



Sunday 8 January 2017

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

10:00am – 'Men & Women of Faith and their Extraordinary God'

Leading: Elaine Oates

Preaching: Marilyn Patrick

Duty Elder: Llew Paul

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

(No Evening Services throughout January)

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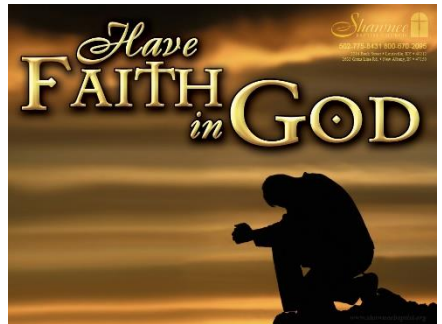
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Stewart writes... I am delighted that Marilyn (my wife in case you don't know), is sharing the message today, and bringing something close to her heart on 'Faith'. What does it mean for you to be a 'person of faith' and what is 'faith'? (Remember, we stand or fall on our definitions). I think all of us at some point try to 'generate faith' which we will fail to do. Why? because 'faith' relates primarily to the things of Christ, and that's why it exists, so I can come to Him. **Resting and receiving the things of God** is to be our correct posture / position, not our faulty definition of 'generating faith'. We pray you will be blessed this morning as we come together as His church, - to put our focus away from self and toward Him, to worship, share, rest & receive – the things of Christ. Amen.



Our first '**TeHahi On Call**' with the Police phone, over 1-3 January, passed without incident (phew!). The pastor who had the phone before me, did get called into the Police Cells one night, to help quieten down some detainees. He just shared the

gospel/preached, and they did quieten down. The Police were very grateful for that. Some Food Parcels have gone out and support for a family that lost their home in a fire. Pray for 'Te Hahi' (The Church citywide taking part in this Police assistance roster), that each team on call for the 3 day period, has wisdom for each situation.

For Prayer & Praise This Week:

- **'Love Offering' for Tongan Bus Crash Victims** – We received \$523.80 last Sunday in the Love Offering, which is amazing for a small 1 January Service. This will be channelled through our NZ Tongan Methodist Church body, Vahefonua Tonga O Aotearoa.
- **Pray for the 'Rubbish Dumpers' – Matthew 5:41 (MSG)** *“And if someone takes unfair advantage of you, use the occasion to practice the servant life.”* One of the things we often experience at this time of the year, is dumped rubbish & bags of dirty clothes, dumped at night at the church door. This trailer load had to be taken away to the dump this week.



Youth Group 2017 Feedback – A reminder to all Youth Group Parents/Caregivers, that Toni Hoskin & Stewart, are wanting your feedback for Y.G. priorities in 2017. You will have received the notes from the Meeting with Parents held 11 December.

'Prayer 4 U' - Will recommence on **Monday 16 January from 12:30 to 1:30pm** (excluding public holidays)

Friday Revival Prayer - Will meet again weekly from **Friday 13 January between 6.30pm – 7.30pm** in the Church House.

Focus on Servanthood – Anne Russell and Jan Holmberg who make up the New Born Baby Packs and deliver them to Gisborne Hospital. (Anne is recovering from an op at present, so we do pray for her recovery, which is taking time).

Thursday Open Shed Sale (TOSS): If you are having a clean-out over the holiday period and would like to donate items for TOSS, you may drop them off at the office any weekday morning. Thank-you to those folk who have already generously donated so many useful items.



The next TOSS day will be on **Thursday 19 January 8am -12noon.**

	TODAY 8 January 2017	NEXT WEEK 15 January 2017
Greeters	N.Nelson, L.Frampton	N,C,S Hawkins
Explorerscrèche	M Parker	H Churton
Ministry Team	P.Burrows	J McHardy
Cups of Tea	S.Tulia, M Smith, P Oram	A & D McLean, A Lawton
Flowers	Debbie Dobbie	Debbie Dobbie
AV & Sound	Dione Russell, Paul Cosson	Rodney Nelson, Sound Volunteer
Counters	Noel Coffey	D Welch

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.