



**A special welcome** to visitors to West, a place of shelter, faith and laughter. We are an all-age, all-stage community where everyone is included.

**We especially love having kids** involved in the whole service on Sundays, in all their wriggling, noisy glory, so please don't worry if you or anyone with you makes a bit of a racket – we're glad to have you with us!

**Morning tea** is part of our time together, so you're warmly invited to stick around for a fairtrade tea or coffee after the sitting-down part of the service.

Look out for people wearing blue **"Prayer Team"** tags – they will be happy to pray with you after the service.

See inside for more....

## A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

JUNE 2013

2 JUNE

### FAMOUS FOR FAILURE #1

**Topic: Heroes who failed**

Val West curating

Andrew Sangster preaching

16 JUNE

### FAMOUS FOR FAILURE #3

**Topic: Gideon**

Brian Manning curating

Andrew Sangster preaching

30 JUNE

### WEST BAPTIST COMMUNITY CHURCH #1

**Topic: A Place of Shelter**

Murray Lowe curating

Brian Manning preaching

9 JUNE

### FAMOUS FOR FAILURE #2

**Topic: Deborah**

Gwen Berryman curating

Judy Wood preaching

23 JUNE

### FAMOUS FOR FAILURE #4

**Topic: Samson**

Liane Lovegrove curating

Andrew Sangster preaching

7 JULY

### WEST BAPTIST COMMUNITY CHURCH #2

**Topic: A Place of Faith**

Will Mills curating

Cathy Gordon preaching



### Why God accepts you

God love and accepts you as much on your bad days as He does on your good days. In a performance-based society, that's easy to forget. But you mustn't! God's acceptance is based on your standing in Christ, not the state of your life at a given time. "For our sake He made Christ (virtually) to be sin who knew no sin, so that in and through Him we might become [endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of] the righteousness of God [what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His (not our) goodness.]" 2 Cor 5:21. AMP

Think of the cross as a trading post. There God took every sin you'd ever commit and laid it upon Jesus. And the moment you place your trust in Christ, God takes all of Christ's righteousness and wraps you up in it. From that point on, He sees you only one way – in Christ.

How liberating! Liberating, because now you realise that your worth isn't based on what you do but on who you are in relationship to Christ.

God actually assigned value to you by allowing Jesus to die for you.

"But I can't believe that God doesn't care about what I do.' You're right! And your rewards in Heaven will be based on your stewardship here on earth. God wants you to do good works, but He doesn't want you to depend on them for salvation; He wants you to do them out of love for Him. Once you understand your position, who you are in Christ, you begin doing the right things for the right reasons.

Word for Today

Rhema Broadcasting Group

Free copies of these devotionals are obtainable from Rhema Broadcasting Group, Auckland, New Zealand.

## west: making a difference

We have a portfolio of people & communities we support around New Plymouth & the world. The basics:

**Meryl A** is continuing to enjoy life in the bustling megacity she now lives in after the isolation of Ethiopia and finds teaching her students very rewarding.

**Paul and Sarah B** are hoping that their building purchase will be finalised soon but the seller has to find somewhere else to live first. Pray this happens soon so their new business can be set up.

**Tipan** is a student whose education and board we sponsor in Feni Baptist Hostel in Bangladesh.

**Peter R** Pray he progresses well in his language study and continues to learn about the

City he is now living in. That he will encourage others to become Christians and that he makes new friends amongst the local people.

Closer to home:

**Kingdom Resources West** provides budgeting to people in New Plymouth.

We love & partner with **Spotswood Primary School**, across the road. We're involved with Reading, Breakfast, Pastoral Care, Mother's Day Brunch, Citizenship Award, & Sports Coaching.

## west: groups

All men are welcome to share a drink and good conversation every second Monday at **Blokes and Cokes**, 7.30pm at WestBar. See Brian M

or Will M, and the events section over the page for dates.

Hester and Will are leading a new **Bible Study Group**. They meet fortnightly on Mondays, alternating with Blokes and Cokes, at Dan & Sarah's home.

**Seedpods** is a weekly themed play and friendship group for parents with young children, held at 10am on Monday mornings at the Church.

The **Rainbow group** meets fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons at Heather H's home.

The **Knitting and Craft Group** meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 9.30-12pm at Jocelyn D's home.

**Carol and James McK** host a fortnightly 'Chocolate Fish' Bible study group on the first and third Thursday of the month.

**Get Real** is for all young people from year 9 students and upwards. We meet on the first Sunday of each month to hang out, study bible

and eat. See 'events' section. Speak to Kathy M (753 2604) for more information.

