

CHURCH OF CHRIST NAPIER NEWS

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Before we ask
God for anything,
we must first
thank him for
everything.



ROSTERS:

TODAY:

Prayer/

Announcements:

Barry

Lord's Supper:

Richard

Song Leader:

Les

Lesson &

Discussion Group:

Peter

Greeter:

Richard

Morning Tea:

Les & Narelle

Counting

Contribution:

Barry & Norman

NEXT WEEK

5 July 2020

Prayer/

Announcements:

Titus

Lord's Supper:

Peter

Song Leader:

Les

Lesson &

Discussion Group:

Mark Willis

Greeter:

Paige

Morning Tea:

Peter & Marguerite

Counting

Contribution:

Kathy & Natalie

HOW WILL THE WORLD END?

You can be sure there is a lot of concern out there for what will eventually happen to our planet. They see the signs: ice melting at an alarming rate in both hemispheres causing sea levels to rise slowly swallowing valuable low-lying land. As the world's population expands rapidly so does the demand for fertile land to grow the crops to feed the millions at the cost of valuable forest land to supply the world's oxygen, essential for part of the air we breathe and water we drink. Oceans are polluted, roads choked with traffic. People are being displaced by the millions because of wars leading to the world's increasing poverty. So where will all this end, will it come to World War Three? Will it come to an Armageddon in the Middle East? Nearly everyone agrees the world is coming to an end somehow, they see the planet is wearing out but so many don't take their concerns to heart, they would rather eat drink and be merry and ignore God trying to warn us through natural disasters etc. I have been there, looking for life's answers and finding Life is meaningless without God and hopeless without the resurrection of Christ. Chris Edwardson a medical doctor wrote: "One day a judge came into his clinic a second time without an appointment so the doctor asked him what he came for. The judge replied, "I just thought maybe you could give me a reason to live". He broke down and cried. The doctor asked what prompted him to say that. The reply startled him. "During my last visit I saw something in your eyes that told me you had something I wanted. Something told me you knew the answer to life". He continued, "As a judge I look into men's faces all day long, judging the truth, I could see that you believed with all your heart that what you were telling me was true. It was enough to convince me I needed the gospel". There it is folks; people drown their sorrows and spiritually starve themselves to death by refusing to pick up a Bible and read for themselves. They would read about God's eternal plan and purpose for this world and He has not left this world to run down and perish. Heaven the realm where God dwells, will expand to encompass the entire universe of creation and will be fashioned anew in a manner fit for the glory of heaven. The apostle Peter wrote, "But in keeping with His (God's) promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness". The same promise was given to Abraham by God in the Old Testament for a Promised Land. By faith Abraham was looking for more than a mere land promise, he was looking for a city that had foundations whose designer and builder was God. Abraham had his eyes set on the eternal promised land, not merely on earthly real estate therefore a new heaven and a new earth was no afterthought by God, it has always been God's plan to redeem people from sin through Christ and create a new world. To the believer these are exciting times in which we live as we eagerly await the return of Jesus Christ and to a glorious new eternal world with God. God has not abandoned His promise to create a new world and put right the wrongs of this world. Will you give God the credit for keeping his promise and believe?

John Shepherd

FAMILY NEWS

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

Judith has had a temporary stent put in and the Doctors will reaccess everything in a month.

Maira is in hospital after having a fall and breaking a bone last week. If anyone is visiting her could they please take a newsletter and read it to her.

Singing at Summerset on the 15th July at 1.30pm

Contribution: \$224.00

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 as well as Chris Miller on the 26th.

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: 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. We have COVID19 back in our country because of failures at the boarder, we pray that the outbreak does not become unmanageable
- Those who are alone and are struggling, May we all reach out 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.
- All those who have been affected by the adverse weather conditions.



*Lord,
please put a
shield around
my family today.
Please wrap
them with love
and protection.
Amen*



Jesus Whispers...

Let go of all the burdens you are carrying. Give it all to me. Allow me to lighten your load. I am here for you. I am as close to you as you are to yourself. I am in your heart and know that you are longing for comfort. Be not weary. Be not sad. I want you to know that no matter what you are going through, I have come so that you may find rest.

Hope
Jesus