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TODAY:

Prayer/

Announcements:

Raymond

Lord's Supper:

Barry

Song Leader:

Les

Lesson &

Discussion Group:

Richard

Greeter:

Kathy

Morning Tea:

Barry & Judith

Counting

Contribution:

Richard

NEXT WEEK

6 September 2020

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Announcements:

Simon

Lord's Supper:

Richard

Song Leader:

Raymond

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Discussion Group:

Peter

Greeter:

Eric

Morning Tea:

Richard & Norman

Counting

Contribution:

Narelle

THE MASTER AT WORK.

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

Welcome to our worship this morning.

Men's Breakfast next Saturday(5th), 8am here at the building.

Singing at Summerset on the 9th (Wednesday) at 1.30pm

Marie Steel is not doing very well. She has a chest infection and is not eating very well. as we are unable to visit her because she is in lockdown please keep her in your prayers and if you are able to ring or send her notes of encouragement it would be well received. Judith is sending her some flowers on our behalf.

Sally has had her surgery and is doing very well, will hopefully be out of hospital early this week.

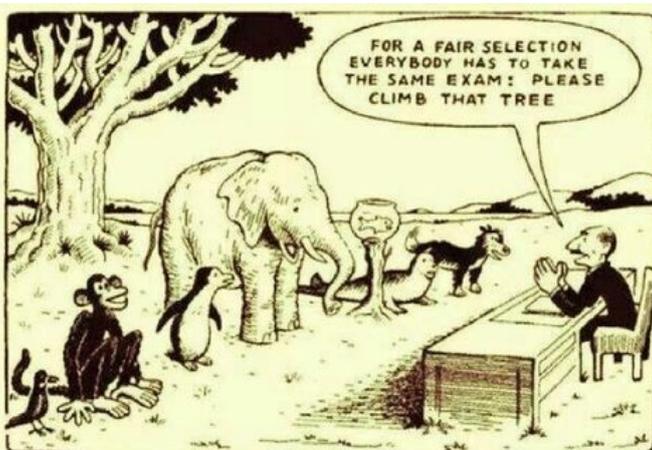
If all goes well Judith will be having her surgery on the 28th of September. The Bing's will be away next week.

Anyone interested in having a games and Quiz afternoon on the 12th of September, please let Richard and Kathy know.

Let Us Pray For:

- Those with health issues: Izaak, Moira, Michael, Sally, Marie, Rosalie, Les, , Judith Bing and Judy Bannister .
- 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. NZ has community spread cases once more. May we be as successful as last time at getting it under control.
- 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 October, 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.
- Anne as she mourns for John.
- All the men traveling home from the Men's Challenge

When God pushes you to the edge, trust him fully, because only two things can happen. Either he will catch you when you fall or he will teach you how to fly.



Our Education System

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

- Albert Einstein

Meeting times.

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

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