

Joy Ministries (NZ) Central/West [and East] 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://elevatecdt.org.nz/joy-ministries/>
<https://www.facebook.com/JoyMinistriesNZ2017/>
<http://elevatecdt.org.nz/joy-ministries/blog/>
[where you can see our **monthly Notice**]

WHEN: This month – **this Sunday [14th July 2019]**

TIME: 2pm to 3:30pm

WHERE: 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
Mobile number, **027.641.2653**
Email: jandkbridgeman@hotmail.com

[The leader of **Joy Ministries Central / West Auckland, and East Auckland**]

+++++ **Joy Ministries CENTRAL/WEST AUCKLAND services for 2019** +++++
(usually **2nd Sunday** of each month, February to November)
11 August, 8 September, 13 October, 10 November (the last service for 2019, a special service)

+++++ **Joy Ministries EAST AUCKLAND services for 2019** +++++
(**4 times a year**, usually **4th Saturday** of the month)
24 August [confirmed with St Columba], 23 November [confirmed with St Columba] (the last service for 2019, 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 [NO "Crafts"]

LEADER: Jan Bridgeman
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Email: jandkbridgeman@hotmail.com

+++++ **Joy Ministries SOUTH AUCKLAND "HOME GROUP" for 2019** +++++
(Usually **3rd Sunday** of each month, February to November)
21 July, 18 August, 15 September, 20 October, 17 November [final for 2019]

WHERE: Home of **Margaret and Jeanine Gane**
ADDRESS: 1/9A Albert Street, Papakura, Auckland 2110

TIME: 2pm–4pm [Please bring a **SMALL** plate of food to share for afternoon tea.]
LEADER: Margaret Gane

Phone **Jeanine**, if you can't come,
299 – 6285

"We are looking forward to seeing you all again and catching up with all your news, and in particular, what the Lord has been doing in your lives."



+++++ **PROMISES OF GOD** +++++

Last year, at the "2018 Joy Ministries National Camp" at Matamata, we looked at some of the **PROMISES OF GOD**, in "The Bible". This year, we are looking at more of them.

- 10 March, **He will never leave me** (Hebrews 13:5)
- 14 April, **He will supply our needs** (Philippians 4:19)
- 12 May, **He hears us** (Revelation 3:20)
- 9 June, **He will comfort us** (Psalm 23:4)
- 14 July, **Promise of the Holy Spirit** (John 14:14-17)
- 11 August, **He will keep you safe** (Isaiah 41:13)
- 8 September, **He will guide us** (Proverbs 3: 5-8)
- 13 October, **He will forgive** (1 John 1:9)

+++++ **Joy Ministries website** +++++

It is part of the "ELEVATE Christian Disability Trust" website, <https://elevatecdt.org.nz/joy-ministries/>

+++++ **9th June 2019 Central/West Auckland service** +++++

Val O’Gorman will speak on God’s promise: **Promise of the Holy Spirit** (John 14:14-17). Then **Jean Griffiths** will lead the Communion.



The Helper

- ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper [*parakletos*], that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you." (John 14:15-17)

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+++++ **AUCKLAND services and EVENTS for 2019** +++++

Sunday	14 JULY	CENTRAL/WEST
Fri-Sun	19-21 JULY	[CORRECTED] "ELEVATE" National Leaders weekend [Friday, 10:30am start] [Sunday, 1pm end]
Sunday	21 JULY	SOUTH
Sunday	11 AUG	CENTRAL/WEST
Sunday	18 AUG	SOUTH
Saturday	24 AUG	EAST [confirmed with St Columba]
Sunday	8 SEP	CENTRAL/WEST
Sunday	15 SEP	SOUTH
Sunday	13 OCT	CENTRAL/WEST
Sunday	20 OCT	SOUTH
Fri-Mon	25-28 OCT	"ELEVATE" National Labour weekend camp
Sunday	10 NOV	CENTRAL/WEST (final for 2019)
Saturday	16 NOV	2nd "Auckland-wide Joy Ministries" DISCO
Sunday	17 NOV	SOUTH (final for 2019)
Saturday	23 NOV	EAST (final for 2019) [confirmed]
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Fri-Sun	15-17 MAY	"Joy Ministries" NATIONAL CAMP

+++++ **[ELEVATE] "The Encourager", no.163, June 2019** +++++

The latest edition is now available.

