

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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In the Light of the Cross Prayer - Learning how!

Serving Today

Opening Prayer

Alan Neill

Bible Reading

Paul Mansfield

Song Leader

Angelo Anacan

Lord's Supper

Gerald Lange

Closing Prayer

Louren Ryan

Sermon

John Staiger

Next Week

Opening Prayer

Gerald Lange

Bible Reading

Angelo Anacan

Song Leader

Geoff Hodgman

Lord's Supper

Paul Mansfield

Closing Prayer

Jim Kirkham

Sermon

John Staiger

Communion Prep

Today

Lucy Hill-Khan

Next week

Anita Polglase

Evening Clean up

Today

South Auckland

Next week

Mansfields

I was in a little church in Mississippi in 1999 and one of the teenage boys did the "Opening Prayer." I had met him earlier and had sat in Bible class with him and all the other men. The congregation preferred the King James Version, so everyone sat armed with their KJVs. The men took turns reading from the Bible, but when it came to this young man, he struggled. Not just with the art of reading, I'm talking about with the way that the KJV is put together, especially the archaic words. However, now standing behind the podium praying, the contrast was remarkable. Same church, same boy, same KJV English. His speech was now smooth, clear, and melodious. A prayer rich in sincerity and straight from the heart.

It was clear to any visitor, that this boy had learned how to pray in these respectful tones, yes, using Old English, by sitting in that church building from the day he was born.

Believe it, or not, we all learned to pray from someone, even Jesus' disciples.

When I preach about prayer, I like to remind the congregation about the old man who said he wakes up every morning and says, "Good morning, Lord" He said he would then pause, look around the room, and say knowingly, "Satan." He said he was not going to let the devil know that his presence was going to go unnoticed as he went about his prayers.

From our frail and prideful human standpoint God's glory shines amongst the brokenness. This not only reveals God's grace and beauty, it reminds us that buying into the devils counterfeit glory only adds to the pain and the vanity.

Our prayers reflect our spiritual mentors.

Do you want to pray prayers that bring you closer to God and make you more useful in His Kingdom? Go and make friends of Christians who are closer to God and more useful in His Kingdom. It is guaranteed that each of these brothers and sisters have a richer prayer life. They constantly add to each request, "Father, Your will be done!" and as a result, His will is done. Praise God!

You don't have to sound like them, but you will do well to do as they do.

"Lord, teach us to pray!"

John Staiger

Please
Pray
For:



Francois van Niekerk: Francois is recovering from Covid-19 and doing a lot better. He appreciates everyone's prayers and messages.

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

Sun 10 Jan: Combined Fellowship at 6pm at South Auckland.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL Dereck Beukes

One of the greatest weapons Satan employs is to attack you on many fronts. It fractures your focus and dilutes your resources as you are panicked. In the case of Peter all he needed to do is keep his focus on Christ, the one who called him.

This year may you set your hope firmly on the God of all hope! We don't fix our eyes on outcomes; we fix our eyes on Jesus. We don't expect a new year to fix an old year; we count on our heavenly Father to be faithful to His promises in this year as He was in the last. May you resolutely fix your eyes on Jesus, the One who started and will finish your beautiful story. Expect to be challenged, count on twists and turns, but never lose your confidence in God. You are tethered to Him, and He is fully committed to you. May a new level of faith rise up in this hour. May you love God's Word and may you thoroughly enjoy His presence because He thoroughly enjoys you. May your private walk with God be so rich, so real, and so powerful that whenever you encounter others, they suddenly hunger to know God for themselves. These days call for powerful prayers and fierce faith. In Christ Jesus, you are an overcomer.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NLT) ~ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honour beside God's throne.

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

- 10 Caleb Hogg
Mandy Martin
- 11 Donna Staiger
Marli Takai
- 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
- 31 Vivienne Hood

MORNINGSIDE FAMILY CAMP

12 - 14 March
2021

A soothing tongue is a tree of life, but perversion in it crushes the spirit.

Proverbs 15:4