



Sunday 15 January 2017

*Our motivating vision is...
'To be Love Light and Life'*

10:00am – 'God is Our Refuge and Strength, an Ever-Present Help in Times of Trouble '

Psalm 46:1

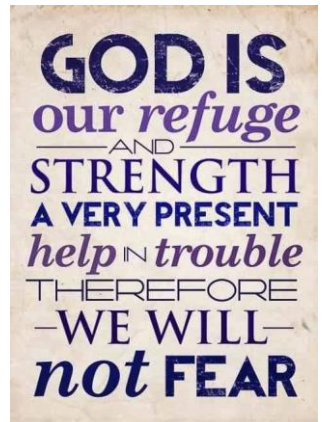
Leading: Andrew Russell Preaching: Dione Russell
Duty Elder: Andrew Russell

Children go out for their Holiday DVD during the teaching time.

(No Evening Services throughout January)

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Stewart writes... At our Christmas Day Service, I shared this truth, a simple revelation to me from our 'Abiding Life' resources - *At the Christmas season where love and giving are flowing, many people end up spending Christmas with family, where their 'flesh life' developed. Family, therefore, usually brings out a believer's flesh quicker than anyone. It is important at Christmas time to remember that if the flesh is being quickened, turning to the Lord in dependence is the shortcut to having the Spirit quickened instead. Oh thank God for His Spirit quickening and Him not giving us any excuse for the need to go without his comforter. I am keenly aware of some of the many struggles and reversals and disappointments that good folk of MUP church have experienced even over the last month, and Marilyn and I put our hands up to be in that category too. But we draw on every resource available to us in our abiding relationship with Jesus Christ. Thank you Dione for sharing your story and His word with us today, and we receive encouragement from God, through you.*



For Praise & Prayer this week:

- **Pray for our Youth Group planning and leadership 2017.** A meeting will be called planned for all Parents and leaders in late January. Then we have Murray Brown, Presbytery Central Youth Ministry Co-ordinator, coming on Tuesday 14 February to meet with us and help us plan the way forward.
- **'Matrix' Intermediate Youth** – New leaders needed to help lead the Sunday morning 'Matrix' Group times. See Marilyn Patrick or Vinnette Robinson.
- **We give thanks and pray for Lara Watson, and in fact all our young adults planning their path for 2017** – If you were in the Service last week you would have heard Lara's wonderful inspiring testimony, of seeking the Lord for her future. After a dedicated time of listening for the Lord on a 28-hour bus journey from Zambia to Namibia, Lara found that the Lord was sharing with her by many means, "So long as I am walking moment by moment with Jesus, whatever I chose to do will be okay, because He will be with me in it. Amen!



A 'Thank You' from Tongan Methodist Church - "We, at Vahefonua Tonga O Aotearoa, wish to express our most heartfelt thanks to you for your generosity, passion and love expressed through your thoughts and "love gift" of \$623 to these most unfortunate victims of this horrible bus accident. The majority of the group left for Tonga this morning but there are still 2 of the group who have not yet been discharged from hospital, as well as a further 2 others who are from the local Tongan community. The news is that they should be discharged soon."

Thursday Open Shed Sale (TOSS): The first sale for the year is on this **Thursday, 19 January: 8am -12noon.** This raises funds to help us with local missions such as our CAP Debt Centre and Hospital Emergency Bags and more.

Prayer 4 U' - Will recommence this **Monday 16 January from 12:30 to 1:30pm,** meeting in the Church Prayer Room/Library, off the carpark. Prayer 4 U is a small, confidential Prayer Team that is available to pray with anyone for any need, and operates weekly throughout the year, excluding public holidays.

Friday Revival Prayer – Our Church Prayer Meeting meets weekly and commences again from **Friday 13 January between 6.30pm – 7.30pm** in the Church House.

Tuesday 'Prayer For The Nation' recommences on **Tuesday 17 January 11am -12pm,** meeting weekly in the Church Prayer Room.

	<i>TODAY 15 January 2017</i>	<i>NEXT WEEK 22 January 2017</i>
Greeters	<i>N,C,S Hawkins</i>	<i>H.Paenga, S.Tulia</i>
Explorers Crèche	<i>H Churton</i>	<i>J Hill</i>
Ministry Team	<i>J McHardy</i>	<i>J Newman</i>
Cups of Tea	<i>A & D McLean, A Lawton</i>	<i>P&A Walker, W Lindsay</i>
Flowers	<i>Debbie Dobbie</i>	<i>B Bowis</i>
AV & Sound	<i>Rodney Nelson, Volunteer</i>	<i>Cody Hall, Jackson Holland</i>
Counters	<i>D Welch</i>	<i>D Welch</i>

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.