#### What's happening in September & October @ ACPC? Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat Sun 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 6.30pm 10.30am 10.00am 10.30am 7.30pm Professionals Young Adults' Tea & Talk Remuera Sunday Service Group Group Home Group 3-5pm **Table Tennis** 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 7.30pm 6.30pm 10.30am 10.30am Professionals Young Adults' Tea & Talk Communion Group Group Sunday Service 3-5pm **Table Tennis** 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 7.30pm 6.30pm 10.30am 10.00am 10.30am Professionals Young Adults' Tea & Talk Remuera Sunday Service Group Group Home Group 3-5pm **Table Tennis** Potluck 6pm onwards 1 2 29 30 31 3 28 7.30pm 6.30pm 10.30am 10.30am Professionals Young Adults' Tea & Talk Sunday Service Group Group 3-5pm Labour Day Table Tennis

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### 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:
  - o May God put His mission and His will in the prayer of each church member;
  - o We thank you for the Redemptive Family workshop and pray that we utilize the ideas and discussions to continue growing as a church family.;
  - o For our leaders' wisdom and patience when seeking God's will and guidance;
  - o For unity among the entire congregation as we have our AGM today;
  - o For the parents in ACPC, that they may nurture and inspire their children to live godly lives; and
  - o For those who are injured, unwell or troubled by difficult circumstances, may You give comfort, peace, rest, healing and energy.



# **ACM Vision Building and Strengthening**

Neh 2:11-18

**Andrew Cox** 

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 Avery O'Callahan Nathan Chan Samuel & Jocelyn Ho Mandy Lowe, Harvey He Gena Gan, Rachael Cox, Yanna Ho

### Next week

Robert Wong
Andrew Cox
Stephen Tsang
Brendon & Lidia
Blake & Rob Fong
Bryony To, Pauliana Lo,
Michelle Tsang

## 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

It's our AGM today. Often an AGM conjures up images of a dry meeting with reports read in monologue and everyone looking at the clock. But what if the AGM was actually a record of God's marvellous deeds in our midst? What if it was cause for dreaming of even more exciting



things in the future? Well (you guessed it) - that's exactly what it is. As we gather to report, reflect and look ahead, we are reminded that this is no mere human work. Nehemiah led his team to fix the broken wall around Jerusalem, despite strong opposition. "When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realised that this work had been done with the help of our God." (Nehemiah 6:16). May we at ACPC realise that too!

#### Questions

- 1. Read Nehemiah 1:11-18. Why did Nehemiah not tell anyone what my God had put in his heart to do? What did he say to motivate people to action?
- 2. In what ways do you "see the trouble we are in"? What brokenness in society most upsets you?
- 3. What does rebuilding the wall look like in our context? What do people in Auckland need?
- 4. How do you see the gracious hand of God in your life, in our church and world?
- 5. What can we do as a church in this rebuilding effort?

### A prayer

O Lord, for the power and persistence and glory of your vision, given through the ages to prophets, seers, dreamers and visionaries, we give you thanks. For those moments when something of that same great vision has dawned, bold and vivid, upon our own hearts, we are grateful. We pray now that the power of your revelation, present in our history in Jesus Christ, may revitalise our stale customs, challenge and transform our unjust politics and create anew our tired and self-centred religion.

Forgive us the dullness of mind that blurs the sharp freshness of your dream, and the timidity of heart that would rather play safe with the familiar than risk the adventure of a new path. Forgive the inertia of self-interest that beats against the movement of your spirit because it asks for the taking up of a cross in the journey of faith. Forgive us for the times when we confuse the petty dreams of our own imagination with the great vision of the new creation in Jesus Christ.

Reveal yourself to us again, 0 God. Show us your glory. Revive that vision without which we perish. Let the reality of your kingdom, manifest in the words and deeds and destiny of Jesus, break in upon us and upon our world, judging, healing, reconciling and restoring. Grant us courage not merely to see that vision, nor merely to celebrate it in word and song, but to live it out in the great and small moments of our daily lives. And to your name be all honour and glory and power, now and forever. Amen.

Rowland Croucher ed., High Mountains Deep Valleys, (Albatross/Lion) chapter 52.

Sermon Notes		