

THE CHURCH IN HAMILTON NEWSLETTER

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Morning Revival Schedule

The All-Inclusive Extensive Christ Replacing Culture for the One New Man

28 Dec	Wk 2:	Living the All-Inclusive, Extensive Christ instead of Our Culture
4 Jan	Wk 3:	The Constituent of the One New Man ...
11 Jan	Wk 4:	Being Renewed Day by Day with the Fresh supply of the Resurrection Life ...
18 Jan	Wk 5:	Living the Life of the One New Man instead of our Culture ...
25 Jan	Wk 6:	The Universal History according to God's Economy ...

Bible Reading Schedule

Date	Chapter(s)	Date	Chapter(s)
28 Dec	Matt. 1	15 Jan	Matt. 22
29 Dec	Matt. 2	16 Jan	Matt. 23
30 Dec	Matt. 3	17 Jan	Matt. 24
31 Dec	Matt. 4	18 Jan	Matt. 25
1 Jan	Matt. 5	19 Jan	Matt. 26
2 Jan	Matt. 6	20 Jan	Matt. 27
3 Jan	Matt. 7-8	21 Jan	Matt. 28
4 Jan	Matt. 9	22 Jan	Mark 1
5 Jan	Matt. 10	23 Jan	Mark 2
6 Jan	Matt. 11	24 Jan	Mark 3
7 Jan	Matt. 12	25 Jan	Mark 4
8 Jan	Matt. 13	26 Jan	Mark 5
9 Jan	Matt. 14	27 Jan	Mark 6
10 Jan	Matt. 15	28 Jan	Mark 7
11 Jan	Matt. 16-17	29 Jan	Mark 8
12 Jan	Matt. 18	30 Jan	Mark 9
13 Jan	Matt. 19-20	31 Jan	Mark 10
14 Jan	Matt. 21		

Ministry Digest Reading Schedule

Vol. 2, No. 11 will be available for sale at \$12 per copy at the Church Office from 17 January

28 Dec <i>Vol. 2, No. 10</i>	Nourishing People with the Unsearchable Riches of Christ in His Full Ministry in the Three Stages (2)
4 Jan	Nourishing People with the Unsearchable Riches of Christ in His Full Ministry in the Three Stages (3)
11 Jan <i>Vol. 2, No. 11</i>	How to Contact People (1)
18 Jan	How to Contact People (2)
25 Jan	How to Contact People (3)

Weekly Church Accounts, 12–18 Dec

Total general offerings	\$4,949.14
Average expenses	\$8,000.00
Deficit	\$3,050.86
Total building fund offerings	\$200.00
Total loan of the church	\$742,411.62

Church News

This is the last publication for 2020. There will be no *Church News* on 3, 10, 17, 24 January 2021.

Church Meetings

All church meetings from now till the end of January (except 31 January) will be at the church complex, Gordonton Rd.

- 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.

There will be **no corporate lunch**, and **no assigned crèche or children's service**. We resume districts meetings from Lord's Day 31 January.

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

Message 1	26 Dec	Saturday	7:00 PM	
Message 2	27 Dec	Lord's Day	10:00 AM	Open meeting
Message 3	27 Dec	Lord's Day	7:00 PM	
Message 4	28 Dec	Monday	10:00 AM	
Message 5	28 Dec	Monday	7:00 PM	
Message 6	29 Dec	Tuesday	10:00 AM	
Message 7	29 Dec	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Open meeting
Message 8	30 Dec	Wednesday	10:00 AM	
Message 9	30 Dec	Wednesday	7:00 PM	
Message 10	31 Dec	Thursday	10:00 AM	
Message 11	31 Dec	Thursday	7:00 PM	
Message 12	1 Jan	Friday	10:00 AM	

The training is in three languages (English, Chinese, and Korean), all at the Church Complex, Gordonton Rd. **Messages 2 and 7 are open meetings.** All trainees must be seated 5 minutes before the training start time. Name tags must be worn.

Whole Church 2021 Summer BBQs

Dates	District Serving	Venue: 22B Gordonton Rd
10 Jan	Chinese-speaking Districts 1 & 2	Time: 5:30 pm (saints can come at 4:00 pm) All saints who attend these BBQs can bring salad or desserts ; the church will provide meat and drinks. Saints from the district which is serving will need to set up (starting at 4:00 pm), do the cooking, and do the clean-up.
17 Jan	Korean-speaking	
24 Jan	English-speaking Districts 1 & 2	

Saturday Church Practical Service at 22B Gordonton Rd

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Ministry of the Word	“ We need to coordinate in service in the Body...
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Morning tea	
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Practical service	
There will still be church practical service in the whole month of January 2021.		

