



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

Sunday 29th August 2021

Songs and Testimonies with



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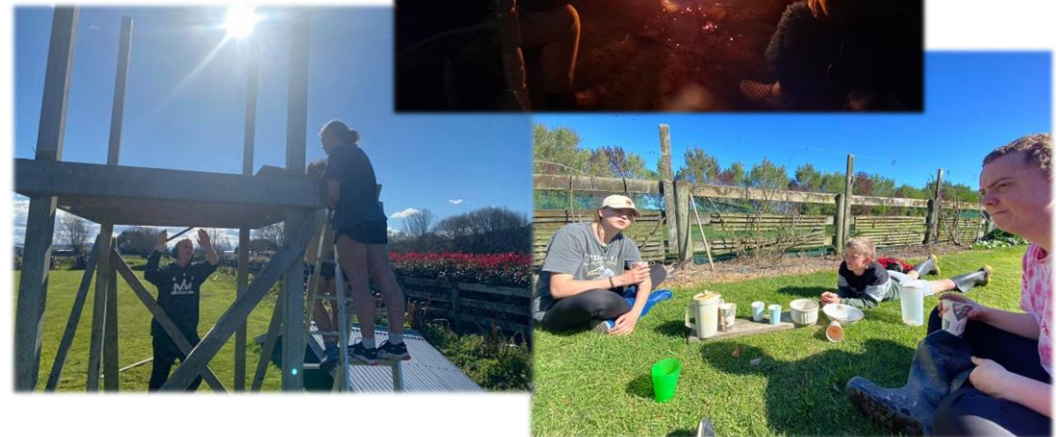
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Church Office Hours: 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).
Dione is working from home. Please don't call the Church Office as the phone is
unable to be answered during the lockdown, but you can call Dione on her cell phone
027 855 2122 during office hours or email the office as these get checked every day.



1. For **Emergencies** or **pastoral issues**, please contact **Paula**.
2. **The Church Building** is shut during Level 4. Please do not enter the building during. If you do need to enter for some reason, please contact Paula.
3. **Prayer Chain** – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can still be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.
4. **Annual General Meeting** – Our AGM will be held at the Church at 7pm on Wednesday 22 September 2021, provided the Covid Levels allow us to meet. Please pop this date in your diaries.

The YWAM
Team in lockdown



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.

Paula writes...

Hello from a distance,

What a challenging few weeks we have had. Sunday before last we were welcoming our YWAM team and preparing for having a great two weeks of having them serve amongst us in Mission and Pastoral Care. The week started well with preparing for an outreach, a Matrix event and for leading the Sunday service. They also were able to speak at assemblies at Sunrise School. Tuesday changed everything when we headed into a snap, but we hoped brief, lockdown. Now, 12 days later we remain under lockdown, several of us have had vaccines and COVID tests, we have again found ways to live in relative isolation, and we watch and wait for how things develop and each new announcement.

I am not going to try and predict the next 2 weeks, but I am fairly clear we won't be meeting in person this Sunday. We will again prepare something with our YWAM team for worship at home. Please pray for our YWAM team as they consider how and when they will be able to make their way back to Queenstown. It has been an uncertain time for them but we have all learned to live together in community.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, or an Elder, or one of our Pastoral Care team with any needs or concern. I am hearing lots of stories of people contacting and supporting each other which is wonderful. Keep it up.

We will keep you informed by email and our Facebook page, as to when and how we will be able to gather again. Please be aware of those in essential areas who are working long hours. Please also be aware of who may have lost work or income. Please be aware of those on their own or in stressful living situations. Please be praying and caring.

In the meantime, may I alert you to another piece of concerning legislation our government is considering at present. (Thanks to those a few weeks ago who made submissions in regards to the Hate Speech Laws).

The Conversion Therapy Bill has passed its first reading. Should you wish to make a submission you have only until 8th September to do so.

Here are some helpful resources to inform you about this. The first is an episode of Active Intelligence hosted by Family First giving an over view of the issue:

<https://familyfirst.org.nz/2021/08/20/ai-show-ep19-conversion-therapy-nz/>



The second link is a response from Dr Stuart Lang of the NZ Christian Network:

[Problems with the “Conversion Practices” Bill, and a suggestion | NZ Christian Network](#)

To make a submission:

<https://freetolive.nz/submission/>

Blessings, Paula

A Scripture reading from...

The Book of
EPHESIANS

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will — to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, He made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.” - Ephesians 1:3-10



Submissions to the Justice Committee on the "Conversion Practices Prohibition Legislation Bill" are now being called for (and must be received by the committee by **8 September**, which is actually very soon)...

It is very important that a large number of submissions are made to the Justice Committee. The potential ramifications of this Bill for society, families, and churches are serious, and MPs need to feel the weight of or concerns. This is no time to be complacent.

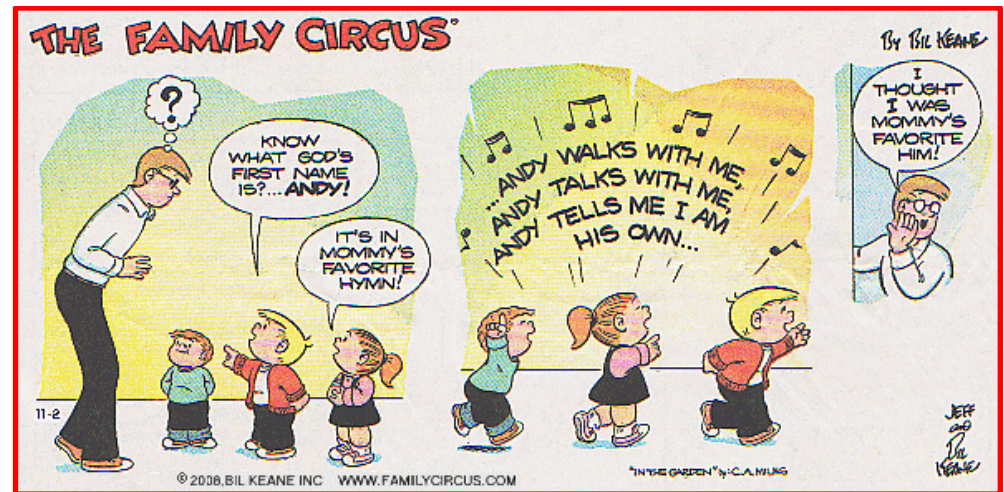
It is also very important that submissions are...

1. in your own words, rather than just copy and paste "form" submissions
2. respectful and sensitive, rather than angry and hostile
3. thoughtful and measured
4. related closely and accurately to the actual text of the Bill, rather than just to generalities
5. if possible constructively suggesting changes or improvements to the Bill
6. reflecting a biblical perspective, but not normally quoting scripture
7. generally quite brief

To read about the problems with the Conversion Practices Prohibition Legislation Bill, and a suggested (and highly necessary) additional clause, 'ctrl click' on the link below:

[Problems with the "Conversion Practices" bill, and a suggestion \(mailerlite.com\)](https://www.mailerlite.com)

Or go to Family First's website: [Home - Free To Live NZ](https://www.familyfirst.org.nz) for more info.



**PRAY AS
ONE NZ**

Christians Uniting for Aotearoa

Don't forget the Pray As One NZ meetings from **8pm-9pm every Monday night**. To join the meetings just go to their website <https://prayasone.nz/> and click on the link.

"How did Noah see the animals in the Ark at night?
... With flood lighting."



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