

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
 Johnathan Reid
 Bible Reading
 Vilimaka Lehaul
 Song Leader
 Trevor Timoti
 Lord's Supper
 Marlon Macatual
 Closing Prayer
 Vilimaka Lehaul
 Sermon
 John Staiger

Next Week

Opening Prayer
 Marlon Macatual
 Bible Reading
 Zhonny Tavita
 Song Leader
 Kevin Hogg
 Lord's Supper
 Johnathan Reid
 Closing Prayer
 Yushu Zabawski
 Sermon
 John Staiger

Communion Prep

Today
 Meryl Howell

Next week

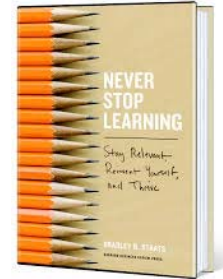
Rani Timoti

Evening Clean up

Today
 Staigers
 Next week
 Hoggs

The Gift of Learning

We've all made fun of it. We joke about "book" learning vs "real" or experience-based learning. But when all is said and done, without learning you are stupid, dumb, ignorant and there is no honour in that. Consider, for one example, math. There is no point in learning math! It's a waste of time! Until someone at a store tries and fails to give you back the correct change for a purchase. Until you can't pay your bills or balance your chequebook. No, there is no point in learning math... until you realize that math preceded, indeed may well have given birth to, written language. Without math, we would have no technology and no ability to even know what we possess. Yeah, but I don't like math and I don't like learning! Okay, so our goal is to live in total ignorance. There's not much going to happen in that person's life, is there? As God brought His people out of Egyptian slavery He began to teach them. For centuries they had learned more about Egyptian gods than about the Lord. Forty years of instruction later and Moses reemphasized the same lesson: **Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I am teaching you to perform, so that you may live and go in and take possession of the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you (Deuteronomy 4:1). Remember the day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when the Lord said to me, 'Assemble the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words so they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children' (Deuteronomy 4:10).** Look back at that second scripture. Did you notice that it was vital not only for God's people to learn, but for them to teach their children? Learning that is not used and passed on is wasted! At the end of 40 years, Moses could say, **See, I have taught you statutes and judgments just as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should do thus [the same] in the land where you are entering to possess it (Deuteronomy 4:5).** In Deuteronomy alone, Moses repeats this same lesson over a dozen times. The Lord thinks it is pretty important to learn the right things. Learning is how we come to know God. The New Testament emphasizes this same lesson as Paul commanded Timothy and generations of Christians to come: **You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. (2 Timothy 2:1-2)** Think about Paul's words a moment. If we are to be strong and faithful in the grace that is in Jesus then we MUST continue to learn and teach each generation. That sounds suspiciously like a repetition of the Great Commission, doesn't it? In the same letter to Timothy Paul goes on to warn about the useless false teachers that are fools **that are always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth (2 Timothy 3:7).** Opposing learning and opposing the truth are the same thing! Paul makes that point in the very next verse (2 Timothy 3:8) as he equates such people to the obvious Egyptian fools that opposed Moses. Jesus put it like this: **Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls (Matthew 11:29).** God gives us the gift of learning the truth that we might share the truth with others! Just as with all other gifts from God, we may misuse and abuse this gift. The choice is ours to make. Choose life. Choose the Lord.



(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/>

This Week



Next Week



- * **27 July** – Youth event (Special Dinner)
- * **22&23 Aug** – Leadership Retreat
- * **22&23 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. 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

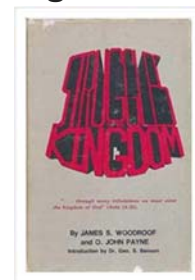
AUGUST

- 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

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 –

Check out the bulletin boards if you're interested in going to the Palmerston North Ladies Challenge this year.

Rani, a long-time participant, can organise your online registrations and provide information about this encouraging event.

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.

Put this on your calendar:

***31 October to 2 November** - Palmerston North Ladies Challenge

Ladies Coffee/Tea Group - Wednesdays

Attention ladies -

Ladies are invited to join a coffee/tea group that meets every Wednesday at 10.30 am in the café at the Kings Plant Barn - 118 Asquith Ave, St Lukes.

Contact Jean Vickery for any details.