

THE CHURCH IN HAMILTON NEWSLETTER

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Morning Revival Schedule

The Enjoyment of Christ and Our Growth in Life unto Maturity

Week beginning 15 Jul – Week 6: The Joy Set before Christ and the Joy Set before Us

Reading Schedule for the Recovery

Version of the New Testament (with Footnotes)

Mon	Matt. 8:23-34	Matt. 9:15 footnote 2 'bridegroom' ... They should have laid hold of Him not only as their Physician, ... but also as their Bridegroom, that they may have the enjoyment of living in His presence ...
Tue	Matt. 9:1-13	
Wed	Matt. 9:14-17	
Thu	Matt. 9:18-34	
Fri	Matt. 9:35-10:5	
Sat	Matt. 10:6-25	
Ld	Matt. 10:26-42	

International Prayer Burden

Mon	Taiwan	Please pray for the July Semi-annual video training in these countries.
Tue	Mexico	
Wed	Paraguay	
Thu	Ecuador	
Fri	Philippines	
Sat	Indonesia	
Ld	El Salvador	

Weekly Church Accounts, 29 June–5 July

Total general offerings	\$11,503.73
Average expenses	\$10,000.00
Surplus	\$1,503.73
Total building fund offerings	\$50.00
■ 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 for the identification of the donors.	
■ For other payments including fees (for camp, book sales, video trainings etc.) and the offerings to other entities such as (NZTC, BFNZ, etc.), please use: 03-1318-0467748-02 . If it is tax refundable, please use your Personal Code number as the identification of the donors.	

Saturday Practical Service (22B Gordonton Rd)

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Ministry of the Word
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Morning tea
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Practical service

Weekly Stars Club Online Programme

Every Thursday, 5–6 pm (trainees' term time only, and none during the STARS Holiday Programme)
ID: 847 1159 2369 Code: Stars
Go to: www.starsprogrammes.co.nz/

Combined English-speaking Meetings

As the trainees will be away for a week break (15–21 July), NZTC will be closed. Saints from E1 will combine with the E2 saints to meet at the church complex on 16 July (prayer meeting) and again on 21 July (Lord's Day meeting).

Romans 5:17 ... Those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Upcoming Events

Local, Regional & National (July–December)

19-21 Jul	Semiannual Video Training (Messages 1-6)
26-28 Jul	Regional Highschoolers' Camp, Taupo (Registration has closed)
2-4 Aug	Semiannual Video Training (Messages 7-12)
16-18 Aug	National Parents & Serving Ones' Training, Taupo
30 Aug	Teachers Training, Sydney Australia
31 Aug–1 Sep	Parents' and Serving Ones' Training, Sydney Australia
6-8 Sep	National Spring Sisters Training
28 Sep–2 Oct	National Highschoolers' Camp, Queenstown
6-8 Dec	Thanksgiving Webcast Conference

Living Stream Ministry Conferences and Trainings (October–December)

4-6 Oct	October International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones
28 Nov–1 Dec	International Thanksgiving Blending Conference
23-28 Dec	December Semi-Annual Training

Holy Word for Morning Revival

The new series of the Holy Word for Morning Revival *Being a Vessel unto Honor, a Fully Equipped Man of God, by Being Empowered in the Grace Which Is in Christ Jesus to Fully Accomplish Our Ministry in the Unique Ministry of God's Economy* is now available for sale at \$12 per copy.

SEMIANNUAL VIDEO TRAINING

General Subject: Experiencing, Enjoying, and Expressing Christ (1)

Venues: Hebron, 22A Gordonton Rd (*Chinese-speaking*); Church Complex, 22B Gordonton Rd (*English-speaking; Korean-speaking*)

Registration fee: \$46 (plus outlines)

Ministry of the Word: \$17 (will be available at a later date)

Registration & details: <https://tinyurl.com/lsm2024-07vt> (Registration is still open but a late fee of \$20 now applies.)

Notes: (1) The two open sessions are Messages 1 and 7. These may be attended by any saints who did not register for the training. (2) Please pay training fee at <https://transact.polipay.co.nz/paynow/hhl12541211sun> or pay by eftpos at the Church Office.

