

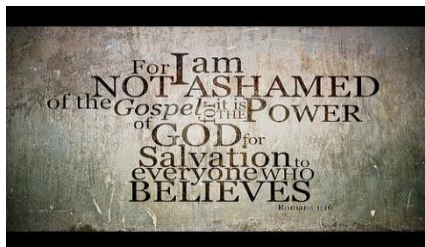
Church Office Hours: 9am -12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).

'Prayer Chain' - Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.

Tuesday, 'Prayer For the Nation'- 11am-12noon in Church prayer room.

Wednesday, 'Mens Breakfast'- meets every Wednesday morning 6:45am - 7:50am in the Church house lounge. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

'Friday Revival Prayer'- every Friday evening 6:30pm-7:30pm at Joy McHardy's home.



Focus on Servanthood - We are so grateful to God that Helma Hockey has such a heart for sharing the gospel on the streets of Tairawhiti. Helma, we appreciate your passion for this important ministry.



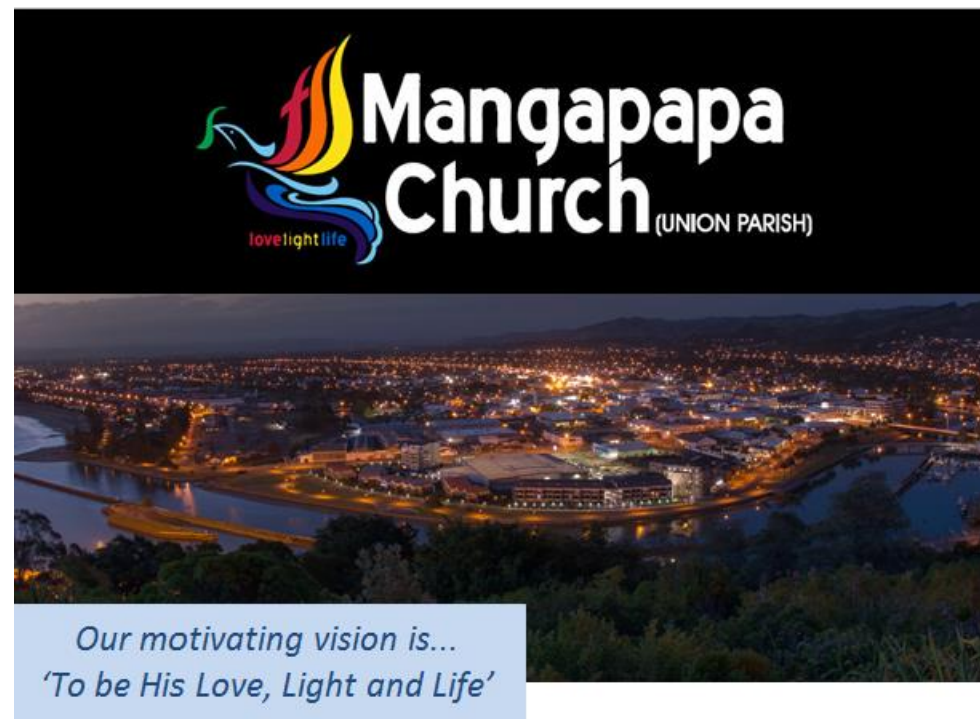
Volunteers for Next Duty Roster - We have a few vacant volunteer spots for which we'd greatly appreciate help with - as a **'Greeter' on 12 Aug & 30 Sept**, and a volunteer to help with **'Morning Tea' on 5 Aug**. Please contact Sepoima if you can assist on any of these dates.



Tuesday Women's Bible Study Group are taking a break over the 2 week school holiday period. Bible study **will resume** again on **Tuesday 24 July @ 1:30pm**.



	Today 8 July 2018	Next Sunday 15 July 2018
Greeters	H Hockey, D Whibley	J & L Hawkesworth
Explorers crèche	M Parker	R Theobald
Ministry Team	J McHardy	A Clement
Cups of Tea	B & A Hall, M Smith	E & B Bowis, <i>volunteer</i>
Flowers	G Sharp	B Bowis
AV & Sound	P Oram, G O'Neil	R Nelson, G O'Neil
Counters	N Coffey	A McLean



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

Sunday 8 July 2018

10am: 'Godly Defiance'

Leading: Janice Langford Preaching: Paula Levy
Duty Elder: Rodney Judd

6:30pm: 'Evening Fellowship Gathering'

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'Explorers' crèche is operating and available for 1-4 years.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children and 'Matrix' Intermediates go out to the 'Blue' room during the message time for their holiday movie time.