The **Movie Group** meets weekly at Grant and Megan C's place on Tuesday nights to watch and discuss movies on the themes of our sermon series.

The **Music Group** meet at 7pm at the church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month to learn new songs and practice old songs. If you would like to come along and be part of the music group please see Gary B. (751 3113.)

### Family Groups

Everyone in the church is in one of four **Family Groups**, who meet for social and service activities throughout the year and help out in practical ways in tricky times. If you are new to West and would like to join a Family Group please speak to Alison.

### west: people

Some of our folk have elderly parents who are not well at this time so please remember them in your **prayers**. **Allan W's father & Rachel P's father**.

Regular '**West Weekly**' communication happens online & by e-mail. If you're not receiving this, please contact Alison, Brent or Andrew.

Please continue to pray for and support those who are struggling with ongoing health

difficulties, and those unable to meet on Sundays, **Les M, Lyn S, Lloyd D, and George and Elizabeth L**.

A big **THANK YOU** to **Lynda** for her wonderful work as Church Treasurer for the last few years, and thank-you to **Brent** for taking on the job as our new Treasurer.

### west: events

3,17 June Blokes & Cokes, 7.30pm WestBar  
4,11 June Movies night at Cannell's  
5, 19 June Knitting and Craft Group, 9.30am-12pm at Jocelyn D's.  
6,20 June Chocolate Fish Group, James & Carol's  
8 June Keep Spotswood warm – Linen giveaway at Church, 10am

10,24 June Will & Hester's Bible Study Group  
11,25 June Rainbow Group at Heather H's home, 1.30pm  
15 June Baby Shower for Sangsters at the Church, 6.30pm  
18,25 June Movies night at Cannell's

**There is no Music Practice in June or July.**

There is to be a **Combined Family Group Event** in the form of a **Baby Shower** for the Sangster Family at the Church at 6.30pm, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June. A plate for supper please and a gift for the baby, also a pampering item for either Naomi, Andrew (bloke stuff) OR Aaron and Ezra so they all feel a bit special (only if you are able to.) Also if you can find one, a baby photo of yourself, and we will have a guessing competition. Naomi has suggested going to the “Baby Love” shop in Moturoa as she has made up a list there of things she needs and you can choose from it (great idea!)

**COMING UP:**

**8 June KEEP SPOTSWOOD WARM – LINEN GIVEAWAY** at the Church from 10am – 12pm. We need linen, blankets, children’s clothes, helpers and Baking for Morning tea that will be provided. Let Alison know if you can help and see her e-mail dated 20 May for more details.

**west: pitching in**

**SOUP SUNDAYS**

- 2 June Naomi & Andrew
- 9 June Will & Hester
- 16 June Alison & Chris
- 23 June Carol & James
- 30 June Tracey & Stuart
- 7 July Megan C & Sue W

**Bed Pushing.** West is bed pushing at the Hospital again on 16 June. Let **Grant C** know if you can help. Thank you.

If you have to change your date please try to swap with someone or let Margaret S know at least a week in advance. Thanks.

**Each month** we will keep the church informed of our progress. We have budgeted for \$8,375 per month in offerings; in April our offerings were \$8,442.90.

**Volunteers** are needed urgently for Term 2 of ‘**Breakfast in Schools**’ at Spotswood Primary School. Mondays or Fridays 7.45 – 9am

between 6 May – 12 July, as we are looking very short for Term 2. Contact Tracey at: [stuart.tracey@clear.net.nz](mailto:stuart.tracey@clear.net.nz) or phone 751 2279, or 0276591109. If you can offer even only one or two days, that would be very helpful.

**Lisa A** manages the **use of the church building** during the week, so please check with her (751 1834) if you’d like to use it. We’d also like to have a few more groups using the building, so feel free to let people know about us.

If you’d like to set up an automatic payment or coded envelopes to contribute financially to the work of the church, please see our treasurer, Brent G. (751 0010) The government will rebate a full third of what you give, so you can arrange your affairs accordingly.

Margaret S collects information for this **Newsletter**, which comes out on the last Sunday of the month, so please contact her (753 6621, [mjsewell@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mjsewell@xtra.co.nz)) with any info by the previous Tuesday.

<b>Cleaning &amp; Morning Tea Lawnmowing</b>	<b>2 JUNE</b>	<b>9 JUNE</b>	<b>16 JUNE</b>	<b>23 JUNE</b>	<b>30 JUNE</b>
	Alison D Lisa A	Val W Allan W Will M	Margaret O Sue W	Hester M Will M Allan W	Kevin F Sue F

*God cares for people through people.*