

Joy Ministries (NZ) Central/West [East, and South] Auckland NEWS!!!



This is to let you know when our next meeting is.

If **YOU** aren't there,
then part of **OUR GROUP** is missing,
and it's not as much fun!

WEBSITES: <https://elevatedt.org.nz/joy-ministries/>
<https://www.facebook.com/JoyMinistriesNZ2017/>
<http://elevatedt.org.nz/joy-ministries/blog/>
[where you can see our **monthly Notice**]

WHEN: This month – **Sunday, 14th October 2018**

TIME: 2pm to 3:30pm

WHERE: At Church of the Saviour
Anglican Church, at the
Blockhouse Bay
roundabout, in the hall
underneath.



Wheelchair-friendly access is down the ramp, on the **Kinross Street** side of the building, where there is **plenty of parking**.



God bless you all,
Pastor Jan Bridgeman
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[The leader of **Joy Ministries Central/
West Auckland, and East Auckland**]

+++++++ **Theme for 2018: "Who does God say who I am?"** ++++++++
This year, at the end of each Joy Ministries service, **prayer is available**, if you would like it.

- 11 March, **"I am a child of God"** (John 1:12)
- 8 April, **"As a child of God I am an heir"** (Romans 8:17)
- 13 May, **"I am a friend of Jesus"** (John 15:15)
- 10 June, **"I will not be condemned by God"** (Romans 8:1)
- 8 July, **"I have been set free"** (Galatians 5:1)
- 12 August, **"I am a new creation"** (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- 9 September, **"I am a citizen of heaven"** (Philippians 3:20)



This Sunday, **Jeanette Blackwell** is speaking on: **"God supplies all my needs"** (Philippians 4:19).

Anne Haverfield is leading the Communion



+++++ Joy Ministries CENTRAL/WEST AUCKLAND services for 2018 +++++

(Usually 2nd Sunday of each month, February to November)

11 November [the last service for 2018, a special service].

+++++ Joy Ministries EAST AUCKLAND services for 2018 +++++

+++++ **NOTE: the new [EARLIER] start and finish times** +++++

(Now only 4 times a year, last Saturday of each month)

24 November (the last service for 2018, a Special Service)

WHERE: St Columba Presbyterian Church

ADDRESS: 480 Ti Rakau Drive, Botany, East Auckland
(next to the Ice Skating Rink)

TIME: 10:00am–10:30am, for Morning Tea (**\$2 per person**)

SERVICE: 10:30am–11:15am (including Singing, Sharing,
Birthdays, Anniversaries, Offering, and Message)
[NO "Crafts"]

LEADER: **Jan Bridgeman**. Mobile: **027.641.2653**

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+++++ Joy Ministries SOUTH AUCKLAND "HOME GROUP" for 2018 +++++

(Usually 3rd Sunday of each month, February to November)

WHERE: Home of **Margaret and Jeanine Gane**

ADDRESS: 1/9A Albert Street, Papakura, Auckland 2110

LEADER: **Margaret Gane**

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TIME: 2pm–4pm

DATES: **14 or 28 October** [2nd or 4th
Sunday], **18 November** [final for 2018]



+++++ **Theme for 2018: "Who does God say who I am?"** +++++

These are the Bible verses that we have looked at, this year
[in the "New Living Translation"].

John 1:12

"But to all who **believed** Him [Jesus] and **accepted** Him, He gave the **right** to become **children of God.**"

Romans 8:17

"And since we are **His** [God's] **children**, we are **His heirs**. In fact, together with Christ we are **heirs of God's glory**. But if we are to **share His** [Jesus'] **glory**, we must also **share His suffering.**"

John 15:15

"I [Jesus] no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are **My friends**, since I **have told you everything the Father told Me.**"

Romans 8:1

"So now there is **no condemnation** for **those who belong to Christ Jesus.**"

Galatians 5:1

"So Christ has **truly set us free**. Now make sure that you **stay free**, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law."