Starts this Friday

NATIONAL PARENTS AND SERVING ONES' TRAINING

This training will be ideal for all those who are burdened for and serve with the next generation. This will be an excellent opportunity for us all to be blended and brought into the same vision and burden concerning this area of service. Families welcomed to attend.

Dates: 16-18 August **Location:** Lake Taupo
For more information and to register, visit this site: www.nztc.ac.nz/nsot

Register early!

*As a type of Christ, Joseph signifies the reigning aspect of a matured saint, the mature Israel. Certainly the reigning aspect of such a person must be perfect. None of us, of course, is perfect. However, in our reigning aspect we are perfect. **Whenever we are reigning in the spirit, we are perfect.***

(Life Study of Genesis, msg. 110, p.1408)

*The mature life has a reigning aspect. The more mature in life you become, the less you will speak negatively concerning the saints or the church. ... **In God's eyes the believers are all sheaves. They are also the sun, the moon, and the stars.***

(Life Study of Genesis, msg. 110, p.1419)

THE MANY BENEFITS OF PERSEVERING IN PRAYER

Col. 3:2 "Set your mind on the things which are above, not on the things which are on the earth."

Heb. 4:16 "Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help."

Persevering in prayer has many benefits. By prayer we set our mind on the things above. In fact, prayer is the only way to have our mind set on the things in heaven. When we set our mind on things above by praying, we shall not pray for trivial matters. Instead, our prayer will be occupied with Christ's heavenly intercession, ministry, and administration. Because Christ is interceding for the churches around the world, we also pray for the churches. Let the Lord take care of all the small matters in our living. Our responsibility is to seek first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness. Since the Father knows our need, He will take care of us and meet our need. *(Life-study of Colossians, p. 581)*

When we set our mind on the things above during our times of prayer, we become a reflection of Christ's ministry in the heavens. Through our prayer, Christ, the Head, is given a way to carry out His administration through His Body. When we pray, we are a heavenly ambassador on earth with the extension of God's kingdom. However, when we are gossiping, we are not a heavenly ambassador at all. Only when we pray do we become an ambassador of the heavenly kingdom on earth in a practical way.

When we pray, we enter into the Holy of Holies and approach the throne of grace. Hebrews 4:16 says, "Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace

for timely help." Prayer is the way to come forward to the throne of grace. Coming forward to the throne of grace, we receive mercy and grace to meet our timely need. When we pray, approaching the throne of grace, mercy and grace will become a river flowing in us and supplying us. How rewarding this is! Receiving the flow of grace in prayer is actually more important than having our prayers answered. Whether or not our prayer is answered is secondary. The primary thing is that grace flows like a river from the throne and into our being.

To receive this river of grace is to have our spiritual battery charged with heavenly current. The heavenly current, the divine electricity, is the Triune God as grace flowing out of the throne and into us. The supply and enjoyment this brings is unspeakable.

Christians today are weak because their spiritual batteries are not charged. Because they are short of prayer, they are short of the heavenly transmission.

Again and again during the day, we need to be charged with the divine electrical current. This surely is a reward for persevering in prayer.

Another benefit of praying is related to fellowship with the Lord. We all love the Lord's presence and anointing, and we all love to have fellowship with Him. But how can we enjoy the Lord's presence and have fellowship with Him? The only way is to pray. When we pray, we enter into fellowship with the Lord and become conscious of the fact that we are truly one spirit with Him and that He is actually one spirit with us. The more we pray, the more we experience being one with the Lord, and the more we enjoy His presence and have fellowship with Him. What a marvellous reward!

It is always difficult at first to have a proper prayer life. But if you practice this for a long period of time, it will get easier and easier, for you will realize the rewards of praying.

We have seen that for a normal Christian walk we need to set our mind on things above, have the renewing of the new man, have the peace of Christ arbitrating in us, and allow the word of Christ to inhabit us. These four matters, however, all require prayer. To practice them and to experience them we need to pray. Prayer ushers us into the reality of these four things and keeps us in this reality. *(Life-study of Colossians, pp. 581-583)*

Prayer is the only way that we can set our mind on the things above.

Prayer is the way to enter into the Holy of Holies and come forward to the throne of grace so that we can receive mercy and find grace to meet our timely need.

Prayer is to enter into fellowship with the Lord.