

Loving God, Loving One Another, Loving our Neighbour

Kia ora koutou whanau

E hara taku toa, I te toa takitaho engari he toa taku tini – My strength is not myself alone, but from the strength of the group.



It seems appropriate that during Maori language week we hear again this amazing whakatauki (proverb) that we have been using for the last few years as our basis for the wider churches unity across the city through the Te Raranga network.

We are created for connection; with God; with one another; we are most alive when we are in healthy relationships, life giving connections that support and empower us to be everything God intends. The challenge is that conflict, neglect, abuse or other such nasties violate those connections and cause us to pull back into isolation and separation, building castles of our own individual survival. ‘Salvation’ invites us into healthy relationship, firstly with our Loving Heavenly Father, through Jesus, and then expressed through our everyday relationships.

Paul says something very similar to the church in Corinth, recorded in his letter to that church:

The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don’t, the parts we see and the parts we don’t. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance. You are Christ’s body—that’s who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your “part” mean anything... 1 Corinthians 12:25-27 (from The Message)

So...

We are each a valuable and necessary part of God’s body, His expression in the earth today.

Which means we are each different.

But connected, united, through our connection with Jesus, the head of the body

Let’s celebrate diversity, embrace ‘otherness’ – the uniqueness of each person

And together make a difference in our world today!

Arohanui Donald

Sunday Services:

THIS SUNDAY 10 July

10am—Northcity

Kathy speaking on Reconciliation

6pm—Northcity

Aaron Brooks

NEXT SUNDAY 17 July

10am—Northcity

Toby-Acts 10

6pm—Northcity

Matt Bijl speaking on Reconciliation

Coming Up:

09 July

3pm and 5:30 pm 50th Zion Concert!!!

10 July

Render info meetings after services

18 September

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Zion Hip Hop Unite 2016!



Zion Studios took over 50 dancers away to Wellington for Hip Hop Unite last weekend. While we had a rough start with a few flight issues amongst other situations that needed to be troubled, the rest of the weekend was the best trip Zion has ever participated in. Every single dancer was respectful and well behaved throughout the entire trip to each other, staff, parents and other dancers or people they mixed with. Every dancer performed so well on stage and was the best Carissa has ever seen our studios perform in every aspect that makes a successful and entertaining performance. We had wonderful results with 5 of our 6 crews making it through to finals. We then placed 4th in the Junior (teenage) section and 1st and 2nd in the Adults division. We used the opportunity to visit Jesse Boyce at his church in Wellington as we wanted to honour his part in establishing Zion Studios.

Zion has grown into a wonderful, and very large family with very different dancers and families. But it works. We get to learn from each other, support each other and celebrate with each other. If you can make it to the show this Saturday at either 3pm or 5:30pm, we would love to have you help celebrate our 50th concert. Thank you to those who continually support us in prayer and in other ways. We could not do what we do without you behind us.



Info meetings this Sunday

Render is being held on September the 18th with the theme of The Good Samaritan. We will hold information sessions after both services on July the 10th if you would like more information.

Living a cross shaped life

Come, learn, discuss how to live well together, when we are all so different. We would love everyone to join us at a combined connect group night on July 20th at 7:30pm, held here at Northcity to discuss "How to live a cross shaped life".

Café this Sunday

EFTPOS available

**Delicious hot food and
baking available this
Sunday after the service**

Wanted to borrow:

Outdoor Brazier, Fozball Table, Air Hockey Table

Wynton and Raewyn Bell would like to borrow the above equipment for couple of days at the end of the school holidays. Using at their own home. Can pick up and return. All care taken. Please contact Raewyn on 027 629 6668 or 357 8285

Build up your family team! The Parenting Place - Middle Years Toolbox (6-12yrs)

A fun and inspirational small group parenting course for parents of children aged 6-12 years. **In six sessions over six weeks**, the Middle Years Toolbox is designed to help you stay connected, teach skills and build memories. Make the most of these years while your children still want to be a part of your team. Starting **Wednesday 3rd August, 7.00pm – 9.00pm, Casebrook Christchurch** (venue to be confirmed). We are able to offer this course at the reduced price of **\$40.00 per person** due to the availability of local funding.

