

## IN THE LORD'S SERVICE – THANK YOU

|                | This Week              | Next Week                       |
|----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Worship Leader | Robert W               | Marty                           |
| Music Leader   | Anthony                | Nancy                           |
| Bible Reader   | George                 | TBA                             |
| Ushers         | Brendon, Lidia, Ginny  | Eva, Carl                       |
| Techno         | Harvey, Robert F       | Robert F, Jireh                 |
| Cup of Tea     | Eva, Soo Land, Francis | Gena, Michelle T,<br>Michelle L |
| Dishes         |                        |                                 |

## HOME GROUPS

|                                    | Leader                 | Meeting time  | Location   |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| <b>COLLEGE &amp; CAREERS GROUP</b> | Pr Mark Maney          | Every Wednesday @ 7.30pm                            | @ ACPC<br>021 309 544  |
| <b>GREENLANE GROUP</b>             | Glenda Choy            | Thursday fortnightly @ 8pm                          | @ Glenda Choy's<br>021 148 7956  |
| <b>LADIES GROUP</b>                | Glenda Choy            | Wednesday fortnightly @ 10.30am                     | @ Glenda Choy's<br>524 9391  |
| <b>NEWMARKET GROUP</b>             | Robert O'Callahan      | Every Thursday @ 7.30pm                             | @ ACPC<br>021 783 289  |
| <b>REMUERA GROUP</b>               | Ken Cheung             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday @ 10am | @ Quin Gee's<br>Contact Ken<br>021 431 607                                 |
| <b>ST HELIERS GROUP</b>            | Marty Bing             | Tuesdays fortnightly @ 8pm                          | @ Marty Bing's<br>021 753 406  |
| <b>YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP</b>        | Pr Mark Maney          | Saturday monthly @ 2pm                              | Contact Pr Mark<br>021 309 544   |
| <b>CANTONESE GROUP</b>             | Albert Ko              | Saturdays fortnightly @ 4 pm                        | See noticeboard for more details on the Cantonese and Mandarin home groups |
| <b>ALBANY CANTONESE GROUP</b>      | Peter Zen & Edith Poon | 1st & 3rd Friday @ 8pm                              |  |
| <b>MASSEY CANTONESE GROUP</b>      | Rev M Tang             | 1st & 3rd Wed @ 10am                                |  |
| <b>CBD MANDARIN GROUP</b>          | Rev M Tang             | Every Sunday @ 1pm                                  |  |
| <b>ISAAC GROUP</b>                 | Lydia Lam              | Every Friday @ 7.30pm                               |  |

## AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City

### ENGLISH MINISTRY SERVICE

26<sup>th</sup> January 2014



**Speaker:** Pastor Mark Maney  
**Sermon Title -** I Believe  
**Sermon Passage:** John 3:16-17



A warm welcome to everyone to the service today!!!!  
 Please stay for a cup of tea after the service.

### CHURCH BBQ AT CORNWALL PARK TODAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

BBQ at Cornwall Park from 5.30pm – meet at the area with the wall barbecues to the left of Twin Oaks Drive coming from Greenlane Road. Come earlier (4pm on) for a walk up to the summit... Please bring sausages/salad/dessert to share. If it rains, we'll enjoy the BBQ at church at 5.30pm.



### PRAYERS

- ❖ Rev Tang and Pr Mark's ministry and leadership of ACPC
- ❖ Primary and secondary school children as they start the 2014 academic year during the next two weeks.

### CHANGE OF CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT

The church has now changed its bank account to ASB account number 12 3030 0756822 00. Members making offerings by internet banking will need to change their automatic payments, direct debits etc. For reference please put your name and offering number. See ACPC website under *Misc Forms* for more information.

## ST DAVID'S FOODBANK

Donations to the St David's Foodbank will be happily received next Sunday. Rice, pasta and cereals are again the main items required. Thank you...



## CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER – 8th February 2014



ACPC is booking a table for the NZCA Chinese New Year Dinner on Saturday, 8th February 2014 at 6.30pm at the Lucky Fortune Restaurant, \$35 for adults: \$25 for children under 12. Rev Tang and Pr Mark will be joining Marty, Weng Wai and Robert Wong. See Robert today and join them for the dinner!

## CHURCH CAMP 21st – 23rd MARCH 2014

Peter Snell Youth Camp in Whangaparoa from Friday, 21st to Sunday, 23rd March.

The camp will be suitable for all ages – with camp style teaching and learning programmes and activities – not to be missed!!!! Mark your calendar for this important church event.



## ACPC HOME GROUPS – NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



What are the benefits of being part of a Home Group? Studying the Bible with friends and hearing how God has impacted their lives, getting to know your group members well and giving and receiving support for each other. Contact the leader of the group you would like to join. There is a list on the notice board also.

| Groups              | Leader                 | Next meeting   |
|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| College and Careers | Pr Mark                | 29 January     |
| Greenlane           | George Lowe            | 30 January     |
| Ladies'             | Glenda Choy            | 19 February    |
| Newmarket           | Robert O'Callahan      | 30 January     |
| Remuera             | Ken Cheung             | 8 February     |
| St Heliers          | Marty Bing             | 28 January     |
| Young Families      | Pr Mark                | February/March |
| Epsom Cantonese     | Albert Ko              | 1 February     |
| Albany Cantonese    | Peter Zen & Edith Poon | 17 February    |
| CBD Mandarin        | Rev Tang               | 2 February     |
| Isaac Group         | Lydia Lam              | 31 January     |
| Massey Cantonese    | Rev Tang               | 5 February     |



## SEEK GOD – NOT THINGS!

'...The Lord...gives you the ability to produce wealth...' Deuteronomy 8:18

God holds back '...no good from those who do what is right' (Psalms 84:11 NLT). But it's important to acknowledge Him as the source of all your blessings. And on this one, we all fall short!

Let's face it, more isn't always better. In fact, your dependence on God lessens as your dependence on things increases. That's why Levitical Law discouraged empire-building.

In the Old Testament, loans to the poor were to be interest-free (Exodus 22:25); outstanding debts cancelled every seven years (Deuteronomy 15:1-2); slaves freed and given the means to start over (Deuteronomy 15:12-14); repossessed land redeemed by family (Leviticus 25:25); and property that was sold, or lost and not redeemed, returned to its original owner (Leviticus 25:14-17).

Why? Because God wanted His people to depend on Him, not possessions. So He cautioned them, 'When...all you have is multiplied...You may say..."My power and...strength...have produced this"...remember the Lord...gives you the ability to produce wealth...' (Deuteronomy 8:13-18 NIV).



God's principles haven't changed. Andy Stanley points out that a list of do's and don'ts is like having a man give you directions. If he hands you a map, you focus on it, but when you're following the man you focus on him.



The Bible doesn't say that God is a rewarder of those diligently seeking 'things'. No-it says, '...He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him' (Hebrews 11:6 NKJV).

Bottom line: if you're depending on anything but God, you'll always struggle. 'Don't worry about these things...your heavenly Father already knows...and...will give you everything you need' (Matthew 6:31-33 NLT).

From Word for Today by Bob Gass

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