2 Corinthians 5:17

"This means that anyone who **belongs to Christ** has **become a new person**. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

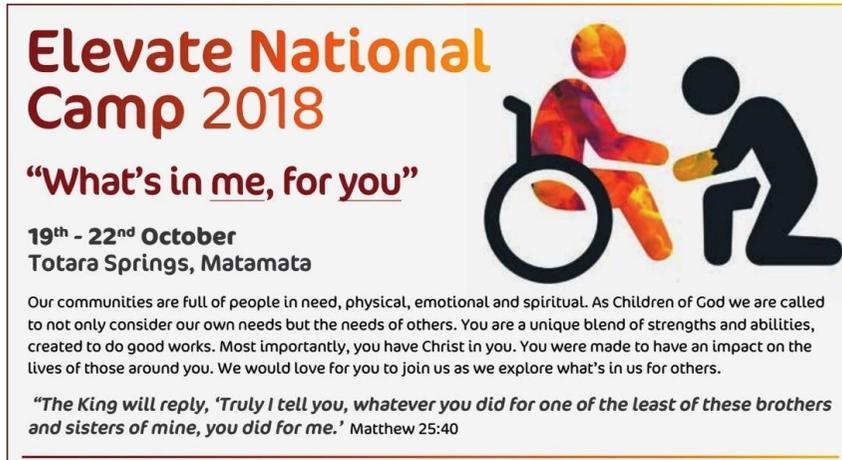
Philippians 3:20

"But we are **citizens of heaven**, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for Him to return as our Saviour."

Philippians 4:19

"And this same God who takes care of me **will supply all your needs from His glorious riches**, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."

+++++++ "ELEVATE" 2018 Labour weekend "National Camp" +++++++
Please pray for those who are going to the Camp.



Elevate National Camp 2018
"What's in me, for you"
19th - 22nd October
Totara Springs, Matamata

Our communities are full of people in need, physical, emotional and spiritual. As Children of God we are called to not only consider our own needs but the needs of others. You are a unique blend of strengths and abilities, created to do good works. Most importantly, you have Christ in you. You were made to have an impact on the lives of those around you. We would love for you to join us as we explore what's in us for others.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40

+++++++ **Joan Mae Torres** +++++++

Joan is part of **Philippines Christian Fellowship for Disabled**.

She is sponsored by **Joy Ministries Auckland-wide**.

Joan and **Leonora** her mother writes:

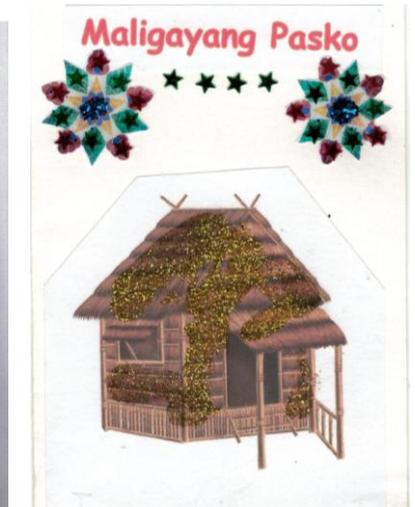
Joan: Thankyou for everything you've done for me. I love you! God bless you! Thankyou for the Christmas gift and all the Support.

Leonora: A pleasant hello to all the members of **Joy Ministries**. I hope that you are in good condition. **Joan Mae** is now undergoing Occupational Therapy, for more improvement of her behaviour. She really loves it, and happy to be learning new things. She enjoys playing at Home. Sometimes she loves Colouring, and she also does some Writing.

I'm very thankful for all the support spirituality and financially that you are giving to my daughter's Education. I am always attending our **PCFFD** monthly fellowship. I feel encouraged and blessed every time I attend it.

