

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE – THANK YOU!

	Today	Next Week
Worship Leader	Robert W	Glenda
Music Leader	Betty	Anthony
Bible Reader	Elsie	Ray W
Ushers	Tony, Michelle & Matthew	Gena & Allister
Techno	Genesis	Harvey
Cup of Tea	Gena & Rita	Fei & Gena
Dishes	Jeff & Isabelle	Edmond & Anson

HOME GROUPS

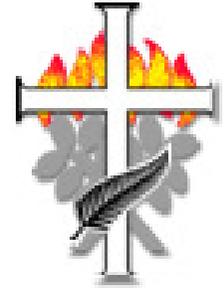
	Leader	Meeting time	Location	Next meeting
REMUERA CANTONESE GROUP	Albert Ko	Saturdays fortnightly @ 4pm	@ Alex Wong Toi's contact Albert Ko ph 021 753 912	27 Feb
EAST AUCKLAND GROUP	Marty Bing	Sunday fortnightly @ 7.30pm	@ Marty & Wing Wai Bing's	14 Feb
GREENLANE/ THREE KINGS GROUP	Serene Thain & Glenda Choy	Thursday fortnightly @ 8.00pm	@ Soo Land & Jean Wong's Ph 021 141 1054	18 Feb
ISAAC GROUP	Angie Chu	Friday weekly @ 7:00pm	@ ACPC 105 Vincent Street, City	12 Feb
LADIES' HOME GROUP	Glenda Choy	Wednesday fortnightly @ 10.30am	@ Glenda Choy's ph 021 148 7956	24 Feb
MEADOWBANK GROUP	Tony Wai	Wednesday (3 weekly) @ 7.00pm	@ Tony & Michelle Wai's	3 Mar
NEWMARKET GROUP	Robert O'Callahan	Wednesday fortnightly @ 6:30pm	@ Robert O'Callahan's office Level 2, 8 Kent Street, Newmarket ph 523 0274/021 783 289	24 Feb
REMUERA GROUP	Ken Cheung	2 nd and 4 th Saturday @ 10.00am	@ Quin Gee's, ph Ken 027 481 5096	27 Feb

AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City

English Ministry Service

7th February 2010



Preacher: Graeme Sterne
Judgement Day

Bible Reading: 1 Samuel 4:1-11



Welcome to our service. Please join us for morning tea.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Daisy:** We pray for her continued recovery, in particular that her double vision disappears.
- **Sunday School:** We thank you for those who are teaching Sunday School this year, and we pray for guidance as the Sunday School children learn more about you.
- **Church Retreat:** We pray for those are organising the church retreat. We thank you for their hard work, and pray that the planning goes smoothly

NOTICES FOR THIS WEEK



NO PEANUTS PLEASE!!!! Remember of our congregation members are highly allergic to peanuts, and can get very ill on even the smell of peanuts... so please DO NOT bring nuts/nut products to church. Please leave your nuts, peanut brownies, scroggin & peanut candy at home to enjoy – thanks!!!

Combined Church Retreat: Registrations are coming soon... So, have you booked out your calendar from **Friday evening, 12th March to Sunday afternoon, 14th March** for the church retreat?



The Committee consisting of Betty Kuan, Jean Wong, Reyah Thain, Serene Thain, Suan Tan, Tina Mok, Albert Ko, Alan Wong, Phillip Sing, Raymond Mok, Soo Land Wong and Tony Wong is working hard to ensure that this retreat will be an unforgettable event... if you have any questions, suggestions or offers to help in any way... please let them know.



SERMON NOTES

READING THE BIBLE

The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the mountains of Kentucky with his young grandson. Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible.

His grandson who wanted to be just like him tried to imitate him in any way he could.

One day the grandson asked, "Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?"

The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, "Take this coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water."

The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, "You will have to move a little faster next time," and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

This time the boy ran faster, but again the basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was "impossible to carry water in a basket," and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, "I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough," and he went out the door to watch the boy try again. At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all.

The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, "See Papa, it's useless!"

"So you think it is useless?" The old man said, "Look at the basket."

The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old coal basket, it was clean.

"Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out. That is the work of God in our lives. To change us from the inside out and to slowly transform us into the image of His son."

Take time to read a portion of God's word each day, and remind a Friend by sharing this story.

