

Dates to Remember	
Thursdays	7am MUP Prayer meeting in the Church House
Tues 9 th Sep	5.30pm Sonrise Christian School Junior Production
Sun 14 th Sep	10am Testimony Service
Wed 17 th Sep	6.30pm MUP AGM
Fri 26 th Sep	10am Hymn-A-Long
TBC	Missions Breakfast



Church Office Hours: 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).

‘Prayer Chain’ – Any matters requiring confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Val Judd or Elaine Oates.

Monday Bible Study – Meets weekly at 2.30pm in the Church House. Contact Elaine Oates for more info.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Meets weekly at 1.30pm in the Church House. Contact Maureen Wilson for more info.

‘Men’s Group’ – Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7.30am, currently at Noel Dunn’s place. Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

‘Womens Lunch Study Group’ – Fortnightly on Thursdays at 12noon in the Church House. Bring your lunch. Next meeting will be 11th September. Contact Amanda Lewis for more info.

Women’s ‘Growth Group’ – Fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm at Diane McLean’s. Next meeting will be 11th September. Contact Diane McLean for more info.

“That very church that the world likes best is sure to be that which God abhors.” – Charles Spurgeon

Giving/Tithing - If you wish to tithe or make a donation to Mangapapa Church, our account number is: Mangapapa Church, 03-0638-0381084-00. Please make sure you say ‘tithe’ or ‘donation’ in the reference. If you would prefer to give using our ‘Envelope’ system, then see Jenny Phin who will set you up with envelopes allocated to you.

	Today	Next Sunday 14 th September
Greeters	M Wilson, A Clement	M Raitaukala, N Aston
Ministry Team	G Norman & V Judd	D Russell
Cups of Tea	L Hindle, A Dehne-Walker	J Dyas, M Smith
AV & Sound	R Nelson / N Dunn	D Russell / S Patrick
Counters	A Radcliffe	A Radcliffe

Mangapapa Church (UNION PARISH)

*Our motivating vision is...
‘To be His Love, Light and Life’*

Sunday 7th September 2025

10am: “Fight For It: Part 5 - Growth”

With Communion

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*Kidzspace (4-8yrs) go out with Marilyn Patrick this morning.
Matrix (9-14yrs) go out with John Hill.*

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and don’t share them.

Fight for It – Part 5: Grow

This Sunday we'll be wrapping up our Fight for It series by looking at an area that touches every one of us: growth. The truth is, each of us has incredible potential in God. But sometimes - myself included - we can get comfortable, slow down, or become distracted by the world around us. Before we know it, we stop growing.

If there's anything worth fighting for, it's the pursuit of growth in Christ and stepping fully into all He has for us. Let's come ready to be inspired and challenged together. - *Shane*

Key scriptures: Proverbs 1-4, Ephesians 4:15-6, 2 Peter 1:5-8

Pray for the Wider Leadership Team - Next Saturday (13th Sept), our leadership team will be spending the day away together. We'll be praying, listening, and seeking God's heart for the vision and direction of our church. This is such an important day for us, and we'd love for you to stand with us in prayer. Thank you so much for covering us.



Testimony Service – 14th September

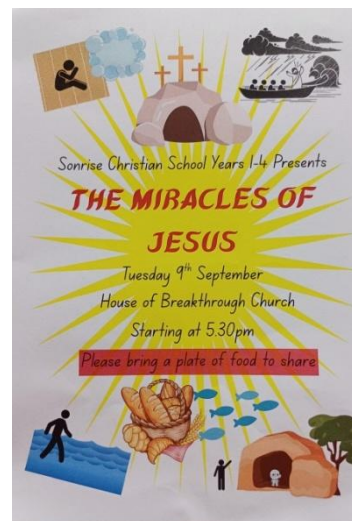
Every 3 months we set aside one Sunday Service where MUP folk can share a testimony of what the Lord has been doing in their life. Maybe you received a specific Scripture or word from the Lord for a certain situation you were facing? Or perhaps an answer to

prayer? Is there an encouragement you can bring to others? At the time of writing there is still space in the Service for someone to share so **if you wish to share please contact Shane on 027 501 6584 or email shane@mup.org.nz**



Hymn-A-Long - Last Friday 14 of us had morning tea together then sang the 10 most favourite hymns, to Uncle Frank's amazing gifted piano playing, often with interesting insights into the lives of those who wrote them. Did you know that Isaac Watts at the age of 12, told his father that the hymns were boring, to which his father

said, "Son, if you can do better, give it a go." Isaac did just that and went on to write over 750 hymns, one of which we sang on Friday. Next one **10am Friday 25th September.**



Junior School Production – The Miracles Of Jesus. Sonrise Christian School's junior school is putting on a production, and invite you to attend. It's on this **Tuesday night, 9th September, 5.30pm** at House of Breakthrough Church. Bring a plate of food to share afterwards.



For Prayer this week:

1. Please continue to pray for Janet Burgess who still unwell and in hospital.
2. Pray for our church family, many of whom are struggling with ongoing health issues.
3. Pray for the Leadership Team's Away Day.



Volunteer Needed for Gizzy Kai Pick Up –

Diana has resigned from picking up the food from Gizzy Kai Rescue, so we are now looking for someone else who wouldn't mind collecting the food items for the Foodbank from Gizzy Kai every Thursday morning between 9-

12noon, and delivering them to the church. There is some heavy lifting involved. If this something you can help out with, please let the office know.



Missions Breakfast: Deferred – Apologies for the mistake in last week's newsletter. The Missions Group have deferred the breakfast that was to be held last Sunday, but the new date has not been set yet. Watch this space.

Used Stamps - We realise getting letters in the mail is not very regular these days, but if you have any stamps you don't know what to do with, we send these to Christian Broadcasting Association in Auckland to raise some funds. They even take old First Day Covers. These can be left in a container on the foyer table.



6.30pm Wednesday 17th September

The AGM reports are out and can be collected from the church foyer. Please take a copy and read it before the meeting, as these will be taken as read on the night.



Foodbank – Our current foodbank needs are:

Weetbix, rubbish bags, UHT milk/milk powder, milo, tuna/salmon, canned corn, dishwash liq, washing powder, 2 Min Noodles, flour.