

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE – THANK YOU!

	Today	Next Week
Worship Leader	Marty	Robert W
Music Leader	Nancy	Jude
Bible Reader	Andrew	Ian
Ushers	Soo Land & Francis	Jono Yu & Thomas
Techno	Tanlen	Michael
Cup of Tea	Melinda & Diane	Janet & Cherry
Dishes	Daniel & Nancy	Reyah & Ben

HOME GROUPS

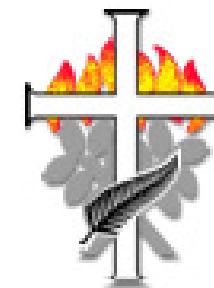
	Leader	Meeting time	Location	Next meeting
REMUERA CANTONESE GROUP	Albert Ko	Saturdays fortnightly @ 4pm	@ Alex Wong Toi's contact Albert Ko ph 021 753 912	Camp/ 27 Mar
EAST AUCKLAND GROUP	Marty Bing	Sunday fortnightly @ 7.30pm	@ Marty & Wing Wai Bing's	Camp/ 28 Mar
THREE KINGS GROUP	Serene Thain & Glenda Choy	Thursday fortnightly @ 8.00pm	@ Soo Land & Jean Wong's Ph 021 141 1054	4 Mar
ISAAC GROUP	Angie Chu	Friday weekly @ 7:00pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street, City	5 Mar
LADIES' HOME GROUP	Glenda Choy	Wednesday fortnightly @ 10.30am	@ Glenda Choy's ph 021 148 7956	10 Mar
MEADOWBANK GROUP	Tony Wai	Wednesday (3 weekly) @ 7.00pm	@ Tony & Michelle Wai's	3 Mar
NEWMARKET GROUP	Robert O'Callahan	Wednesday fortnightly @ 6:30pm	@ Robert O'Callahan's office Level 2, 8 Kent Street, Newmarket ph 523 0274/021 783 289	3 Mar
REMUERA GROUP	Ken Cheung	2 nd and 4 th Saturday @ 10.00am	@ Quin Gee's, ph Ken 027 481 5096	Camp/ 27 Mar
TERTIARY GROUP	Jono Yu	Thursday weekly @ 7.30pm	@ Jono Yu's	4 Mar

AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City

English Ministry Service

28th February 2010



Preacher: Rev Stuart Vogel

Bible Reading: Galatians 3: 1-14

Topic: Wise Christians and foolish thought

Welcome to our service. Please join us for morning tea.

NOTICES FOR THIS WEEK



Reminder for the Combined Church Retreat: Thanks to those who have already returned their form (don't forget to pay ☺) to attend the church retreat for **Friday evening, 12th March to Sunday afternoon, 14th March** at the **Peter Snell Youth Village, 1212 Whangaparaoa Road, Stanmore Bay...**

If you haven't... please hand your registrations in **today** to Soo Land Wong. That would be really helpful as we have quite a bit of preparation: e.g. name tags, allocation of accommodation, instructions to the chef. Also please make your payments of retreat fees soon if you can. Thanks. Also, please let us know **today** if you wish to take the 'church bus' (on site parking is limited to 20 spaces, with parking bays in close proximity)...

The Committee (and Church Council) have made a real effort to keep costs affordable. \$55 (for adults), \$30 (for students and over 65s) and free (for under 5s)... where else would you get two nights' accommodation and five meals for that price? Not to mention rock climbing, abseiling, adventure playground, a water slide and more...

Dinner on Friday evening - Since Friday's evening meal will not be provided, you may like to have your dinner before you come out to the retreat or you may like to pick something up on your way to the retreat. For those who are at the retreat early, we are planning to take orders and send a representative to the Whangaparaoa Shopping Centre to pick up some takeaway food at about 6.30pm.

Sunday Service 14th March 2010 - The combined Sunday service will be at 10.30am at the Family Retreat followed by lunch. There will NOT be a service at church. Please tell us if you are joining us for Sunday.

DO I APPLAUD WHAT IS RIGHT?

The summer before my eighth-grade year I made friends with a guy named Larry. He was new to town, so I encouraged him to go out for our school football team. He could meet some guys, and being a stocky fellow, he might even make the squad. He agreed.

The result was a good news-bad news scenario. The good news? He made the cut. The bad news. He won my position. I was demoted to second string. I tried to be happy for him, but it was tough.

A few weeks into the season Larry fell off a motorcycle and broke a finger. I remember the day he stood at my front door holding up his bandaged hand. "Looks like you're going to have to play."

I tried to feel sorry for him, but it was hard. The passage was a lot easier for Paul to write than it was for me to practice. "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep" (Rom. 12:15 NASB).

You want to plumb the depths of your love for someone? How do you feel when that person succeeds? Do you rejoice? Or are you jealous? And when he or she stumbles? Falls to misfortune? Are you really sorry? Or are you secretly pleased?

Love never celebrates misfortune. Never. I like the way Eugene Peterson translates the passage: "Love. . . doesn't revel when others grovel, [but] takes pleasure in the flowering of truth" (MSG). J.B. Phillips is equally descriptive: "Love . . . does not gloat over the wickedness of other people. On the contrary, it shares the joy of those who live by the truth."

You know your love is real when you weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice. You know your love is real when you feel for others what your heavenly Father feels for you. Remember, love "rejoices whenever the truth wins out" (1 Cor. 13:6 NLT).

Excerpted from *A Love Worth Giving*
Max Lucado, W Publishing, 2002

PRAYER REQUESTS

*The value of consistent prayer is not that He will hear us,
but that we will hear Him. ~William McGill*

- Healing: we pray for peace of mind, and a renewing of strength for those in our congregation who are recovering from illness or injury... we especially pray for Ellen, Daisy and Harry
- Church Retreat: we thank you for the many hands that have organised the retreat and pray that as many people as possible can attend

SERMON NOTES

LOOK CLOSELY AND THE MORE YOU WILL SEE...

