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THE MASTER AT WORK.



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Norman & Barry

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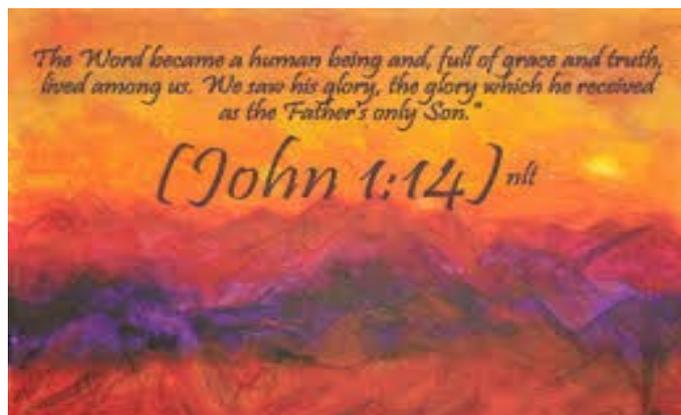
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Richard & Marguerite

Do you know who Jesus really is? I had no idea, living on lighthouses where Sunday schools didn't exist and parents who rarely opened a Bible. My mother at least taught me to pray to a gentle Jesus meek and mild. Now a City lad, I saw a large picture of a man on a cross in some classroom. I imagined it was Jesus, so I asked a lady, "when did this happen?" "Two thousand years ago" she said. I immediately responded in ignorance, "Why don't they forget about him then?" I think the poor lady was too shocked to reply. Years later I accepted a six-week Bible study. On lesson one, my teacher nearly fell off his chair when I asked, "Why six weeks of study? I just want to know what to do to become a Christian" he recovered and said, "read **Acts 2:38**". My simplistic approach was born from having no previous religion to un-learn or cloud my thinking. It was simply an open Bible about Jesus who died to save me making me ashamed of once saying why don't they **forget** Him, to become amazed why more people don't **remember** Jesus and follow Him. Most people only see what they want to see, a meek and mild Jesus while closing their ears to His lessons on righteousness justice and judgement. They never get a full 360-degree summery of the Saviour. I discovered that Jesus Christ changes what you think about everything else - how you view God, the world, yourself, every decision you make, how you prioritize values, know right from wrong, determine your unique place in the universe, and how you act. Jesus turned my world right side up because I wanted to walk as Jesus walked (**1 John 2:6**). The gospel of John gives us plenty of glimpses of the Master at work, for example **John 5:1-9** is a story about a man who had been disabled for 38 years, a classic case of neglect or self-pity. Plenty of time to dream up excuses and see the world as enemy number one. John said in **verse 3** "a great number of disabled people used to lie there". It must have been some sight, a scrap heap of broken people beside the Pool of Bethesda. But look who was there, Jesus of Nazareth right there where people were hurting and He was available even to a practising pity party parasite. Who wants to go to such a one and receive an ear full of his problems, especially with a history like his, and risk another draining dependent? - We usually don't, but Jesus does - that's who! Jesus didn't avoid the down and out but then he didn't encourage undue dependence on others either. He said, "Do you want to get well?" (**v 6**) implying, you have a good thing going here, enough food a day and plenty of attention, if I heal you, it's the employment office you know. Jesus healed him. Jesus' challenge is intended for us all, play with self-pity and you will dig your own pit, each shovel full further away from God. For believers the first step is to bury the old self in baptism.

Paul said in **Romans 6:6** "For we know that the old self was crucified with Jesus so the body of sin might be done away with." We cannot feel sorry for ourselves if there is no "self" to feel sorry for. Who else teaches and heals like Jesus and conquered death to offer believers eternal life? There is so much more to Jesus than we often hear from those who don't know Him. See for yourself the Master at work and follow Him, you will be a new person - just like Jesus.

John Shepherd



FAMILY NEWS

Everyone is welcome to stay for lunch following the discussion time. We are having soup & rolls followed by fruit and a special cake.

Contact Peter if you would like to join them for afternoon worship 4pm Sundays.

Judith is still waiting for a date for her surgery. Judith doesn't want to pick up any infections that could delay her surgery so is staying home to keep safe. She would love to hear from you.

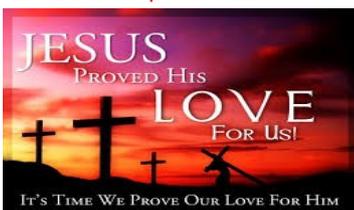
Moira is having a lot of difficulty in reading the News Letter now. Would anyone like to make a roster with Kathy to pop around once a week and read it to her.

The church has a new email:
napierchurchofchrist@gmail.com

A big thank you to Les and Narelle for all the work they have been doing to get our technical pieces (computer and overhead) up and running)

Vera Jeanne Carrizal passed away on the 10th June after a long and brave battle. May God comfort her family as they morn her passing.

Contribution: \$1185.20



Meeting times.

Prayers: All the time,
Morning Tea: Sunday, 10am
Worship: Sunday – 10.30am

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OUR MISSION
To guide people
into growing,
healthy
relationships with
God

Let Us Pray For:

- Those with health issues: Moira, Michael, Sally, Marie, John, Rosalie, Les, Norman, Judith Bing, Judy Bannister and Judy Martin.
- Personal growth and outreach opportunities.
- The men as they lead the body.
- Our Missionary workers in Fiji and Vanuatu.
- The Coronavirus (COVID 19) as it spreads around the world. We are at level 1 which really only effects our borders and we need to keep a diary of our contacts. We pray that our faith remains strong or becomes stronger through this period. Our hope is in Jesus, may it always continue to remain so.
- Those who are alone and are struggling, May we all reach out them through prayer as well as the phone and internet and visiting.
- Our government, that they do not use this time to pass new laws that will affect the Christian and moral believes of our country. (They have already passed the amendments to the abortion law very quietly).
- 2020 will bring the truth to all those searching and even those who are not aware.
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Moira Austin
Celebrates
88years
Today (14th)
Hope you have a
good day



Titus Blair
Celebrates
45 years
On Friday (19th)
Hope you enjoy
your day and have
a good break

