

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE – THANK YOU!

| | This Week | Next Week |
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| Worship Leader | Serene | Tony Wai |
| Music Leader | Jude/Rea | James/Isabelle |
| Bible Reader | Samuel | Joanna W |
| Ushers | Joanna C/Rachel/Kristal | Allister/Jean |
| Techno | Michael/Jefferson | Jefferson/Michael |
| Cup of Tea | Robert/Rose/Jean | Liz, Adriana |
| Dishes | | |

HOME GROUPS

| | Leader | Meeting time | Location |
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| CANTONESE GROUP | Albert Ko | Saturday fortnightly @ 4pm | @ Alex Wong Toi's contact Albert Ko 021 753 912 |
| CANTONESE ALBANY GROUP | Peter Zen | 1 st & 3 rd Friday @ 8pm | @ Peter Zen's 021 280 8663 |
| GREENLANE GROUP | Serene Thain & Glenda Choy | Thursday fortnightly @ 8pm | @ Glenda Choy's 021 148 7956 |
| ISAAC GROUP | Angie Chu | Friday weekly @ 7.30pm | @ ACPC 105 Vincent Street, City |
| LADIES' HOME GROUP | Glenda Choy | Wednesday fortnightly @ 10.30am | @ Glenda Choy's 524 9391 |
| MEADOWBANK GROUP | Tony Wai | Wednesday (3 weekly) @ 7pm | Contact Tony Wai |
| NEWMARKET GROUP | Robert O'Callahan | Wednesday fortnightly @ 6:30pm | @ Robert O'Callahan's office Level 2, 8 Kent Street, Newmarket 523 0274 or 021 783 289 |
| REMUERA GROUP | Ken Cheung | 2 nd and 4 th Saturday @ 10am | @ Quin Gee's contact Ken 027 481 5096 |
| TERTIARY GROUP | Genaetta Shew | Tuesday weekly @ 7.30pm | Contact Genaetta 021 0298 1313 |
| WEST AUCKLAND GROUP | Betty Ling | 2 nd and 4 th Saturday @ 5pm | @ Betty & Kuan's 021 502 178 |

AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City



English Ministry Service

1st May 2011

Speaker: Rev Howard Carter

Sermon Topic: Fruit of the Spirit: Joy

Bible Reading: Galatians 5:13-25 and John 16:16-24



*A warm welcome to Howard, and other visitors to this morning's service.
Please join us for morning tea after the service.*

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT ON JOY

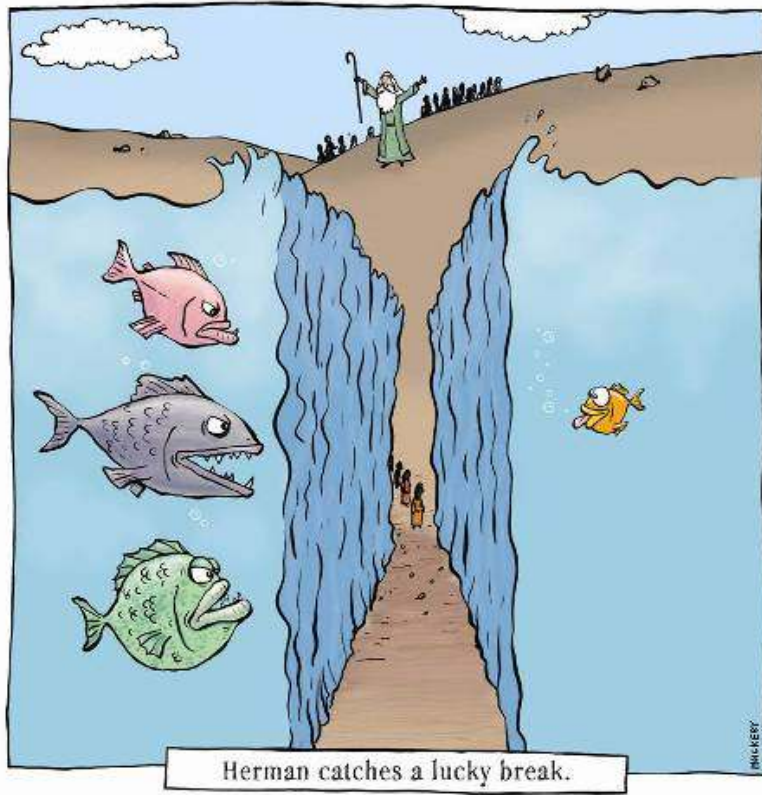
I used to be a bit baffled by Nehemiah 8:20: *For the joy of the Lord is your strength.* To me, that verse never made much sense because joy didn't seem to be all that strong a quality. I thought it would have made more sense if it had said, "The strength of the Lord is your joy."

