



The Weekly Jog

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21st May 2008

“The New Plymouth Church Family Experiencing and Sharing the Transforming Power of Jesus.”

Freedhardeman Evangelism Effort.

Matthew 28:20ff.

They arrived safely in New Plymouth, 10am, Wednesday the 14th. Freedhardeman students ready and willing to assist in the work of the Church here in our great city. Until they leave us on the 2nd of June these students will be involved in letterboxing, door knocking, visitation, teaching and working with both community and the congregation. They have taken seriously the great commission of “Going into the entire world...” We want to, as a congregation of the Lords people, thank these students for the work and love for the Lord and the lost that they have shown since being here with us.

Brethren, make every effort to be involved and to work alongside these folks as we bring Christ before the lost in this City. Again, Eph 4:15-16 states the responsibility of every member being involved in the growth of the Body of Christ. This is our opportunity to put our best foot forward for the Lord and His cause. Lets just ‘DO IT.’

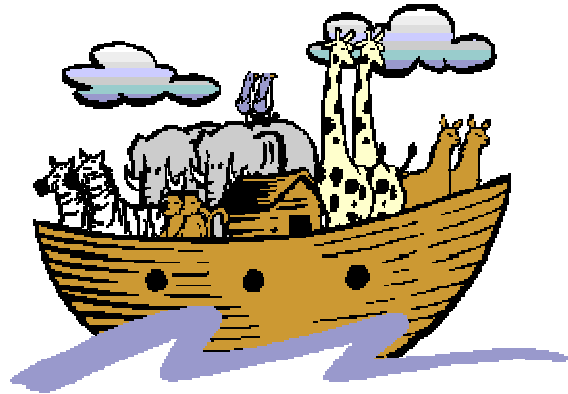
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Jeremy Sweeny, Brenda Fudge, Arianne Krulish, Emmy Gillen, Amy Warren, Lindsey Hudson.

In all the work that is done to God be the glory, amen

Get on board for 'Super Saturday'



Hey Family! This is for you and the kids be here and support our kids as they learn more about the word of God.

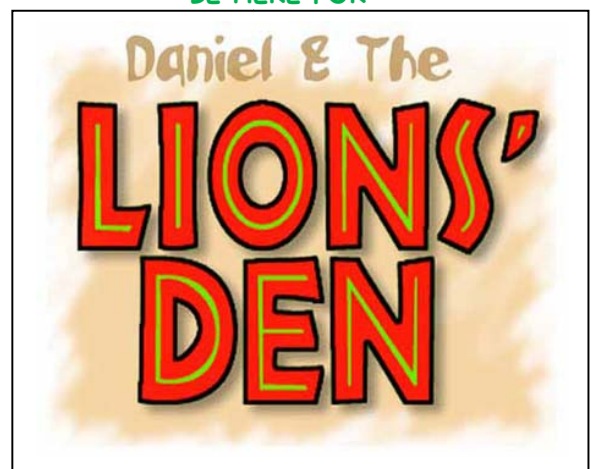
Date: 24th May.

Time 2pm.-4:30pm

Sausage Sizzle: 4:15pm.

Venue: Church Building

BE HERE FOR





Hogs and Acorns

Teresa Hampton

My Granny used say, "Now kids, don't be like hogs and acorns." What did she mean? Hogs root around for acorns in the ground beneath an oak tree, never looking up to realize all along that the mighty oak tree was providing the acorns. In other words, hogs have no gratitude.

Scripture frequently refers to the Israelite's lack of gratitude and God's response. They were rarely satisfied with God's deliverance, His miraculous power to their benefit, and His loving guidance in spite of their ungrateful spirit. They suffered dreadfully with the 'hogs and acorns' disease. Lest we forget, God's feelings about the importance of gratitude have not changed. Paul wrote to early Christians, "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful" (Colossians 3:15). Paul also wrote by inspiration, "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18), and "Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20).

Was Paul saying a peaceful heart is a *thankful* heart? Yes. Did Paul say in *everything* give thanks? Yes. Did he say give thanks for *all* things? Yes. Paul's words are even more profound when we stop to think of his first century readers and the peril in which they lived. They were subject to intense persecution from Jewish leaders as well as pagan government officials. In spite of these cruelties, they were a grateful people. Foxes Book of Martyrs gives an account of the peace and thankfulness early Christians expressed, even in the face of execution for their belief in Christ. The very thought of being thankful in the midst of adversity goes against every grain of human thought. Nonetheless, it is what God desires.

Gratitude is a rare virtue today. Folks may feel entitled to courtesies, gifts, or kindnesses that come their way, seeing no need for words of appreciation. Granny would say they suffer from the 'hogs and acorns' disease. God's people are called to be different. A 'thank you' or an 'I appreciate you' is always appropriate. Gratitude is a small measure of grace we impart to the people with whom we daily rub shoulders. But more importantly, let us remember it is a virtue of great value to God, our Provider.

Today's Verse: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God" Philippians 4:6

Today's Challenge: How many things can we find today of which to be grateful? Have we thanked God today for each of these blessings? Will we resolve to give thanks to God, even in adversity?

Allan's Psalm s Journal:

Psalm .9.

- 1- God sits as a king forever. He is the sovereign ruler of the universe. We must realize who God is and give full praise to His name. Why? Because he helps the weak and helpless and renders punishment upon the ungodly and wicked.

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