Either pick up a Copy from the **ELEVATE "National Support Office"** at Onehunga, Auckland [**173 Mt Smart Rd**];

OR download it from the "ELEVATE" website, <https://elevatecdt.org.nz/resources/encourager-magazine/>

"It's the most Christian magazine I have ever seen."
[Dr John McEwan]



+++++ **Our sincere condolences** +++++

Our love and prayers from all of us at **Joy Ministries Central/West Auckland ...**

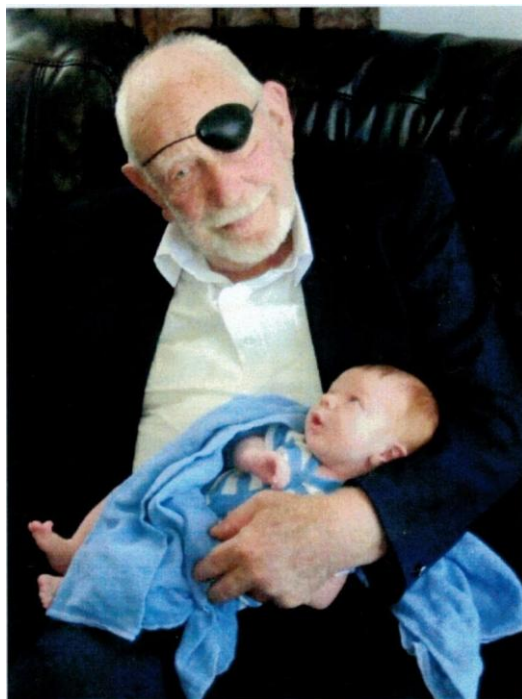
To the family of **Carolyn Purkis** [who passed away 31 May 2019, age 66], and particularly to those at **"Ranfurly Care Society"** where she lived.



She had been on overseas trips, used to come to the **ELEVATE "Drop-in Centre"** at Onehunga, loved coming to the **"Joy Ministries National Camps"** at Matamata. She also loved the **Bible studies** at the **"G.I.F.T. House"** in Balmoral [**"Growing In Faith Together"**].

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To the family of **Raymond [Ray] Simpkin** [who passed away 31 May 2019, age 96]. For many years, he came to the **ELEVATE "Drop-in Centre"** at Onehunga.



He also came to the **"Joy Ministries East Auckland"** services regularly.

He travelled overseas 31 times, especially through being involved with the **"Gideons Bible Society"**.

To the family of **Sheila Taylor** (pictured here with her late husband **Peter**) [who passed away 10 June 2019, age 71].

Anne Haverfield used to pick her up, to take her to **"Emmanuel Support"** [an **"ELEVATE Christian Disability Trust"** ministry, that cares for families who have children with disabilities].

Malcolm Dixon and his wife **Pat** went to the **Panmure Baptist "Home Group"** that **Peter** and **Sheila** led.

Malcolm met up with **Sheila** again through the **"Joy Ministries East Auckland"** services [she coming with their son **Matthew**].