But the longer I live, the more I realise that the ability to find joy in life really is a tremendous strength. The people who can laugh are the strong ones. The people who can throw their heads back and delight in the joy of the moment are going to live a lot longer than those of us who are stressed and pushed and taking ourselves terribly seriously.



Children are good at open-hearted spontaneous joy. They know it intuitively. That's why they use it lavishly in the present moment. They don't put it in a savings account for a rainy day. They don't put it on hold or put a lid on it. They spend it with abandon. They practise it at every small occasion. That's why they are such pros at getting it right.

Claire Cloninger "God's Words of Life"



Herman catches a lucky break.

PRAYERS

- ✚ Ministry Needs: for provision of a Cantonese speaking Senior Minister for ACPC and an Assistant Minister for the English Ministry.
- ✚ Ministry Settlement Board: for guidance, clarity and wisdom in their search for ministers for ACPC.
- ✚ Rev Howard Carter: for his ministry through the Presbyterian Church at Auckland University with Studentsoul
- ✚ All ACPC Home Groups, Youth study groups and Sunday School: for heart as well as head understanding of God's teachings and discernment of opportunities and desire to serve where God directs.
- ✚ Ex and Mel: for continuing opportunities for their mission in Hawaii.
- ✚ Our overseas members Melissa and Nancy; for God's protection and guidance as they work and serve Him overseas.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2011/2012

Glenda has acquired more Entertainment Books. They are available for purchase and collection today. Please see Jean if you would like one. The books cost \$65, the profit of which will be donated to our church.

SERVING WITH GLADNESS

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with singing.
Psalm 100:2 NKJV



Anything God gives you is first a gift to enjoy, then a seed to sow. Do you have a good education? Leadership ability? More money than you need? God has given you seeds, so sow them.

There are basically three kinds of people: those who can't see, or refuse to see the problem; those who see the problem, but because they didn't personally create it are content to

leave it to others; those who see the problem and though they didn't create it, are willing to assume responsibility for solving it.

Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland Mission, said, 'I used to ask God to help me. Then I asked if I might help Him. Finally I ended up asking Him to do His work through me.'

When you come to believe, really believe that service is God working through you, you'll understand that serving others is the highest calling of all.

Dr William DeVries thought that way. He's the surgeon who pioneered the artificial heart, and he's the kind of doctor who shows up at the hospital on Sunday just to cheer up discouraged patients. He even changes dressings, and if a patient wants him to stick around and talk he always does. His friends say he's 'an old shoe' who fits in wherever he goes. He wears cowboy boots with his surgical scrubs and repairs hearts to the music of Vivaldi. 'He's always got a smile lurking,' says his friend Dr Robert Goodin, 'and he's always looking for a way to let it out.'

The truth is, 'arriving' is not a place where others serve you but where you serve them 'with gladness'.

'The Word For Today' with Bob Gass
Tuesday, 26th April 2011

Total offering for March 2011 \$9,795.70
Average weekly offering for March 2011 \$2,448.93
Total YTD (Year to Date) offering \$74,854.70
YTD average weekly offering \$1,919.35
Moving average weekly offering required to achieve 2010/2011 budget \$2,411.

April summary next week

