

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



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9am Service

Lesson: Gerald Lange

All other acts of worship
will be led by the men
present.

11am Service

Song Leader

Trevor Timoti

Lord's Supper

Paul Mansfield

Sermon

Kevin Hogg

"What's holding you back?"

In my youth I met a missionary couple who were polar opposites in temperament. He was soft spoken and very measured in all he did and said. She was excitable and spoke what was on her mind. I learned a lot from them. She used to often say, "Christians need to bear fruit for Jesus, and that, I believe is winning souls."

As the years went by, I wondered if she had "toned her approach down" a little. I had the honour of visiting her in her old age about ten years ago (her husband had gone on to his reward). She might have been a little slower, and she might have thought herself a little too housebound, but she had never stopped surrounding herself with new generations of young people ready to preach the gospel. Somehow, I doubt that they

ever left her presence without hearing her say, "Christians need to bear fruit for Jesus, and that, I believe is winning souls."

The greatest of God's missionaries was imprisoned on more than one occasion. At first glance it would hardly appear to be an effective strategy for world evangelism. However, the apostle Paul took his incarcerations in his evangelistic stride.

Jail may have been a hindrance to his physical movement, but not to the movement of the Gospel. He trusted Christ.

From a Roman jail, and in his old age, he assured Timothy (the next generation of preachers), "I suffer hardship even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the word of God is not imprisoned" (2 Timothy 2:9).

You don't have to be old and behind bars to lack mobility. The normal rhythms of life can offer good reasons for limited movement. Children can keep you close to home for decades, as can the care of aging loved ones. Let's not forget our own ailments and the inevitability of getting old.

We must never see ourselves as useless to the spread of the Gospel. We must be ever praying that God will open doors of opportunity beyond our present reach. But also, we must create opportunities in every circumstance we find ourselves.

"What's holding you back?"
(John Staiger)

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0204031989

Today: *6 o'clock Devotional at Morningside. Jonathan Reid is preaching.



Encourage one another with a card.

Isn't it nice to get a card "like in the good old days," that came, not by pigeon, but in your mailbox?

And even nicer when it's not a bill!

Please take a card from our Morningside church bulletin boards to send to your brethren or family and friends to encourage them during these uncertain and isolating days. There are also some Kiwi stamps to send your card.

Once you take those cards, they'll be replaced the next week.

God bless, Rani (avid card maker and scrapbooker).

Hi all

It has been SOOOOOO LOOOOONG since we could have a youth event and we are happy to announce that:



On **April the 2nd**
At the **building**
At **6pm**

We will meet for a Potluck and a movie.

Dinner/Supper at 6pmish

Movie at 7pmish

Please let us know by **Thursday the 31st of March** who will be coming, so that we can make sure that we don't go past 30 people. We will spread out to accommodate everyone.

Have a very blessed weekend.

Colette and Kevin

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH	
MARCH	
18	Mata Tavita
19	Canaan Martin
25	Lucia Hodgman
28	Mary Lehauli
30	Lynda Staiger



1. Please be vigilant in your prayers for those suffering in Ukraine.
2. Update (20/3/22). Lynda's mom (Donna Horne) was admitted to 2 hospitals for tests to find out the source of pain and nausea and other symptoms she has been having. She is home now and is doing better than before she entered hospital. Thank you for all the prayers! Please keep praying for her that her health problems will be solved so that her strength will return, and she can make the trip to America when the time comes.
Please continue to pray for Lynda's dad (Al Horne) regarding his health and for wisdom regarding circumstances they face. Thank you for all the prayers said on behalf of my parents.
3. Please continue praying for Laurie Bailey and her family.
4. Those who are suffering physically.
5. Those having spiritual struggles.
6. That we are all back—in person—together at worship again soon.



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...

Two Services at Morningside

9am Service—Please note, the 9am service all attendees must scan in using the NZ Covid Tracer App and must also have a "My Vaccine Pass" which will be verified by scanning it as everyone enters the building.

11am Service—Our "mixed gathering" (vaccinated and unvaccinated combined) service continues as per normal.