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ROSTERS:

TODAY:

Prayer/

Announcements:

Richard

Lord's Supper:

Titus

Song Leader:

Raymond

Lesson &

Discussion Group:

Warwick

Greeter:

Eric

Morning Tea:

Richard & Kathy

Counting

Contribution:

Barry & Norman

NEXT WEEK

26 July 2020

Prayer/

Announcements:

Richard

Lord's Supper:

Barry

Song Leader:

Titus

Lesson &

Discussion Group:

Chris Miller

Greeter:

Richard

Morning Tea:

Titus & Natalie

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Contribution:

Richard & Barry

"DO ALL RELIGIONS LEAD TO GOD?"

No doubt you have heard others use the above statement. Maybe you have used it yourself. Such a statement is made without much thought or serious examination of what God requires of obedient believers. Most religions contain some truth and plenty of error if God's Word is not respected, but religion itself does not lead to God. The Bible says, Jesus is the only way to God, (**John 14:6**) yet many religions don't even acknowledge Jesus or even a consistent view of God. One Eastern religion is not personal and is not creative, and offers no forgiveness. The goal of all existence is *nirvana*, which means total extinction, no hope at all. Another Eastern religion has plural gods and impersonal. The supreme god of Islam is called Allah, bypassing Jesus as merely a good man. These examples and many other religions teach man can be pleasing to God through human effort alone, they reason, all my good deeds will add up to my elevation in God's sight and I can choose from a smorgasbord of religions to suit my own taste, as long as I don't have to commit myself too radically. Many good people will be misled down the broad path to destruction rather than the narrow path that leads to life yet only a few will find it (**Matt 7:13-14**). The Bible teaches obedience through baptism and we are saved by grace through faith, (**Eph 2:8-9**). Modern day cults have an exalted person; a sinner, just like the rest of us as head of their group. The Bible teaches Jesus is head of the Church, (**Col 1:18**). How can all religions lead to God while they worship different gods in different settings not authorised in Scripture? It may surprise you that Jesus never intended to found a new religion, instead His goal was to break down the very idea of religion as a way to God. The Bible alone holds the key, Jesus himself! "*Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved*" (**Acts 4:12**). "*God has spoken to us by His Son*". (**Heb 1:2**). The trouble is that today's tolerance in society has reached the point where it is no longer a virtue but a vice, locking people into inconsistency and no certainty of what is real truth. It is a cruel casualness towards truth to suggest all religion leads to God. God's Word is the truth. (**John 17:17**) Jude writes to fellow believers, "*To contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints*" (**Jude 1:3**). Christians are entrusted to speak and act like Jesus. God has revealed Himself through Jesus as our creator and Saviour offering forgiveness of sins and the free gift of eternal life to those who believe in the resurrection of Christ. One day Jesus will judge the world separating the sheep from the goats. Religion in many forms are ultimately man-made and unauthorised additions to the Word of God. Jesus said, "*I am the way the truth and the life no-one comes to the Father except through me*". (**John 14:6**).

John Shepherd.

FAMILY NEWS

Welcome to our worship this morning especially Wawrick who is bringing us the lesson and leading the discussion group

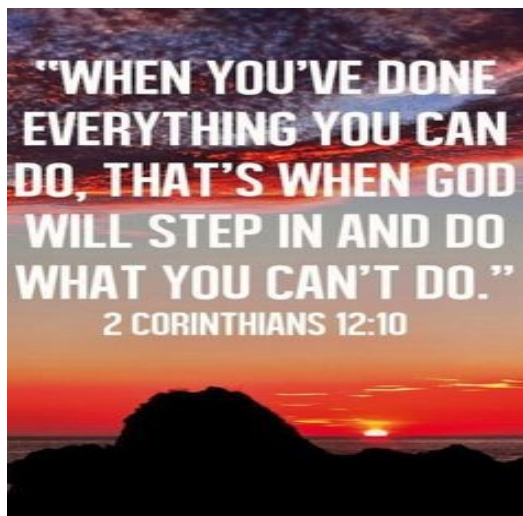
Please keep John and Anne in your prayers.

Sinai has a new phone number
021 0262 0490

Moira is in Princess Alexandra, If anyone is visiting her could they please take a newsletter and read it to her.

Julie Gardner asked for prayers for Izaak (9yrs) and his parents. Izaak has an enlarged kidney and will have to have it removed.

Chris Miller will be bringing us the lesson on the 26th. And David Steel will be bringing us the lesson and discussion group on the 16th August.



Meeting times.

Prayers: All the time,
Morning Tea: Sunday, 10am
Worship: Sunday – 10.30am
-- 4pm

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

Let Us Pray For:

- Those with health issues: Izaak, Moira, Michael, Sally, Marie, John, Rosalie, Les, 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. There are many different treatments available out there that have been successful, may they become universal and bring an end to this pandemic.
- Those who are alone and are struggling, May we all reach out to them through prayer as well as the phone and internet and visiting.
- The elections are coming up in September, may the people of New Zealand make the right choice when they are casting their vote.
- 2020 will bring the truth to all those searching and even those who are not aware. On Tuesday Angus brought a friend with him for tea. Peter also dined with us and when he left he gave them all an invitation to Worship. After he left , Rereao asked a lot of question about the church, may his search for God be fruitful



Anne Shepherd
celebrates
78 years
on Wednesday (22nd)
Have a great day



If you are at a loss for something to do this afternoon the Napier Technical Memorial Band are putting on a post Mothers Day concert at the Salvation Army Ci-tidal Tait Drive starting at 2pm. \$10 per adult. Angus is in the band.