Paula writes.... For any of you connected to schools or children, well done for making it to the end of term! To our teachers at all levels, in Schools, Early Childhood Centres, Kidzspace, Youth, and any others I may have missed, thank you for all you do in investing in young people. May you have a couple of quieter weeks to rest and recharge. I will be taking a week's break from Thursday 12th - Thursday 17th July. Please remember Stewart and Marilyn also as they begin their overseas adventure, and continue to pray for Sonja van Wyk as she settles in to camp life in Vancouver.

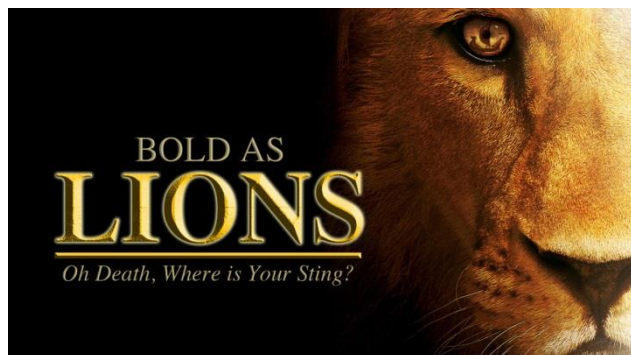
Today we continue with the life of David from 1 Samuel 17: the encounter between David and Goliath. In my reading I discovered a children's book called the "Defiant Giant". Although a good description of Goliath, the more I have read the story, the more I think it was David who showed amazing defiance. Not an arrogant, proud and insulting defiance – but a passionate, courageous and selfless kind – that meant he would not give in to fear, would not allow Gods people or God's name to be mocked, and which would catapult him into a bold action that changed the fate of a nation.

Godly defiance, if there is such a term, I have decided might be something to cultivate. Although in our interactions with people we are called to demonstrate the fruit of the spirit: with love, gentleness, kindness and self-control, there are situations where we are to stand strong, stand against and stand up.

Choosing to trust God and remain faithful to Him despite hard circumstances is an act of Godly defiance. Facing impossible situations with bold prayer is an act of Godly defiance.

Even facing death well, knowing we have a future hope that is guaranteed, is an act of Godly defiance.

May we like David, be incensed when God is mocked, hope is lost, and people are in despair. May we defiantly demonstrate and live out a different way – a way of prayer, hope and courage, knowing God has and will win the victory.



For Prayer & Praise this week...

- **PPP Night last Saturday night** - What a delight to see families together on a winters night enjoying one big family party, let's do it again...
- **Birthday Blessings to Lorraine Redgrave & Diane McLean!!**
Lorraine will be celebrating her 93rd Birthday on Monday 9 July, and Diane will be celebrating her 71st Birthday on Tuesday 10 July.



EMERGENCY BAGS FOR THE HOSPITAL (E-BAGS)

As our foodbank cupboards are very well stocked at present we would like to ask that you please bring along any of the following, for the next few weeks, to help towards our Emergency Hospital Bags. These are due to be delivered to the hospital again in August:

tooth paste (smaller the better), tooth brush, (sealed single), soap, comb, tissues (small) disposable shavers, small shampoos and/or conditioner, or small baby wipes (to go in the baby parcels that are supplied to the Maternity Ward at the hospital).

COMING UP...

Sunday 8 July @ 3 pm "The Struggles of a Champion". This Sunday afternoon meeting is ideal to invite "pre-Christian" friends/family to, at Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) Church, 7 Victoria Street.

Sunday 12 August from 4:30pm – 6pm
SPG's 'Spiritual Parenting' Session 4
'The Environment of Identity'



CAPtion – The CAP Debt Help Centre will be closed over the school holidays; July 9th -20th. Please pray for the CAP lap top to be repaired and returned quickly so that I can return to functioning "normally". Please also pray that God draws people needing financial help to our service. Currently we have no new people booked.

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.