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God > my fears
God > my insecurities
God > my worry
God > my everything

ROSTERS:

TODAY:

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Richard

Lord's Supper:

Barry

Song Leader:

Raymond

Lesson &

Discussion Group:

Les

Greeter:

Kathy

Morning Tea:

Richard & Kathy

Counting

Contribution:

Richard & Marguerite

NEXT WEEK

28 June 2020

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Announcements:

Barry

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THE POWER OF PRAISE IN PRAYER.

We all like to be praised, the problems come when we look for it. The difference with God He *seeks* our praise" We do not always respond with prayerful praise to Him. When trials suddenly appear, we don't always think of praise until we realize no one else can do what God does. You can praise God too little, but you can never praise Him too much. David prays, "Praise the Lord. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forever more. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets. "Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous Laws" Psalm 119:164. David, certainly gives us a good lesson on the One who deserves all the praise. When we are overwhelmed by circumstances, the last thing you feel like doing is praising God. But it is the **first** thing we should do because praise gets the attention off ourselves and on to God's amazing power. Look carefully at 2 Chronicles 20, Jehoshaphat faced such a vast army at first, he admitted honestly to God, "I don't know what to do" (v 12) - "**but our eyes are upon you**". Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel a Levite who spoke to all God's assembled people, "This is what the Lord says to you: do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. **For the battle is not ours, but God's.** Go out and face them tomorrow and the Lord will be with you". Verse 19 tells of some Levites who stood up and praised the Lord with a very loud voice, and Jehoshaphat did the same (20-21), he watched his enemies destroy each other. When Paul and Silas praised God in prison, their chains broke and the doors of the prison flew open. Most of us focus on our problem, and forget to praise God, but faithful prayer and praise solves problems. When our fears – and our human efforts to find security – are bought into the open, what once terrified us can seem so silly when we renew a deep trust in God. Peter writes, "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed" (1 Peter 1:6-7). This simply means that God will reward every instance of your faith that stood the test. He will praise those who are joyful though surrounded by trouble. He will award honor and glory to tried and suffering believers who are able to accept their tribulations as a vote of confidence in Him. Such tests must come to all the true children of God, they winnow the chaff from the wheat. The Christian's joy is not dependent on earthly circumstances but on the risen exalted Christ at God's right hand. Start to acknowledge the power of praise in prayer and choose to exalt God regardless how you feel. Praise brings you into God's presence and positions you for His favor and blessing as Jehoshaphat, Paul and Silas found out. That same awesome power is available if our focus is on praising God in prayer not on circumstances like thinking no one will listen to our message, they certainly listened when they heard the crowd praising God in Acts 2:47 - the Lord added to their number, are you now convinced by the power of praise during prayer?

John Shepherd

FAMILY NEWS

Men's breakfast at the building on the 4th of July here at the building at 8am.

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

Judith is having her operation on Friday (26th) and will be in hospital over night. Judith would like to thank everyone for their prayers.

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 word of thanks to the church for their support in purchasing a wheelchair for my paralysed uncle. It was bought in Papua New Guinea and will be delivered to him soon.

May we continue to serve and show God's love to the world.

In Christian love
Sinai

Contribution: \$444.00



Mark Willis will be bringing us the Lesson on the 5th July and Warwick Badham will be bringing us the lesson on the 19th July

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Peter Belcher

Celebrates

51 years on

Thursday (25th)

Have a great day

