

What's happening in July @ ACPC?

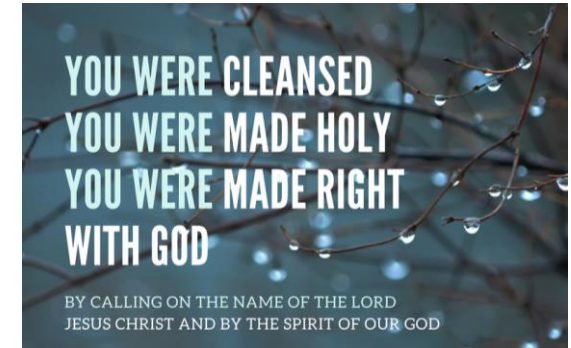
Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			10.30am Sunday Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk 7:00pm Prayer then Greenlane Group		10.00am Remuera Home Group	10.30am Sunday Service 3-5pm Table Tennis
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk	 HAPPY FRIENDSHIP DAY		10.30am Sunday Service & Communion 3-5pm Table Tennis
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk 8:00pm Greenlane Group		10.00am Remuera Home Group	10.00am Prayer then 10.30am Sunday Service 3-5pm Table Tennis 6-9pm Pot Luck Dinner
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	7.30pm Professionals Group	6.30pm Young Adults' Group	10.30am Tea & Talk			2.00pm All Church Baptism Service <i>EM afternoon tea afterwards</i>

AUCKLAND CHINESE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

105 Vincent Street, Auckland City
7 July 2019

praying for others

- **Rev Tang & Pastor Cox** – for God's guidance, wisdom, love, and strength in leading our ministries. We pray for blessings on them and their families.
- **ACPC's needs** – we pray:
 - May God put His mission and His will in the prayer of each church member;
 - For our leaders' wisdom and patience when seeking God's will and guidance;
 - For unity among the entire congregation for our building;
 - For the parents in ACPC, that they may nurture and inspire their children to live godly lives;
 - For those seeking baptism next month, that You continue to direct and encourage them as they walk with You; and
 - For those who are injured or unwell, may You give comfort, rest, healing and energy.



**“Called to Sanctification
Through the Blood of
Christ!”**

**Psalm 149: 1-9 &
1 Corinthians 6: 1-11**

John Probert

*A very warm welcome to everyone,
especially visitors,
to the service today!
Please join us for morning tea
afterwards.*



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Serving @ acpc

Service Leader
 Music Leader
 Bible Reader
 Ushers
 Techno
 Cup of Tea & Dishes

This week

Glenda Choy
 Isabel Lam
 Tony Wong
 Samuel & Jocelyn Ho
 Blake O'Callahan, Rob Fong
 Benson Fong, Quin Gee,
 Jean Wong

Next week

Robert Wong
 Ant Yan
 Nathan Chan
 Michelle & Jacqueline Tsang
 Harvey He, Mandy Lowe
 Ricky Yap, Ken Meng Chan,
 Sheryl Feng

Questions

1. Have you ever been involved in a legal dispute? What happened?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 6:1-11. What questions arise from this text?
3. Look up the following principles for solving disputes: Proverbs 15:18, Matthew 18:15-17, Romans 12:17-18 and Colossians 3:13-14. What do you learn?
4. What is Paul saying in verse 7? Why is it so hard to not retaliate when you feel you have been wronged?
5. Is there a conflict you are facing right now? What should/ will you do? Ask the Lord for sensitivity and courage to talk to the person(s) concerned.



Reaching out each week @ acpc

Tea and Talk - games, tea and English conversation:

Thursdays 10.30am-12pm

Table tennis:

Sundays 3 - 5pm weekly

A Word from Andrew

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 has received more media publicity in the past few months than almost any other Bible passage. This was the key text that Israel Folau based his meme on. Reading it in today's culture - one that is super-sensitive to causing offence - it comes across as blunt and judgemental. It is not one that I would start with in sharing the Good News.

For one thing, the sin that seems to have flashing lights around it needs to be read in context, and differentiated from same-sex attraction. Same-sex attraction is NOT a sin, but the Bible seems very clear that acting on that attraction is outside God's plan for human intimacy. However, this subtlety doesn't come through when the verse is simply quoted/summarised.

One verse I wish Israel had quoted is the very next one: *"And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."* All of us fall short of God's perfect standard. The Good News only makes sense in light of the Bad News of sin and judgement, but thank God there is more to the story than that!



25 Union Street Update

Since our Congregational Meeting last month, a lot of work continues to be undertaken behind the scenes. We can now confirm that ACPC has received approval for the amended purchase proposal from both Northern Presbytery's Finance and Property Committee, and the national property decision-makers of Presbytery, 'Presbyterian Church Property Trustees'. Christian Savings has also provided a revised offer in keeping with the amended purchase proposal. Please continue to pray for our building needs, those working on this project, and our church's unity.

Gifts of Grace

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

Romans 12:3



Proud people compare themselves to others and feel superior if they are able to do something others cannot do.

In 1 Corinthians 15:10, the apostle Paul wrote, *But by grace (the unmerited favour and blessing) o God I am what I am* (AMPC). If you do not realize you are what you are by the grace of God, you will think more highly of yourself than you should.

You should judge yourself soberly, knowing that without God you can do nothing of value. Success only comes by His grace. Your accomplishments and abilities are not yours to take credit for—they are gifts from a loving Father.

Prayer Starter: Lord, thank You for Your grace that enables me to do everything. Help me to always treat others with an attitude of humility. Help me to constantly lean on You and humbly receive Your help. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Joyce Meyer



Remember Sunday 4th August, 2pm

For our all-church Baptism Service at St Matthew's in the City, 187 Federal St, where a number of our congregation from both the EM and CM will be baptised. This will be followed by a shared afternoon tea -no services will be held that morning.