



The topics you can pray for are anything and everything. So keep your spontaneous prayers ready, and launch them to your Father as often as you need or like; He is always Listening.

(Living the Battle plan)

The church is running one service at 10am.		
Duty Roster		28 June 2020
Worship:	10am	Dan Heke
Sound:	10am	Anthony King
Data Projector:	10am	Shannon Heke
Door Greeters:	10am	Pat Sharman and Barbara Kidd

AGM REPORTS: Church and Trust

It is the time of the year for all **Ministry Team Leaders** and **Group Leaders** to prepare their Annual Reports. We would like the following included:

1. Summary of what is happening.
2. Outcomes (Results)
3. Plans for the coming year.

Please email reports to ranuibaptist@xtra.co.nz by the end of July. Thank you.

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This Week's Service

10am

Pastor Tai Preaching

Next Week's Service

10am

Matt Hakiaha Preaching

Message from Pastor Tai

From John 8:1-11

In verses 1-6, The Jewish leaders wanted a reason still to arrest Jesus. So they asked him a very difficult question. They brought a woman to him. This woman had had sex with a man who was not her husband. They had witnesses that she was guilty. She had not obeyed the 7th rule of God's 10 special rules (Exodus 20:14). In Moses' Law, the punishment was death (Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 22:22).

If Jesus told them to kill her, they could report him to the Roman rulers. They would do this because the Romans did not allow the Jews to execute people. Only the Romans could execute people. So Jesus would be in trouble with the government and they could arrest him. But if Jesus told them not to kill her, he was not obeying Moses' Law. So the Jewish leaders thought that it was not possible for Jesus to give a satisfactory answer. Whatever he said, he would be in trouble!

But Jesus did not answer immediately. Instead, he bent down and he used his finger to write on the ground. It was common for teachers to write or to draw in the dust. They often did this to explain something. But John did not record what Jesus was writing. Perhaps Jesus wanted to force the Jewish leaders to repeat their question. Then perhaps they would realise that they were cruel to use the woman's situation in this way.

Verse 7 When Jesus answered them, they could not say anything bad about his reply. He told them to obey Moses' Law and to punish the woman. So he was not saying that Moses' Law was wrong. When a person sins, they deserve a punishment. But Jesus was also pointing out that everybody is guilty. Everybody has sinned and therefore everybody deserves punishment.

The Pharisees thought that they were less sinful than ordinary people. They were proud because they studied the Law much. They followed all the rules. But the word that Jesus used for 'sin' in verse 7 could refer also to bad thoughts and desires. So none of them could say that they had never sinned. And their proud attitude was a sin, too.

After he had answered them, Jesus wrote in the dust again. And again, John did not record what Jesus wrote. But some experts think that it was a list of the Pharisees' own sins, or perhaps God's 10 special rules (Exodus 20:3-17).

Anyway, Jesus' answer had the effect that he wanted. Slowly, the leaders who had accused the woman went away. After they had gone, Jesus spoke to the woman. Of course, Jesus himself had never sinned. So, actually, only he had the right to condemn her. Instead, he forgave her. That is God's attitude to us when we sin. If we sincerely confess our sins to God, he forgives us immediately. He does this although we do not deserve it.

But before he let her go, Jesus warned the woman. He told her not to continue to sin. Jesus was not saying that her sin did not matter. Sin always matters, because God hates it. God will always forgive us for our sins if we are sincerely sorry. But we must not continue to sin in the same way. God will help us to defeat sin in our lives. We must ask him to do this.

Blessings and remain safe - Ps Tai

Happening

NEW from John Blight

I believe God has laid this on my heart. To establish a prayer group where we can pray for the land, the people and the nation of Israel. Please contact John Blight if this gels with you and we will discuss where we take it from here. My phone number is 021 02632031

Women's Monday Bible Study Group 10am - 12pm with Glenda Winn. In the Prayer Room.

E.G (Young Adults H/G): Next group 29th June. Every 2nd Monday, 7pm-9pm Old Hall. Contact Matthew Ball.

Monday Night Prayer 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says to "pray without ceasing." Also, great men of God knew the power of fervent prayer. A quote by Alfred Tennyson says, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams." Come let us pray. Start time is 7.30 pm. All welcome, see you there.

Second Chance Op Shop: Hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 10am - 2pm. Contact Myra Dormer or Ph. Church Office 8337815 **Note:** Please make any donations of quality clothing and goods to the Op-Shop during their open hours.

Transformation Youth Group: Wednesdays 4.45pm-7pm. Contact Gabe 021 037 9223

Wednesday Intercessors: 10-11.30am in the Prayer Room. Contact Christine Bartle

Sonshine Club has started. All those interested in being involved please let me know, your help would be appreciated. Thanks Christine Bartle.

Men's Group is meeting in the church on Thursdays at 7pm.

Friendship Group @ Ranui: Fridays from 10am till 12pm. Morning Tea provided. Contact Church office 8337815 for more information

Greg and Libby are running a home group on Fridays at 6.30pm. Contact greg.libby@xtra.co.nz Libby 0226856690 or Greg 0220917364

Church Prayer

Let's Pray. Volunteers are needed to take up the mantle for the 8am - 9am weekday morning prayer vigil. Choose a day and come and pray. Invite others to join you. Remember, our Lord will always be with you.

Also, the half-hour of prayer on Sunday morning before Church, from 9-15 am-9-45am in the prayer room will start again this Sunday. Blessings Christine