

## What's happening in July & August @ ACPC?

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Sunday Service & Communion  3-5pm Table Tennis
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk  8:00pm Greenlane Group		10.00am Remuera Home Group	10.00am Prayer then 10.30am Sunday Service  3-5pm Table Tennis  6-9pm Pot Luck Dinner
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			<b>1.00pm</b> All Church Baptism Service <i>EM afternoon tea afterwards</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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## AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City  
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### praying for others

- **Rev Tang & Pastor Cox** – for God's guidance, wisdom, love, and strength in leading our ministries. We pray for blessings on them and their families.
- **ACPC's needs** – we pray:
  - May God put His mission and His will in the prayer of each church member;
  - For our leaders' wisdom and patience when seeking God's will and guidance;
  - For unity among the entire congregation for our building;
  - For the parents in ACPC, that they may nurture and inspire their children to live godly lives;
  - For those seeking baptism next month, that You continue to direct and encourage them as they walk with You; and
  - For those who are injured or unwell, may You give comfort, rest, healing and energy.



**“Let's talk about \*\*\*:  
God's plan for marriage and  
intimacy”**

**1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

**Pastor Andrew Cox**

*A very warm welcome to everyone,  
especially visitors,  
to the service today!  
Please join us for morning tea  
afterwards.*

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## Serving @ acpc

Service Leader  
Music Leader  
Bible Reader  
Ushers  
Techno  
Cup of Tea & Dishes

## This week

Robert Wong  
Ant Yan  
Tony Wong  
Michelle & Jacqueline Tsang  
Harvey He, Mandy Lowe  
Ricky Yap, Ken Meng Chan,  
Sheryl Feng

## Next week

Jono Yu  
Darren Koo  
Stephen Tsang  
Brendon & Lidia Fraser  
Rob Fong, Blake O'Callahan  
Weng Wai Bing,  
Michelle Wai, Glenda Choy

## Questions

1. What unhealthy views about sex do we see in society? What about the church?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. What are the two statements in quotations (the Corinthians are saying these things) and what is his response?
3. These Christians were impacted by Greek thinking which made a distinction between flesh (evil / crude) and spirit (holy / good). So Paul talks a lot about the body in this passage. What do you learn about the body in 13-20?
4. Apparently, the church was tolerating, even celebrating, a very inappropriate relationship (5:1). What does Paul tell the church to do (5:9-13)? Why (5:6-8)?
5. What is an action point from today's reading?



## Reaching out each week @ acpc

### Tea and Talk - games, tea and English conversation:

Thursdays 10.30am-12pm

### Table tennis:

Sundays 3 - 5pm weekly

## A Word from Andrew

One of the things I love about the gospel is that it is for sinners! It is for those who do not and cannot earn their salvation. This is the concept of grace and we must always make it the centre of our message and church life.

Dallas Willard, in his classic work, "The Divine Conspiracy" describes the people that God loves and accepts: *"The flunk-outs and drop-outs and burned-outs. The broke and the broken. The drug heads and the divorced. The HIV-positive and herpes-ridden. The brain-damaged, the incurably ill. The barren and the pregnant too many times or at the wrong time. The over-employed, the underemployed, the unemployed. The unemployable ...."*

As we tackle the sensitive topic of sexual intimacy, there is no room for superiority. We are all prone to sin and need to keep receiving - and offering - God's grace.



## Baptism Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 1pm

**Please note the earlier time of 1pm** for our all-church Baptism Service at St Matthew's in the City, 187 Federal St, where a number of our congregation from both the EM and CM will be baptised. This will be followed by a shared afternoon tea - *no services will be held that morning.*

*"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."*

Ephesians 4:4-6

## Staying Power

*[Looking away from all that will distract us and] focusing our eyes on Jesus, who is the Author and Perfector of faith [the first incentive for our belief and the One who brings our faith to maturity] ....*

Hebrews 12:2

People who finish well in life are the ones with strong character. As believers, we can be grateful that the Holy Spirit is developing the character in us that we need to do what God calls us to do—we have "staying power."

Jesus did not quit when His circumstances were rough, and He is our example. The Bible says we are to look away from all that distracts and look to Jesus instead.

I think most of us want to do and be everything God intends for us, and to enjoy it along the way. Great joy comes with finishing the race God has called you to run.

Enjoy the journey and keep your eyes on the prize. One of the greatest testimonies you can have is *I'm still here*. When you speak those words, you are saying, "I did not quit. I did not give up. I am still here."



**Prayer Starter:** Father, I thank You that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, I have staying power. I make the decision today to keep going—to never give up. Help me to run my race with perseverance and discover the joy of finishing each task well. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Joyce Meyer

