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Worry is
worshipping
your problem.
Prayer is
surrendering
your problem.

ROSTERS:

TODAY:

Prayer/

Announcements:

Barry

Lord's Supper:

Richard

Song Leader:

Raymond

Lesson &

Discussion Group:

Peter

Greeter:

Paige

Morning Tea:

Peter & Marguerite

Counting

Contribution:

Richard

NEXT WEEK

16 August 2020

Prayer/

Announcements:

Richard

Lord's Supper:

Barry

Song Leader:

Titus

Lesson &

Discussion Group:

David Steel

Greeter:

Richard

Morning Tea:

Richard & Kathy

Counting

Contribution:

Kathy

DO NOT FAIL TO LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE.

At the risk of boring you who have heard lighthouse stories so often from me. I guess we have to be careful not to get on our hobby horse too often because people can turn off the lesson. So, to you who may not have heard this before this is your first instalment!! My father was a lighthouse principal keeper from when I was four years old until I was thirteen and there was only one occasion I can remember when Dad failed for some reason to light the lighthouse mantle until after dark leaving a busy shipping lane in danger of losing their way on the rocky coastline. Fortunately, there were no ships about at the time. On another occasion when I was eight years old at Cape Brett, I was given a flashlight for my birthday so I could take Dad's supper up the steep zig zag track to the tower. I was about half way up the track one evening when I noticed the lights from a ship passing by out at sea. A little boy's curiosity overcame him to see if his flashlight would reach the ship with a number of attempts, and to his amazement signals were coming back from the ship consequently this little boy had ten minutes of fun especially when the ship turned around. An angry Dad spotted what I was doing from the tower. Dad told me he was going to radio the Marine Department later and tell them what I had done because Dad was getting repeat messages from the ship, "Are you in trouble"? If I had known Morse code, I would have known before I reached Dad, I was the one in trouble. The moral of the story is this: be careful how you apply the light you have because Jesus said in **Matthew 5:14-16**, "*You are the light of the world, a city (or lighthouse) on a hill cannot be hidden*" (unless you forget to light it). Jesus continues, "*Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on a stand and it gives light to everyone in the house*". *In the same way let your light shine before men that you may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven*". Light can be used wrongly by missing opportunities to shine it, and to use it for the wrong motives (**Phil 1:15**). You are the light of the world just as salt makes a difference to people's food, so light makes a difference to those around you. Jesus would later explain, "*I am the light of the world if you follow me you won't be stumbling through darkness, but will have the light of life*" (**John 8:12**). Paul said in **Philippians 2:5** "*Your attitude should be the same as Christ*" followed by **vs 14-16**, the importance of unity among Christians, "Do everything without complaining or arguing so that you may become blameless and pure children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life". What a privilege for believers to be referred to by Jesus as the light of the world when He also spoke of Himself as the light of the world. The difference between the two is that Jesus is the source of light, Christians are the reflection of His light. The emphases rests on the ministry of Christian character showing the world a counter culture. The evidence of Christlikeness speaks louder than words.

John Shepherd.

FAMILY NEWS

Welcome to our worship this morning

Please keep John and Anne in your prayers. John has spent time last week in hospital. He now needs to use a wheelchair and is sleeping a lot.

Moira is now home again. Glenis is staying with her for the next couple of weeks

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

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

Singing at Summerset on the 12th of August at 1.30pm

We are doing evangelism in Napier on Monday from 12 - 3 pm . We will meet at the building (You can e-mail Titus for details) Titus also wants to start getting as many Jesus followers together as often as possible so has emailed people requesting ideas about fellowship and ideas for serving others..

If anyone is visiting John and Anne after Worship could they please take them the Lord's Supper.

The Church Building will be used for E-Bike group on Monday 24th August from 9.30-11am and about every 6 weeks after that. We have been asked to leave the chairs out the day before, They will pack them up before they leave after the meeting.

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



Meeting times.

Prayers: All the time,

Morning Tea: Sunday, 10am

Worship: Sunday – 10.30am
– 4pm

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into growing,
healthy
relationships
with God

Marguerite Belcher

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38years

tomorrow (10th)

Have a great day