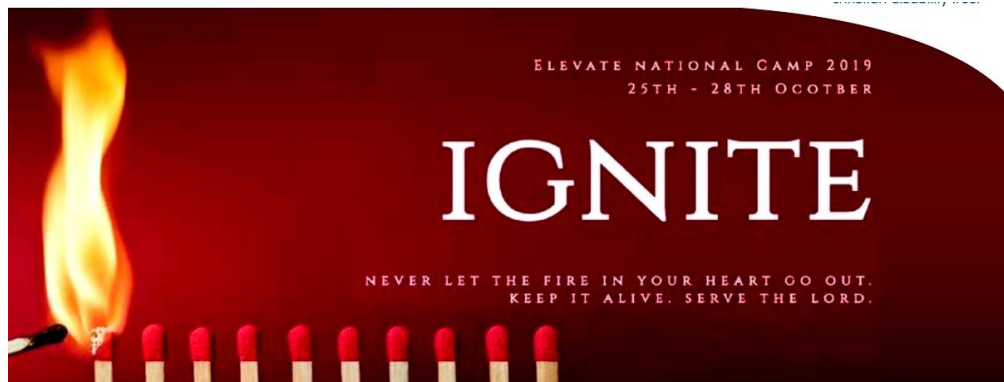
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+++++ **Saturday, 16 November 2019** +++++

There is going to be a **2nd Auckland-wide Joy Ministries "FUNDRAISING DISCO"**, for the **BUS** from **Auckland**, to the **"2020 Joy Ministries National Camp"**. [More info soon.]

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+++++ **ELEVATE 2019 National Camp** +++++

+++++ **Friday 25 to Monday 28 October** +++++



For full details:

- See the **June 2019** issue of "The Encourager" magazine
- **OR** the **ELEVATE** website, <https://elevatedtcamp.org.nz/>
- **OR** email, nationalcamp@elevatedtc.org.nz
- **OR** get an "Application Form" from the **ELEVATE "National Support Office"** at Onehunga, Auckland [**173 Mt Smart Rd**]
- **OR** phone **(09) 636-4763**
- **NOTE: 30 maximum** are accepted for the "Joy Ministries" Option [as we have our own "JM National Camp"]
- **NOTE:** There is an "Early Bird" Discount (if paid in full before the 20th August)
- **Registration** and **Payment** can be "online", <https://elevatedtcamp.org.nz/registration-payment/>

+++++ **National Camp 2020 [25th Anniversary]** +++++

<https://www.facebook.com/events/642714502729837/>

WHEN: 18:00 [6pm] 15 May, to
13:00 [1pm] 17 May

WHERE: [Totara Springs Christian Centre](#)
[288C Taihoa North Road, Matamata, New Zealand 3473]

THEME: "The Names of Jesus"

SPEAKER: Russell Hohneck

EMAIL: jmcamps@elevatedtc.org.nz



+++++ **DISCO** +++++

+++++ **held Saturday, 15 June 2019** +++++

We had a great time at the **1st Auckland-wide Joy Ministries "FUNDRAISING DISCO"**, for the **BUS** from **Auckland**, to the **"2020 Joy Ministries National Camp"**.

35 came, and had a lot of fun, in spite of the rain. The theme was **"Crazy Socks"**. **Ian Sinclair** did a great job as our **"DJ"**. As did **Louise Sutherland**, our **"MC"**. **Jeanette Blackwell** brought a short devotion about **"Crazy Socks"**. Thanks especially to our **"Official Photographer"**, **Liz Scott**.

It was an **"Alcohol free" Event**. Thanks too, to the **"Auckland Joy Ministries Leadership Team"**, who hosted the DISCO [**Jan Bridgeman, Jeanette Blackwell, Anne Haverfield, and Malcolm Dixon**]. And especially to **Grant Simmonds**, who brought all those yummy Pizzas!!!

Below are a few of the **33 Photos** that **Liz Scott** and **Anne Haverfield** took. They can all be seen at the **"Central/West Auckland Joy Ministries"** service. [See **Malcolm Dixon** at the service, if you would like all 33 emailed to you.]



