



# THE JOG

FORTNIGHTLY NEWS LETTER  
DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup> 2011

## Peace in a Troubled World

The story has been told about a shipwrecked sailor. He had spent three long years on a desert island when one day he was overjoyed to see a ship drop anchor in the bay. He anxiously watched and waited as a small lifeboat made its way to shore. But then, to his surprise, instead of calling to him to get in, an officer of the ship presented him with a big batch of newspapers. The officer said to this marooned sailor....

*"The captain suggests that you read what's going on in the world, and THEN let us know if you STILL want to be rescued." \**

**We live in a troubled world...** There is so much conflict in the world that to be marooned on a desert island can be an attractive thought. **"Peace"** is a concept that so often seems to be found only in the dictionary. This is true not only of world peace – peace between countries, but also of inner peace – peace within the individual.

**Jesus warned, "In the world you WILL have tribulation..."** but He also promised, "In ME you may have peace" (John 16:33). Jesus comforted His followers with words of assurance: *"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid"* (John 14:27).

**The peace that Jesus promises is not the absence of conflict on the outside, but an inner confidence within the individual - a calm center in the eye of the storm!** It is based on trust in a God who cares and provides for His children (Luke 12:22-31). This peace is found in a relationship with God through His Son, Jesus, that sustains His children even in difficult circumstances.

**Jesus Christ died on the cross so that YOU and I might have THAT peace.** Through His death, burial, and resurrection, Jesus conquered the number one problem that keeps us from having peace: **SIN**. His death served as payment for the sins of those who will submit their lives to Him: **believing** in and trusting Him (Acts 16:31), **repenting** of sin (2 Corinthians 7:9-10), **confessing** that He is the Son of God (Romans 10:9-10), and being **baptized** (immersed) for the forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38). The "peace of God which surpasses all understanding" will CONTINUE to "guard" the hearts and minds of those who CONTINUE to walk with God obediently (Philippians 4:6-7).

**Because of Jesus, WE may have peace with God, peace with man, and peace with ourselves – even in a troubled world!**

**Do YOU have that peace?**

God bless you!

## Upcoming Events

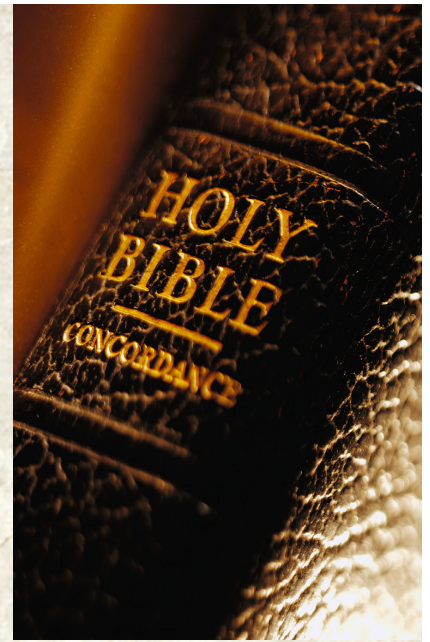
- Youth Group: 9<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Touch rugby/ Devo
- Fellowship Meal: Please watch **THIS SPACE FOR DATE**.
- Men's class: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians.
- Men's Training Class:
- Topic: Preparing a talk.
- Ladies Class: 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- **Ladies end of year function: Sat 10th Dec.**
- Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Kids Holiday Party: 11am -2p.m.
- **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>: Men's end of year function at Allan's House.6:p.m**
- **MENS MEETING SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> 6:30PM**

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# Family Matters

*"..From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." (Ephesians 4:16)*

- The "JOG" is now available on line at [www.churchofchrist.org.nz](http://www.churchofchrist.org.nz)
- Several have asked me for copies of sermon notes, again these are available online.
- Take a moment to scan the ever changing notice board in the Foyer.
- A special thanks to Karen for the wonderful flowers that are placed in the building each Sunday and also to Gaye for the wonderful baking that she supplies for Sunday morning refreshments.
- Keep in our prayers those travelling at this time: Steve, and others that I may have overlooked.



*Family Fellowship, Worship and prayer. . .*

## Roster Responsibilities

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Service Leader: Steve.**

Open Prayer: Tony  
Scripture: Glenn (1Jo 5:13-17)  
Song Leader: Steve  
Communion: Noel/Ken  
Sermon: Allan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prayer: Jason  
Creche: Sue+Parent  
Communion prep: Kathleen  
Clean Building: Fenton

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Service Leader: Steve.**

Open Prayer: Kane  
Scripture: Dave (1Jo 5:18-21)  
Song Leader: Jason  
Communion: Peter/Rob  
Sermon: Allan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prayer: Steve  
Creche: Venna + Parent  
Communion prep: Kathleen  
Clean Building: Fowells

### **Wednesday Night:**

**14<sup>th</sup> Jason 21<sup>st</sup> Allan**

Classes      Classes

### Prayer list Update

Jimmy B and Linda Hill  
Jerry, Anne.  
Bro Tony.  
Bro Peter  
Quinn Tattersfeild.  
Mary Dipalma  
Gaye Kyle  
Sandy Payne.  
Lisa VanKuyk.  
Anna as she travels in Oz  
The 12 New contacts  
viewing the DVD.  
Evangelism programme.  
Members who are in the  
search for new  
employment.  
Upcoming New Year  
programmed  
Up coming camps and  
meetings throughout the  
country.

### Coming up in the New Year.

1<sup>st</sup> Jan New year singing +  
BBQ 6p.m at building

DiPalma Series : 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>  
Jan 2012

Congregation "Picnic in the  
Park": Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012

Palmerston North Camp: 19<sup>th</sup>  
- 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012

Pirongia Camp: 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Jan  
2012

### New Plymouth Church Family

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am.

Bible Study: 11:15 am.

Sunday Night Men's Class: 6:30pm

Wednesday Night Study: 6:30 pm.

Monday Night Ladies Class: 7:00 pm.