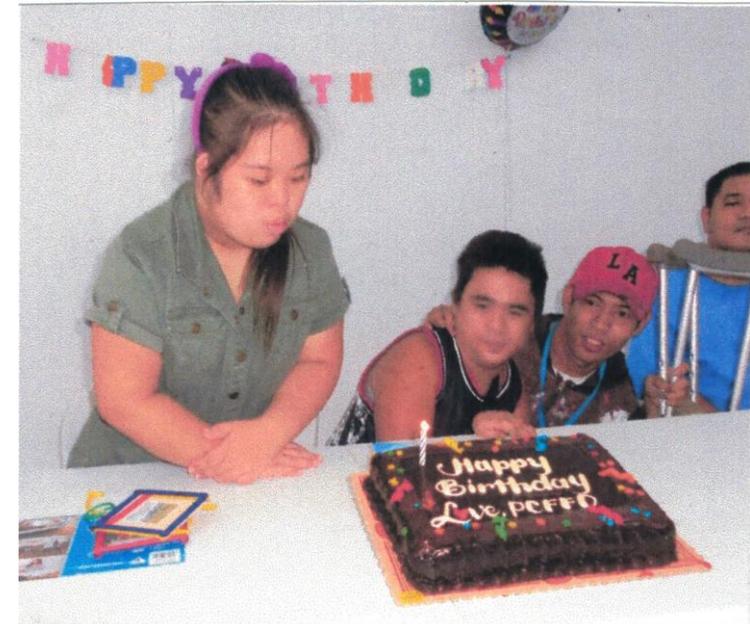
Thankyou so much and more power to your Group.
Respectfully yours,

Last December 21, Joan and I attended the **PCFFD Christmas Fellowship Party**, and really enjoyed it.



[L] With **Leonora**, her Mum

[R] Her 2017 Christmas Card



Joan, at her 16th birthday

+++++++ **We are God's AMBASSADORS on earth** ++++++

Last month, we looked at **Philippians 3:20**, "But our **citizenship is in heaven**. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,".

But, at the moment, we are still living here, on earth.

2 Corinthians 5:20, "We are therefore **Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. ...**"

An **AMBASSADOR** is "one who goes on an errand; an interpreter; a messenger; those appointed by God to declare His will".

Jesus gave us the best example of what an **AMBASSADOR** is, by what He **said**, and what He **did**.

John 12:49-50, "[49] For **I [Jesus] did not speak on My own, but the Father who sent Me commanded Me to say all that I have spoken. [50] I know that His command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told Me to say.**"

John 5:19, "Jesus gave them this answer: 'Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by Himself; He **can do only what He sees His Father doing**, because **whatever the Father does the Son also does**.'" [Also in **John 5:30-31**, and **John 8:28-29**.]

After Jesus died, and rose again, He went back to heaven, to be back with His Father, and our Heavenly Father [God]. But He gave us this promise, that we would not be alone.

John 14:26, "But the Advocate, **the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My [Jesus'] Name, **will teach you all things** and **will remind you of everything I have said to you.**"

The **Holy Spirit** helps us to be an **AMBASSADOR**.

Mark 13:11, "Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. **Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.**" [Also in **Matthew 10:19-20**, and **Luke 12:11-12**.]

As an **AMBASSADOR**, we don't speak our own words.

1 Peter 4:11, "If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. ..."

But **HOW** can we know **God's Words**, to be able to speak them?

And **HOW** can the **Holy Spirit** remind us of all that **Jesus** has said to us?

By spending time daily, at least regularly, having a "Quiet Time" (**PRAYING, READING** God's Word, "The Bible" ... especially **Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John** ["**The Gospels**"], which have the words of **Jesus** all through them. **MEDITATING** on what you have read [letting **Jesus** speak to you ... it's all about relationship]. And **DOING** what **Jesus** says.

We don't eat or drink **once a week** [like going to **Church** once a week on Sunday, to eat and drink "God's Word"].

Or eat or drink **once a month** [like going to the **Joy Ministries service** once a month, to eat and drink "God's Word"].

Our bodies would starve, or we might even die.

In the same way, we **keep our spirit healthy**, just like Mary did ... by **daily** sitting at Jesus' feet, to **hear** Him.

It's all about our **daily** relationship ... with **God, Jesus**, and the **Holy Spirit** [and with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, too ... not them only].