

THE CHURCH IN HAMILTON NEWSLETTER

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Morning Revival Schedule

The Christian Life, the Church Life, the Consummation of the Age and the Coming of the Lord

Week beginning:

14 Dec – Wk 8: Having Dispensational Value to God in the Last Days to Turn the Age

Bible Reading Schedule

Mon	2 John 1 – 3 John 1	Rev. 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy and keep the things written in it, for the time is near.
Tue	Jude 1 – Revelation 1	
Wed	Revelation 2	
Thu	Revelation 3-5	
Fri	Revelation 6-7	
Sat	Revelation 8-9	
LD	Revelation 10-11	

Ministry Digest Reading Schedule

Ministry Digest Vol. 2, No. 9

Week beginning:

14 Dec – Nourishing People in the Divinity of Christ.

Today's Radio Broadcast

Time of Broadcast: 2:30 pm on Free FM 89.0 MHz

Life-Study of Proverbs 3: The Detailed Precepts for Man to Live a Proper Human Life

International Prayer Burden

Mon	Turkey	Please pray for the all-inclusive, extensive Christ replacing culture for the one new man
Tue	Israel	
Wed	Italy	
Thu	France	
Fri	Japan	
Sat	UK	
LD	Spain	

Weekly Church Accounts, 28 Nov–4 Dec

Total general offerings \$13,898.48
Average expenses \$8,000.00
Surplus..... \$5,898.48
Total building fund offerings ... \$320.00
Total loan of the church \$742,481.80
¹incl \$5,000.00 interest-free loan

- **For offerings** to the church, please use: **03-1318-0467748-00**; Automatic payment forms are available from the church office. For Online payments put your Personal Code number as the reference if making tax refund claims for your donations.
- **For other payments** for which you will not claim a tax refund (for instance, camp fees, book sales, video trainings etc.), please use: **03-1318-0467748-02**.
- **For offerings** to the needs in Vanuatu, please use: **03-0318-0041849-000**.

New Publications for Sale

Holy Word for Morning Revival - \$8/copy; Ministry Digest Vol.2 No.10 - \$12/copy. These are available from the NZTC reception and the church office.

Upcoming Events, December 2020 – January 2021

18 Dec	Full-time Training Graduation
19-27 Dec	Summer Blending, Queenstown (www.summer.blendingtrip.org)
26 Dec-1 Jan	Church Video Training of the LSM Semi-annual Training
26 Dec-2 Jan	Summer School of Truth (www.summerschool.nz)
31 Dec-3 Jan	End of Year Conference, Auckland
8-10 Jan	Blending Conference, Palmerston North & Feilding

Church Meetings

All church meetings will be at the church complex, Gordonton Rd from next Lord's Day 20 December. We will resume districts Lord's Day 31 January. There will not be any corporate lunch.

- English-speaking districts (E1 & E2) combined at E2 meeting hall
- Chinese-speaking districts (C1 & C2) combined at Hebron
- Korean-speaking districts at the same meeting venue

Blending Conference with Brother Ron Kangas

The final message for this series starts at 3:00 PM this afternoon

Video Training, Crystallization-Study of Job, Proverbs & Ecclesiastes

Dates: Saturday 26 December to Friday 1 January

Registration & information: <https://tinyurl.com/vtr2020ham>

Deadline: Tuesday 22 December

The training will be conducted in three languages (English, Chinese, and Korean), all at the Church Complex, Gordonton Rd.

We encourage you to
REGISTER

End of Year Conference, Auckland

Dates: 31 Dec 2020–3 Jan 2021 **Venue:** Hall 1, 71 Morningside Dr, Auckland

Meeting schedule:

Meeting 1	7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Thursday 31 December 2020
Meeting 2	4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Friday 1 January 2021*
Meeting 3	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Friday 1 January 2021
Meeting 4	4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Saturday 2 January 2021*
Meeting 5	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Saturday 2 January 2021
Meeting 6	10:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Lord's Day 3 January 2021 (includes Lord's Table Meeting)

* Dinner will be provided (6–7 PM) by the church.

Each message is also live-streamed through the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86486347738> (meeting ID 8648 634 7738).

Blending Conference in Palmerston North & Feilding

Dates: 8-10 January 2021 **Cost:** None, but any donations will be appreciated

Registration & information: <https://forms.gle/89gsj67QzV7ixpJ9A>

Deadline: Monday 28 December 2020

Summer School of Truth

Venue: Christian Youth Camps, Ngaruawahia **Cost:** \$340

Dates: Saturday 26 December – Saturday 2 January

Registration & information: www.summerschool.nz

Deadline: Monday 14 December

Saturday Church Practical Service at 22B Gordonton Rd

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Ministry of the Word
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Morning tea
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Practical service

“ Every member in the church should find a place to serve.

