

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 - A big 'Thank you' to all those who helped out at last night's PPP (Popcorn, Picture & Pizza) Family Fun event.

TOSS (Thursday Open Shed Sale) held on Thursday raised **\$268.00** for local missions. Many thanks to Marilyn, Dayleen & Charles who despite the cold, have relentlessly held the shed sales .



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 baby wipes (to go in the baby parcels that are supplied to the Maternity Ward at the hospital).

FLATMATE WANTED - Caddie, who fellowships at Wainui Beach Church is renting a house at Okitu and is looking for a female house mate. The bedroom available is furnished. If you know someone who may be suitable, contact Caddie on 021 997-315.



NO Youth Group on Friday 6 July

- due to School Holiday break YIPPEE!!!

Check YG Facebook page soon for Term 3 activities



	Today 1 July 2018	Next Sunday 8 July 2018
Greeters	L Frampton, <i>volunteer</i>	V Judd, D Whibley
Explorers crèche	E Fuchs	M Parker
Ministry Team	E Oates	J McHardy
Cups of Tea	N & C Coffey, D Benson	B & A Hall, M Smith
Flowers	G Sharp	G Sharp
AV & Sound	D Russell, <i>volunteer</i>	P Oram, G O'Neil
Counters	N Coffey	N Coffey



Sunday 1 July 2018

10am: 'The Cost of a Close Relationship' with Shared Communion



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

6:30pm: 'Evening Fellowship Gathering'

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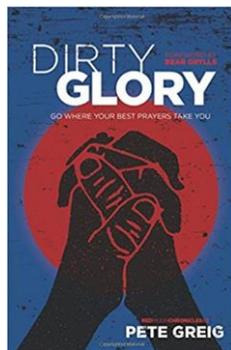
Elders Team

Andrew Russell: 027 815-1635 Rodney Judd 06 863-2400 Llew Paul: 022 052 8297

*'Explorers' crèche is operating and available for 1-4yrs.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children head out when directed.
'Matrix' Intermediates meet during the message time, over in the house.*

Paula writes.... Firstly, a big thanks to Debbie and the Team who led our All-age service last week. I hope you were inspired in your FAITH by the story of Jairus and his daughter. If you have a testimony to share of how God has specifically answered a prayer over the last couple of weeks – please let me know.

This week, following the story of Jairus, I have continued to reflect on the power of prayer and have begun reading a wonderful book entitled: “Dirty Glory: Go where your best prayers take you” by Pete Greig. It is not only inspiring my prayer life but reminding me of the absolute link between prayer and action.



He says this “There is a gritty pragmatism about most of the great Biblical Prayer warriors. Daniel prayed diligently three times every day, but he also made astute political choices... William Wilberforce urged against “neglecting God in the secret place of Prayer” but in fact he spent most of his life writing letters and making speeches in the house of Parliament and building a consensus against slavery. There’s a lovely Russian proverb: “Pray to God but continue to row for the shore.” Prayer must outwork itself in action.”

May I challenge and encourage you to take those moments each day – to read Gods word, and pray... yes with your needs and thankfulness – but also with ears open, giving God the space to speak.

May you then have the courage to act on what you hear, whether something big or small. Maybe God is asking for a simple act of kindness that would show grace to a neighbour, a radical act of forgiveness that would heal a relationship or a courageous fight for a cause that may be risky and costly.

May we indeed pray with our ears as well as our mouths....and courageously act on what we hear.

And may God Bless you as you do...

Dione shares on her message this morning...

James 4:8a (NLT) “Come close to God, and God will come close to you.”



While we were still sinners, God demonstrated his love for us - by doing everything in his power to restore us to relationship with himself. Jesus paid the cost of restoring our relationship and there was nothing we could do except repent and receive what he freely gave us. Now that we are in relationship with God we are given the opportunity to demonstrate our love for him - by choosing how close we want to be to Him. There is a cost involved with this closeness – how willing are you to pay it?

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.

For Prayer & Praise this week...

- **Youth Group Parents Night on Wednesday 4 July @ 7 pm.** Youth group term 3 planning meeting. For all parents and those interested in helping. Meet at the church house.
- **BWL leadership team vacancies** - If anyone would like to take on the role of leading the BWL Womens Group or join a team to do so, then please speak to Paula.



Coming Up in July...

“From World Kickboxing Champion to Champion of God”

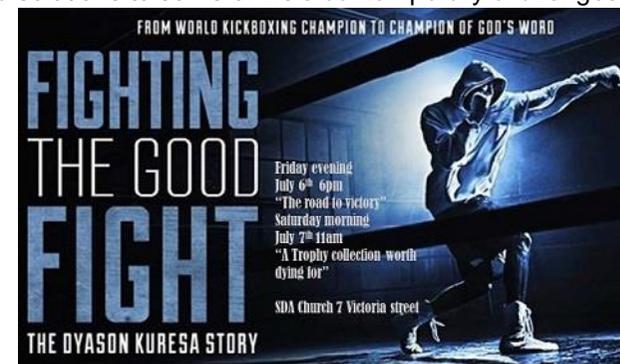
Invitation from Pastor John Smolka SDA Church – “My friend Dyason Kuresa is coming to town and sharing some of his life experiences in and out of the ring in July. He will be sharing the changes his life took after finding the Christian Faith. His message will connect with the young and the challenges that they face today. His story provides hope and solutions to some of life’s contemporary challenges.

Blessings and thanks,
John Smolka.

Friday 6 July @ 6pm
Seventh Day Adventist Church – 7 Victoria Street
“The Road to Victory”

Saturday 7 July @ 11am
“A Trophy Collection Worth Dying for” and on
Sunday 8 July @ 3pm
“The Struggles of a Champion”.

The Sunday meeting is ideal to invite “pre-Christian” friends/family to.



Coming Up in August...



Sunday 12 July from 4:30pm – 6pm SPG’s ‘Spiritual Parenting’
Session 4 ‘The Environment of Identity’



CAPtion – This week I enjoyed the opportunity to speak about our CAP services with the volunteers from the Citizen’s Advice Bureau. They were an interested group and now they are better informed, will be able to share more about our services with people needing financial assistance.

