

ANeW

Prayer Update No. 18 - Winter 2015

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Prov 21:30,31

Dear Friends

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

We greatly value your commitment to praying for ANeW. Thanks so very much.

MONDAY - SUNDAY MORNING & EVENING CHURCH

We are so very grateful for your prayers for ANeW Church as God continues to lead us in his work. In recent weeks we have been working through Exodus and looking at God's redemption and leading of his people and remembering that the same God has redeemed and is leading us.

- praise God for the growth in the 10.30am congregation which meets at New Lambton (as opposed to the 5pm congregation at Lambton). There are now between twenty and thirty adults and a few children meeting each week. May this growth continue.
- thank God for Steph & James Kirk, who continue to lead us in music on Sunday mornings.
- ask God to provide more musicians to support Steph and James.
- thank God for all the valued support of the New Lambton Anglican Parish with this morning congregation.
- pray that our morning congregation will continue to grow in its knowledge of the love of our great God in the Lord Jesus.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY - Adam Matthews

Praise God for :

- the SMBC team that came recently and for the great Wine | Cheese | Trivia night we had. We had a number of non-Christians come and hear about the life available in Jesus.
- the various leaders who help out at ANeW and especially amongst the young adults Bible study.
- the Christianity Explored Group that is currently happening.

Pray :

- for the 1 Thessalonians series that will run through June and July at church and Bible study. The series will focus on holiness in the life of the believers.
- that all our church and young adults will seek to glorify God in their lives.
- that all of the young adults at ANeW will continue to mature in their faith and glorify God by the way they live.
- for the Christianity Explored group; that those who do not yet know Jesus would put their faith in him.

There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord. The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord. Proverbs 21:30-31

TUESDAY - KIDS MINISTRY - Amy Soutter

Praise & Thank God for :

- Children's Ministry in general.
- fantastic leaders.
- the opportunity for a group to attend the SMBC Children's Ministry Conference.

Kids Club

- praise God for our new team of leaders.
- Teresa's work on our flyer.
- kids coming and inviting their friends.

Pray for :

- energy and health over the winter months for both leaders and kids.

S R E Scripture is currently being reviewed.

- pray that it will be a worthwhile process.
- for promotion and positive awareness of SRE in the wider community.

*Therefore who ever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven
Matt 18:4*

WEDNESDAY - MINISTRY ASSISTANT and YOUTH MINISTRY - Anabelle Copeman

Teens

The highlight of the last month has been our trip to KYCK at Katoomba. We took 11 teens and 3 uni student leaders. I went as driver, cook and house parent. What an amazing experience for us all!!!

Praise God for :

- safety in travel: I was driving a minibus and we took a station wagon as well.
- great Accommodation on site: we stayed in the downstairs at the Woods' place.
- real spiritual growth: a number of our teens indicated that they had responded to the gospel or made a recommitment.
It was such an encouraging time for all of our group. It has spurred everyone on to be speaking to their friends.

Please Pray:

- that we would follow up with those who made commitments and build on the momentum from KYCK.
- for our need of a second male leader.

- for our series on the Holy Spirit, that the teens would truly understand the power available to them and that they are not alone.
- Planning for future outreach and social events.

Administration

Praise God

- that the morning congregation has grown to the point that it is now in need of greater organisation; i.e. we need more people regularly helping.

Pray

- that enough people will be found to make the morning gatherings run smoothly, particularly the new morning children's ministry which I am coordinating.
- as we need to train more people to run the power point and sound for both services, that appropriate people would be found.

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16

THURSDAY - WOMEN'S MINISTRY - Cath Young

The verses that I've been mulling over recently have been Matthew 11:29-30.

"Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Love that we can always come to the Lord and find rest in Him.

Thanks & praise for:

- Teresa & Rachel leading a Simply Christianity group for the first time.
- Women of Truth Conference - over 300 women from the Hunter region from 26 churches came together to look at the book of Ruth and explore the theme of "rest" in Scripture.
- Time Out for Mums - our little group is growing and it's a great joy to see the mothers being refreshed and their little ones being taught about Jesus.
- Praise for the terrific SWAT (Servant Women Assistant Trainees) team - they are doing a terrific job and all recently shared their testimonies publicly for the first time - it was a great encouragement to our church family.
- Praise for Bob Rothwell who has been taking a large group of people (including the SWAT team) through PTC.

Pray :

- for those doing Simply Christianity - that they will put their trust in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

- that women will be seeking first God's kingdom and resting in Him - coming to Jesus for everything.
- that the Time Out Mums will grow in their understanding of and relationship with God.
- that God will be developing the gifts and abilities of the SWAT team in His service and that their time doing the PTC course will really deepen their love and knowledge of the Lord.
- for energy for Bob and Denise as they serve our church in so many different and varied ways.
- for wisdom for Cath as she seeks to love and teach and train the Women at ANeW Seminar of Prayer that Cath will be running in August. :)

Through Jesus, therefore let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that openly profess His name. Heb 13:15

FRIDAY - GENERAL CHURCH LIFE

Praise God

- for continued financial support for the increased ministry this year.

On a personal front, Anabelle and I are heading off on leave on 29th May and will be away for the whole of June. Our main focus is to meet our son-in-law Ernest's family and friends in Nairobi, Kenya. This will be our first trip to Africa.

Pray

- for ANeW as it runs without us for a month, that God would greatly bless the church in that time.
- protection and guidance for our Link Missionaries:
- Stu and Isabella who with their 3 children Sophia, James and Tim serve you in South Asia.
- Geoff & Tracey Piggott serving you in Coober Pedy.
- Martin & Jen Shadwick and Jess Khor, who minister to Students at Newcastle Uni.
- further development of our Men's Ministry at ANeW and the choice of speakers.

For he will command his Angels concerning you, to keep you in all your ways. Ps 91:11

If at any stage you are praying for ANeW and would like an update on prayer points, you are welcome to email Dianne at: ddouglass83@gmail.com