keep her in your prayers.

"And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."

Matthew 21:22

Mark Your Calendar

Today: Men's Meeting before Fellowship Lunch

Tonight: Evening worship @6pm

Sat 6 Feb: Ladies Breakfast @9am at Morningside

Sat 13 Feb: Youth Event @1pm (see below)

12 – 14 March: Morningside Family Camp

MORNINGSIDE FAMILY CAMP

12 – 14 MARCH

Camp rides needed.

We have campers who need rides to our Morningside camp. If you have spaces in your vehicle, please let Rani Timoti know.

Baking for camp.

Nothing makes one feel more at home than home-baking! If you can bake some treat for our camp, please let Rani Timoti know. Calling all the talented bakers! You can even bake for camp if you can't go yourself! 😊

If you can't go to camp, but would like to support someone who needs help to go to our Morningside Family Camp, please let Rani Timoti know. We want everyone to have the opportunity to go to camp!

Thank you!!!



WHEN: Saturday 13 February

TIME: 1pm – 4pm

WHERE: 150 Lansford Crescent, Avondale

COST: \$15 per person

Please let Cyndy know by 5 Feb if you are coming.

Cyndy Neill 021 289 1492

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

12 Chloe Fay
16 Meryl Howell
21 Leah De Steur
22 Lulu Tenari
26 Ben Fraser

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FAMILY CAMP**

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