From "APPLICATION PRINCIPLES FOR LIFE AND MINISTRY"
 by Dr John McEwan
 [p. 35, comment on Isaiah ch. 45, Book 53-4A]

1. **Do we hear** the words of the Lord to us?
2. Do we, "**wait upon the Lord**"?
3. **Is prayer the formal two way process** it is meant to be, or do we rush through our prayer time, with our minds on the daily "to do" list, and the same spirit of busyness drives us along as drives the pagans around us?
4. Let us pause, reflect, plan our prayer requests, and **at least daily come before the Lord to pause** from rush and bustle and make our requests slowly and carefully, and **wait for the Lord's peace or challenge** before we rise and rush to our next appointment.
5. **No appointment is as important as** the one with the King of Kings and Lord of all Lords.
6. We enter the throne-room of Heaven when we pray, and **we enter it too casually**, and without the pause and dignity that an ambassador requires when approaching his king to **request direction** and **receive** daily orders. **Hebrews 4:16, 10:19-22, 12:1-3.**
7. **How hungry** are we daily for spiritual food from the Word of God?
8. **How thirsty** for the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit as He takes "The Word" **and washes us clean** from sin, from doubts, and from fears, **as we rest upon the promises of God**?
9. Audit your days and nights believer. Audit your hours each day Pastor.
10. **How many hours are spent wasted** with people or activities that have no profit for the Kingdom of Heaven?
11. **We need** good sleep, **we need** good exercise, **we need** good food, **we need** time spent with spouse and children to strengthen bonds, and these things have legitimate claim upon hours of every day.
12. **Indeed if we fail to do these things we fall short of** the Lord's demands upon us **to set the right example** to our loved ones, and lay the foundation for our witness to the world.
13. Having said these things, **what is done with the rest of your time?**
14. The image of the mighty green tree by the deep river in times of drought is **the image for the strong believer** in both the **Psalms** and **Isaiah**. It is the image that is to express the reality of our daily life.

15. We only have this reality of stability **when our roots have gone deep into "The Word of God" for year after year**, so that when the drought comes we have the habit of faithful obedience to draw upon.
16. Every day we either build our future stability through **faith-rest**, or we undermine our own future, by inaction or false action.
17. **Let us walk in the spirit** and so fulfil our destiny as the strong ambassadors for Christ that we are meant to be.
18. Regular audits of **the fruit of the Spirit in our lives** is a vital self help strategy, as **a lack of fruit can give us warning of carnality** that has been slipping into our lives.
19. As the Holy Spirit moves through our lives we have power and focused action in our lives, and we will have joy and service in the Spirit.
20. **Let us not let any slackness creep in** and rob us of the eternal rewards that are the lot of all who serve him with consistent focus and energy.
21. **Let us remember daily who we worship.** We worship the Creator, Saviour God; The Lord of all.
22. He is not surprised by any problem we have, nor caught short of power in any circumstance. Let us remember the Lord's gentle sarcasm to Job and Isaiah's people, for we need the reminder of who it is we serve. He is able to keep us! We can cast our cares upon him. **Philippians 4:7, Jude 24.** No details of our life are outside the loving mercy of the Lord God.
23. The message regarding idols is clear to us all; we are not to trust our lives to anything that can turn to dust or ashes. If our car rusts, and it does, we are not to spend inordinate amounts of our time worshipping at its shrine, no matter how much it cost, nor how beautiful it is.
24. **All our lusts and desires may blind us to greater truth. We must be careful of our desires**, for they can lead us into dangerous places and meet our hearts lust, but rob us of lasting satisfaction. **Let us educate our desires** through the tutorship of the Holy Spirit, **correcting our lusts through the Word** and **so build stability in the soul** rather than erode it from within.
25. Forgiveness is guaranteed for the believer in Christ Jesus. Forgiveness is guaranteed because it depends upon the mercy and grace of God, not the works of men, **but there are "fruits of repentance"** and they ought to be there in the life of the penitent believer. If we do not take sin seriously we will not "seriously" grow.
26. **Let us be serious about sin and all the distractions that lead us away from the path of the Lord.**