



In Our Prayers

Sick- Miss Shirley, Anne Van Kuyk, Donna, Nona Grey, Jason, Piper family, Hazel, Karen Buchannan, Venna and others with flu symptoms., Gaye Kyle. Bens Uncle in the USA.

Studying Gospel- Joan, Soko, Philip, Eteka, Siassi, Ryan & Andrea, Gary, Davina & Shane, Cyril, and Myra.

Faith Struggles- Ian, Joan Maxwell,.

Church in – Zimbabwe, Micronesia, Islands, Church in N.Z.

Work- of Sister Betty Choate & Voice of Truth, our own evangelism work here in New Plymouth.

Pray for Jared as he settles into school in the States. Mike Vestal visit in October.

Youth program and the **outreach** program in our congregation.

Sunday a.m. Sermon:

Topic: "The Chosen"

Text: Ephesians 1:3-4

Εὐλογητὸς ὁ θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὁ εὐλόγησας ἡμᾶς ἐν πάσῃ εὐλογίᾳ ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις ἐν Χριστῷ,



* καθὼς ἐξελέξατο ἡμᾶς ἐν αὐτῷ πρὸ καταβολῆς κόσμου, εἶναι ἡμᾶς ἁγίους καὶ ἀμώμους κατενώπιον αὐτοῦ ἐν ἀγάπῃ,

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.



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Sunday August 23rd.

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Weekly Jog



**"Blessed are those who keep
His testimonies, who seek Him
with the whole heart!"**

Family Updates



Boys Club: To be notified

Congregational Reading schedule for July-August-September is now on the foyer table.

Sermon notes and Sunday class notes also on foyer table. (Matthew 24-25 out).

Thank you: Card received for the Church from Sandra Mattox. On the notice board.

Website: Meeting. Those involved meeting Friday night ,21st. to discuss. Upgrading etc..

Roster Responsibilities

23rd August : 2009

1st prayer- Noel- 2nd Prayer Peter

Scripture- Jaracz: (Job40:15-19).

Song Leader -Steve.

Communion- Rod/Glenn.

Message -Allan.

Crèche- Debbie.

Cleaning-Blackman Family.

Fellowship Meal: Sunday 30th August.

A Heart Completely His

King Asa of Judah was generally a good king. Throughout his life, he had done much to return Judah to faithfulness to God. Yet there stands in the Biblical record of his life's achievements one monumental mistake. In 2 Chronicles 16:1-10, we can read of this incident in his life. Basically, Asa's mistake was that he used the silver and gold of the temple treasury to buy King Benhadad's assistance against Baasha the king of Israel. Hanani the seer communicated the Lord's displeasure with Asa's actions, saying, "Because you have relied on the king of Syria and have not relied on the Lord your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped out of your hand. Were not the Ethiopians and Lubim an immense army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on the Lord, He delivered them into your hand" (2 Chronicles 16:7-8). Asa had trusted in the strength of military alliance rather than in the strength of his Lord.

Hanani pointed out to Asa a principle that everyone of us needs to take to heart. He said, "For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His" (2 Chronicles 16:9). Asa's failing had been that he was not totally dedicated to the Lord. When he was confronted with a crisis, his thought turned to help from other men rather than from His God. If Asa would have relied upon God and given himself completely to God, he would have avoided the problems that beset him the rest of his life. Asa's failing was that his heart did not totally belong to God.

It seems to me that his incident in the life of Asa and the admonition it prompted from God's prophet should be of profit to each of us. The principle laid down by Hanani still holds true. The Lord still strongly supports those who have completely given their heart to Him. How many of the predicaments that we often find ourselves in are caused by our shortsighted reliance upon human solutions? How many of us only think of

God when we have gotten in over our heads in some difficulty? It is no secret that Christians have business problems, family problems, bills, tragedies and sickness just like all other human beings. But the real tragedy is when Christians approach these problems no differently than those of the world. Asa approached his problem like most kings would, he sought a favorable alliance but that was not acceptable because he was just any king, he was God's king, over God's people. Christians should not approach their problems like everyone else because we are different, we are God's people. We need to have a heart that is completely God's. That means that: First, our lives are given to putting God first. And second, that we rely upon God for strength in our times of need. We place our confidence in His ability to provide our needs. A heart that is completely God's does not involve sinless perfection or perfect performance. We only have to look at the life of another king of God's people, David, to see that. David had the type of heart that God wanted but he was not sinless. However even when David sinned, he relied upon the Lord as the only solution to the problem of his sin. That is the meaning of being completely God's. Asa was a good king but he failed when he did not completely rely upon God. Let us see the difference between David's heart and Asa's heart and develop one like David's.

