

# THE JOG

FORTNIGHTLY NEWS LETTER  
NOVEMBER: 13<sup>TH</sup> - NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2011

## The Idle Words!!!

**Idle Words** -- There is nothing closer to the heart than the tongue. It is "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (verse 34). Our selection of words is based on that which we allow to dwell in our hearts. The wise man said, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit" (Proverbs 18:21). As an idle man or an idle machine is of no value, so words can be used which are worthless. They do not produce that which is good. How often do we say something we really do not mean, or that to which we have not given careful thought? And how often later do we wish we could take it back? "The beginning of strife is like releasing water; Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts" (Proverbs 17:14). **Giving Account In Judgment** -- In judgment, we will be responsible for our charitable deeds (Matthew 25:31ff) and our willingness to obey the gospel (Matthew 7:21; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9). It is equally true that in judgment, we will be responsible for our words. James said, "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell" (3:6). Interestingly, this is the only time that the original word *gehenna* (hell) is used except by Jesus. How would our words change if before we spoke, we thought about having to answer to God for what we were about to say?

**Justified Or Condemned** -- Words are powerful. We have all heard the expression "the pen is mightier than the sword." Good words may strengthen the spirit. The Hebrew writer said, "the word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword" (4:12). Paul said, "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one" (Colossians 4:6). When one's heart is filled with wise words which originate in the word of God, his speech can be a blessing to others in helping them to think and act more honourably. This speech will justify us before God. Evil words may damage the spirit. The wise man said, "He who guards his mouth preserves his life, but he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction" (Proverbs 13:3). James said, "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God" (1:19-20). When one's heart is filled with bitterness or vanities which originates in sin, his speech can destroy himself and others. This speech will condemn us before God.

## Upcoming Events

- Youth Group: 25<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Fellowship Meal:  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov.
- Men's Training Class:  
13<sup>th</sup> Nov – 20<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Ladies Class: 14<sup>th</sup> and  
21<sup>st</sup>
- Nov 27<sup>th</sup> Guest Speaker:  
James Cammock. James  
will be presenting two  
lessons in the morning  
and teaching the men's  
class in the evening.

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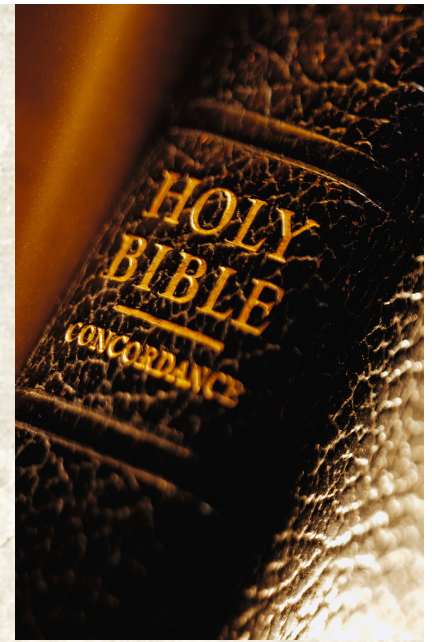
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# Family Matters

*"..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" will be available on line at [www.churchofchrist.org.nz](http://www.churchofchrist.org.nz)
- Hopefully this will be available over the next few weeks.
- Several have asked me for copies of sermon notes, again these are available online. If you ask me I can also hand you a copy on Sunday at services.
- 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, Jensen's, and others that I may have overlooked.
- Prayers for Lisa as she moves to Australia.

*Family Fellowship, Worship and prayer. . .*

# Roster Responsibilities

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

**Service Leader: Allan.**

**Open Prayer:** Jason.  
**Scripture Ken:** (1<sup>st</sup> Jo 4:7-14)  
**Song Leader:** Kane.  
**Communion:** Rob/Noel.  
**Sermon:** Allan.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prayer:** Tony.  
**Creche:** Venna + Parent  
**Communion prep:** Fowells.  
**Clean Building:** Perry's.(13<sup>th</sup>-19th)

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Service Leader: Allan.**

**Open Prayer:** Noel.  
**Scripture:** Kane: (1<sup>st</sup> Jo 4: 15-21)  
**Song Leader:** Jason  
**Communion:** Allan/Peter.  
**Sermon:** Tony.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prayer:** Chris.  
**Creche:** Debbie + Parent  
**Communion prep:** Fowells.  
**Clean Building:** Kathleen/Karen (20<sup>th</sup>-26th)

### Wednesday Night:

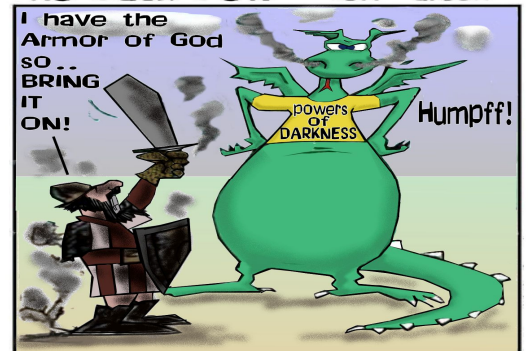
16<sup>th</sup> Jason/ Classes'

23<sup>rd</sup> Allan/Classes'

## Prayer list Update

Jimmy B and Linda Hill  
 Jerry.  
 Anne.  
 Quinn Tattersfeild.  
 Mary DiPalma  
 Rod And Gaye.  
 Steve.  
 Sandy Payne.  
 Lisa VanKuyk.  
 The 10 New contacts viewing the DVD.  
 Evangelism programme.  
 The new converts in Micronesia plus the new congregation.  
 Those who have now left their first love although we still seek to bring them back.  
 New congregation in Porirua.

## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



'FEARLESS' even when the heat is on. Eph 6:11

## 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.