For more information, please phone Karla 027 342 2440, or book online at www.theparentingplace.com

Notices for the Newsletter

We are happy to include notices for our Northcity whanau and local community organisations in this fortnightly newsletter.

Please send your requests via email by 10:00am each second Wednesday (or earlier in the week if possible) to welcome@northcity.co.nz.

We will endeavor to include your notice as written, but may, on occasion need to edit it to fit in the space

Thank you!

to all who give generously to Northcity.

Please note that in order for us to provide a tax receipt which allows you to claim back a third of all you give us, we need to record your offerings using our tithe record system. You are allocated a number to identify your giving, which removes the need to record your name. Please ensure that you supply this number with any payment made. If you have not been assigned a tithe number or can't remember it please contact Barb in the Northcity office or check with the EFTPOS operator on Sunday mornings.

Tithe envelopes can be found by the EFTPOS machine in the auditorium. Northcity's bank account number for online or automatic bank payments is 02 0816 0113227 000

Connect Groups

Jesus had a small group of people (disciples) that he taught regularly - not just on Sunday. Sunday worship gatherings are not all that Northcity is about. We have a number of small groups called Connect Groups which are one of the major ways we express what it is to be the whanau of God. Northcity Church is the people and not a building; connecting with each other so we can better connect with God is an important part of who we are.



Currently, our Connect Groups are held:

Wednesday 10:00am	Northcity Café (women)	Janice Scott
Wednesday 7.30pm	Russley (mixed adults)	Kathryn Wilson
Wednesday 7:30pm	Redwood (mixed adults)	James & Kathy Duncan
Wednesday 7:30pm	Casebrook (mixed adults)	Rod & Lisa Cameron
Wednesday 7:30pm	Bishopdale (mixed adults)	Craig and Kahla Brooks
Wednesday 7:30pm	Harewood (young adults)	Esther & Nathan Schwartzfeger
Wednesday 7:30pm	Redwood (young adults)	Hamish and Jo Read
Thursday 7:30pm	Northwood (mixed adults)	Jeremy & Charleen Chan

Youth Groups:

Friday 7-9pm weekly	Frontline (high school age)	Rachael Prior
Friday 7-9pm fortnightly	Bootcamp (intermediate age)	Craig & Kahla Brooks

(Generally held at Northcity church. Regular weekly cost = \$2 per person, may be additional event costs)

Highway Church:

Thursday 7:00pm	Meeting weekly for prayer, worship & discipleship at the home of Dominic and Emma Chilvers in Rangiora
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We'd love to help you find a group that you can connect with. For more info please contact Andy Dickson on 375-0850 or email welcome@northcity.co.nz

Sunday Service Rosters

Service		10 July	17 July	24 July	31 July
10am	Duty Group	Read	Brooks	Duncan	Camerons
10am	Welcome	Ellen Hatherell and Kathryn Wilson	Wynton and Raewyn Bell	Wynton and Raewyn Bell	Kathryn Wilson and Blair Ashdowne
10am	Host Manager	John Badcock	Nigel Wilson	Nigel Wilson	Mike Gilligan
10am	EFTPOS	Wynton Bell	Edwin Edmonds	Edwin Edmonds	Bruce Fisher
10am	Lunch	Read Connect Group	Zion	Rach P	Bootcamp
10am	Barista	Tim and Michael	Jono	Toby	TBA
10am	Crèche	Kathryn & Nathan Fortune; Gabby Wilson	Kathryn & Nathan Fortune; Ashley Freeman	Aaron & Carla Brooks; Gabrielle Gibb-Faumuina	Ashley Taylor; Hannah Wright, Anastasia Wilson
10am	Spark	Sophie and Andre's team	Sophie and Andre's team	Sophie and Andre's team	Sophie and Andre's team
10am	Boot Camp	Caleb & Harriet	Caleb & Harriet	Caleb & Harriet	Caleb & Harriet
6pm	Welcome & Kitchen	Joel Walker and Kimberlea Brown	Caleb Scott and Harriet Scott	Chris and Michelle Walker	Maddy Colombus and Heidi Fuglestad

Thank you to those who volunteer for our service rosters each week, you are a vital part of our ability to function as we feel called to do. We would love to speak to anyone else who feels at any time that they may like to help in a rostered area. Please approach Andy or Barb in the first instance.