Hebrews 12:2 Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down on the right hand of the throne of God.

DOING OUR BEST TO FULFILL OUR SERVICE

Scripture Reading: Matt. 24:45-51; 25:16-30

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In John 10:28-29 the Lord assured us that He gave to us eternal life and that we shall by no means perish forever. The Son's hand and the Father's hand are holding us, and

no one can snatch us out of Their hands. In Matthew 24 and 25 the Lord is not referring to eternal perdition in the lake of fire but to a place set apart for the believers to be disciplined. The Lord did not say that believers would perish but that many of them will be in a place where they will weep and gnash their teeth. If we believe that John 3:16 and 10:28-29 are the word of the Lord, that we shall have eternal life and never perish, we should also believe the word in Matthew 24 and 25. This heavy book of Matthew tells us that if we are not faithful in His commission in 24:45-51 or in His gifts in 25:14-30, we will be cast out into a place called the outer darkness, where we are cut off from the coming Lord. To be cut asunder in 24:51 means to be separated from the Lord in His coming glory. His presence is the glory and the full enjoyment of the eternal life we have received, so this is a place where the believers will be cut off from His presence, a place called the outer darkness.

If we believe in this portion of the Word and that the Lord will return, we must consider the seriousness of our readiness to meet Him. The Lord Jesus is coming. Are you ready to meet Him? The parable of the ten virgins shows us that to be ready for His coming, we must buy the oil. To be ready is to be saturated with the oil, to get our vessel, our being, filled up with oil. **To get the oil, we have to pay the price; we have to buy the oil.** For us to receive the regenerating Spirit did not require a price, but for us to receive the filling and saturating Spirit, saturating every avenue of our entire being, our mind, will, emotion, and conscience, does require a price. Everything related to these main parts of our being has to be saturated and filled with the Spirit, who is the very oil. This is what it means to be ready for the Lord's coming.

Quite often I get warned by this portion in Matthew. **Are you buying the oil, or are you wasting time? Do you let the time slip away without getting any more saturating of the oil?** Some may feel that they still have plenty of time before the Lord returns, and this could be true. Even the Son, standing in the position of the Son of Man, does not know the day and hour of His coming back; only the Father knows (24:36). If the Son of Man does not know, how could you and I know? On the other hand, none among us knows when he will die. Are any of us sure that we will be alive tomorrow morning? I am not cursing anyone, but I am warning you. Do you know that you will live for another two years? It may be that you will live a long life, but will you have bought enough oil?

It is not a matter of when the Lord will come or when we will die but a matter of our having bought the oil. It is not a matter of when the exam for the students will be but a matter of whether the students have prepared their lessons. To prepare lessons by studying is not an overnight matter. Many students in the top academic universities are very competitive. If you would try to seduce them to play some sports or watch television, they would say that they must take care of their studies. To prepare for a final examination requires you to study your lessons every day. The preparation is an accumulation of your study of the books. You may pray for two hours to repent and get yourself thoroughly cleansed, but that alone could not be sufficient to prepare yourself for His coming. The Lord might admit that you are clean and pure, but He would ask you where your oil is. A student may behave well and study for the final two days of his schooling, but that does not mean he will graduate. He will not graduate unless he has taken care of his lessons day after day. Therefore, it is not a matter of when we will die or when the Lord Jesus will come but a matter of how much oil we have accumulated. To buy the oil takes a lifetime.

We have to remember that the Lord is fair. His judgment will be measured fairly to each one of us. If a person were saved last night and died this morning, I do not believe that the Lord would exercise a long judgment over him. **For many of us, though, who were saved years ago and have been in the Lord's recovery for a number of years, the Lord will ask us how much oil we have bought and accumulated since we came into the recovery.** A student's accumulated learning and knowledge over a long period of time is what qualifies him for graduation. My burden is that we would all wake up. Many of us have been asleep. This is why Paul says in Ephesians 5:14, "Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Today is a day that you should not lose for buying the oil. **Today you must pay some price to buy the oil.**

When I consider the subject of this chapter, the way to be faithful, my heart is nearly broken. By His mercy, I do not like to lose one day in which I am not doing my service, but the present situation in the recovery greatly concerns me. According to my observation, most of us are not doing our best to fulfill our service. This is why my burden is here. It is better for us to be exposed today than for us to be exposed at His judgment seat.