

Happening

GROUPS UNDER TRAFFIC LIGHT ORANGE: *(Please note - you may only attend groups if you are well.)*

Toy Lending Library: Open during the term fortnightly. Monday 11am-1pm. Contact Janet Kidd.

Second Chance Op Shop: **NOTE: They are taking donations of good quality second hand Winter clothing, linen & household items only.** Open Tuesday's 10am—2pm. Contact Elesha Thomas for more information.

Transformation Youth Group: Wednesday 4.45pm-7pm. **On hold.**

Mainly Music: Thursday 10am. Contact Sherilyn 021 298 2762.

Son-Shine Club: Thursdays 3.15pm till 5pm. Contact Tino Segi 027 239 0448.

Friendship Group @ Ranui: Friday from 10am till 12pm. Morning Tea provided. Contact Myra Dormer or Ph. Church office 833 7815.

Missions Prayer Meeting: 1st Sunday of the Month after Morning Service. Contact Ronnie Nicolson.

Women's Bible Study Group: Mondays 10 am - 12 pm at Glenda's home in Massey. Contact Glenda Winn 022 647 0021

Young Adults Group: Every 2nd Tuesday, 7-9pm in the Café. Contact Matt Osborne.

Monday Night Zoom Prayer with Rosanne: Monday 7.15-8pm. Link in Newsletter.

Intercessors: Wednesday 9:30-10.45am in the Prayer Room, followed by tea & cake. Contact Rosanne Martin.

Men's Home group: Thurs 7.00-9.00pm in the Café. John Blight or Tai Taua.

Women's Fellowship, Worship, Prayer, and Bible Study: "The Thursday Nighters" on Thursday evenings 7 pm - 9 pm in Ranui.

There's a Facebook Messenger group associated with the Thursday Nighters that helps us keep in touch. This group warmly welcomes all women in our church and their friends.

Contact Ronnie Nicolson 021 027 07540

Moneymates: Tuesday or Wednesday 10am—12pm. Contact Glenn Harris on 021 0902 7110 or gharris@careranui.org.nz .

Duty Roster	28th August	4th September
Door Greeters	Pat Sharman & Myra Dormer	Henry & Marlene van Sitter
Notices	Rob Kidd	John Blight

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Sunday 21st August 2022

This Week's Services

10 am

Lloyd Ashworth - Core Values Series #3

Truth over Comfort

6 pm

Ranui Winter Worship Evening

Next Week's Services

10 am

Lloyd Ashworth - Core Values Series #4

Lloyd Ashworth

CORE VALUES NO 3 - WE VALUE TRUTH OVER COMFORT

The story of Peter's restoration by Lake Galilee has always moved me deeply. I guess it impacts me because I so much identify with the bumbling energy-filled disciple Peter. But it's also his public fall from grace that undoes him so much. There seems no way back into the hallowed intimacy of the 12 after such a pathetic display of non-loyalty. And it's the way Jesus dealt with him which is an outstanding example of grace. He not only forgave him but he entrusted him with a greater mission and endeavour. It just goes against everything we usually do when someone disappoints us. And once again it's the kingdom way of doing something 'different' to the world. Before our eyes we saw last week how the World handles those who fail and fall; they are marginalised, isolated, and dismissed. But the way of the kingdom is to search the 'heart' not amplify the failure!!!!!!

Going through theological college many times I have been challenged with this issue; do I truly believe the Bible or will I take the easier pathway of less resistance and more popularity? But the verse that has kept me on the straight and narrow way – “Seek Ye first the Kingdom, and all other things will be added to you” (Matthew 6.33).

So many times in the Bible we are called to follow Jesus into places and situations that might feel uncomfortable but the core value of the kingdom is that truth trumps comfort. We are not promised comfort but in fact, we are promised difficult times, opposition, and misunderstanding. Many of us know what it feels like to be betrayed or misrepresented and for people not to be able to hear our perspective on some matter. But we need to remember when we are truly motivated by the truth we need not fear. There is freedom in the truth but not necessarily comfort.

I've found following Jesus to not only be the most adventurous, enriching life but the times when I have been betrayed or disappointed with people – I have asked the question of myself. “Did I stand for the truth?” “Was there integrity and authentic motivation beneath my choices or speech?” “Have I modeled my behaviour on biblical principles?” If I can honestly give three ticks to these searching questions, then come what may – I will value truth over comfort and gladly bear the reproach that results.

We live in a world where comfort is the goal of many people's lives. Their daily choices are based on what will result in comfort. More assets, bigger bank balance, better career or prospects of promotion. But what happens when a daily choice asks us to choose the way of the cross (following Jesus) rather than that which will bring earthly comfort? When such opportunities come our way God gives us the courage to be true 'followers' of Jesus and place a higher value on truth than comfort.

Notices

Ranui Winter Worship Sunday Evenings

Sunday 21st August 6pm



FROM THE ELDER'S MEETING THIS WEEK

- We are encouraging the ALPHA groups to start and become established in the church as an ongoing strategy for sharing the gospel.
- We agreed to embark upon a plan to re-purpose and renovate the hall area, creche, and its associated offices and rooms for a number of our ministries – this will take at least 12 months.
- We set out a maintenance program proposed by the property team for the next two years for the total property needs.
- We endorsed and unanimously supported an initiative for pastoral and practical care for the elderly in our church – more about this shortly.
- We considered and endorsed the upcoming mission's month plan in September
- We agreed to have a special 'Thanksgiving Sunday' on October 9th proposed by Roseanne as part of the newly established Prayer Ministry.
- We received an update on the call committee's progress – keep praying for a breakthrough in this key area of our church.
- We set the AGM date for 6th November.
- We agreed to send delegates to the Baptist National Hui (Assembly Gathering) in Bethlehem on 3rd-5th November 2022.
- We adopted the monthly financial report and thanked God for the continued provision of finance for the ministries of our Church.

Pastor Lloyd