Radio Broadcast of the Life-Study of Proverbs Messages

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

27 Dec	#5	Touching the Word of God by Our New Man
3 Jan	#6	The Detailed Precepts for Man to Live a Proper Human Life (2)
10 Jan	#7	Coming to Proverbs to Cultivate our Regenerated New Man
18 Jan	#8	The Detailed Precepts for Man to Live a Proper Human Life (3)
25 Jan	#9	Using Proverbs for Building Up the New Man

Church Office Normal Opening Hours

Monday	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Tuesday	8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Wednesday	8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Thursday	8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Friday	8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Except public holidays	<i>If there are any queries, please contact Steve at 021 172 7719</i>

International Prayer Burden

Mon	USA	Please pray for the December semimanual training on the Crystallization-study of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes
Tue	UK	
Wed	Ireland	
Thu	New Zealand	
Fri	Australia	
Sat	Canada	
LD	Dominica	

2021 CHURCH CAMP

Venue: Finlay Park

Registration: Available in late January
(More information will be announced at a later date)

Next year, the Church in Hamilton will hold our **CHURCH CAMP** from 12 to 14 March. The goal of the camp is to offer a

- **blending opportunity** for all the saints across the districts, language groups, age groups, races, cultures to have a taste that we are in God's heavenly family. It is a precious opportunity to
- **be joined and knit together** and
- **minister the riches of Christ to one another** for the
- **mutual shepherding** unto the
- **building up of the Body of Christ.**

All the saints are encouraged to set aside other things to participate in this church wide blending.

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

NEEDING A VISION TO SERVE THE LORD

All God's serving ones must have a vision. From the Old Testament to the New Testament, every serving one of God had a vision. **Abel** offered sheep based on vision and revelation. Cain's offering of the fruit of the ground, however, was not according to vision or revelation. Many Bible readers feel that God was unfair to Cain. Both brothers brought an offering, but God had regard only for Abel's offering, not for Cain's offering (Gen. 4:3-6). When I first read this account, I felt that way, but gradually I realized that Abel offered sheep according to a vision, whereas Cain offered something out of himself. Abel's offering was based on a vision; God showed him the way, and he made an offering according to God's way. Thus, his offering was accepted by God (3:21; Heb. 11:4). Cain followed his own way with no regard for God's heart. Thus, God could not accept his offering. This can be likened to a servant doing something with no regard for his master's instructions. No master would hire such a servant.

Noah built the ark because he received a vision from God, not because he had a personal dream. In regard to the ark, he did according to all that God commanded him (Gen. 6:13-22). Similarly, **Abraham's** decision to leave Ur of the Chaldeans was not initiated by a personal decision but by a vision that he received from God (12:1-4).

The children of Israel were brought out of Egypt by **Moses** because he was sent by God, who said to him, "I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt" (Exo. 3:10). Later, God established the Passover and, through Moses, instructed the children of Israel to prepare the lamb, to put its blood on the doorposts and lintel, and to eat the flesh of the lamb and the unleavened bread with their loins girded, sandals on their feet, and a staff in their hand (12:1-14) so that they could go out from the Egyptians (11:1-8; 14:1-31). All this was according to a vision that God gave to Moses. God commanded him, and he brought the children of Israel out according to God's command. After bringing the children of Israel into the wilderness, Moses did not presume to set up the tabernacle, altar, Ark, and golden lampstand according to his own pattern. Rather, he received revelation from God during the forty days that he was in God's presence. Moses built according to this heavenly pattern, and he set up the priesthood according to God's instruction (24:12, 17-18; 25:1—31:11; 35:1—40:38). This involved service with revelation.

When **Joshua** succeeded Moses, God said to him, "Arise, and cross over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, to the children of Israel...Be strong and take courage, for you will cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give to them" (Josh. 1:2, 6). When God revealed, Joshua acted. **Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel** also were prophets with vision. No prophet served God without vision and revelation.

This was the situation in the Old Testament, but even more it was the situation in the New Testament. The Gospels record the **Lord Jesus** leading His disciples for three and a half years, giving them vision and revelation so that they would receive heavenly sight. When the Lord died and resurrected, the Spirit of reality guided the disciples further into all the reality (John 16:13). The Epistles of **Paul** are full of vision and revelation (2 Cor. 12:1; Eph. 3:3-5). This is especially true of Revelation, the last book of the New Testament, which was written by the apostle **John**. Revelation in Greek means "an unveiling of a mystery that has been hidden." The Lord showed John great revelations through many visions and signs, which became the content of the book of Revelation. Hence, the New Testament, from the Gospels to Revelation, is full of visions and revelations that God gave to man. We must have vision and revelation in order to serve God today.

(The Vision, Ministry, and Leading of the Lord's Serving Ones, pp. 10-15)

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).