

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 19th AUGUST 2016

MONDAY, 15 AUGUST

Good Afternoon All

A lovely sunny blue sky filled day here at Wesley and not so cold.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 1ST XV who won 59-10 against Rathkeale College in Masterton.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2ND XV who won their semi-final 43-5 against our 3rd XV.

CONGRATULATIONS to our U15B team who won their semi-final 37-5 against Rosehill.

CONGRATULATIONS to our U14B team who won their semi-final 21-10 against previously undefeated Papatoetoe.

An awesome effort to all our Coaches and Management Staff, but especially our Boys.

THANK YOU TO THE Methodist Church of NZ - Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa who through a PAC grant have contributed to fund raising for our 1st XV to attend a Rugby competition in Argentina 2017 in memory of the late Jonah Lomu.

Our theme for this Week 4 of Term 3 is HOPE.

THANK YOU to our Fijian staff David Qaranivalu, Sam Siliasau, Vuga Tagicakabau who along with all our Fijian students led chapel this morning.

After the Gold winning performance by the Fijian Sevens Team at Rio, we are all still rejoicing in their historical feat not just as a team, but for the small nation of Fiji and for the whole of the Pacific. Vinaka vaka levu Fiji!

The Bible reading was from 1 John 3:16-21 on pages 1380 and 1551 in the Wesley Bibles.

The HOPE and weight of the Fijian nation supporting the Fiji Sevens team at Rio was all the motivation the team needed in their bid to win the country's first Olympic medal and it was go for Gold!

We are given HOPE through worship and praise of God every morning before we begin school.

We are given HOPE through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When it becomes real, when our HOPE is realised we can do nothing but give thanks and praise to God for the blessing that comes from being a people of HOPE.

HOPE though without action is HOPELESSNESS.

v 18 Let us not love with words or our tongue, but with actions and in truth.

HOPE alone without action is HOPELESS.

In order to achieve the goals we want to achieve, we do so with HOPE and with action, the two are synonymous.

Like the Fiji Sevens team who without their tireless effort and work prior to Rio, their HOPES would not have been realised.

God is good ... all the time!

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY, 16 AUGUST

Good Morning All

Blue skies and sun shining over Wesley today. God is good!

We continue with our theme of HOPE for this week.

The Bible reading was from Jeremiah 29:10-14 on pages 818 and 958 in the Wesley Bibles.

The hymn 'Our life has its seasons' has the following lyrics ...based on 1 Corinthians 13:13

So there's never a time to stop believing, there's never a time for HOPE to die

There's never a time to stop loving these three things go on.

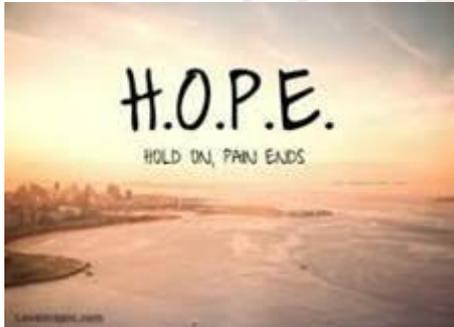
When all else may seemingly feel at loss, when we think that all HOPE is lost, we are reminded that HOPE cannot lose its way when we continue to be HOPEFUL. God is always with us and in this is our HOPE.

v11 God's plans for us are never to harm us but to prosper us, plans to give us HOPE and a future.

v12 Call on God, come to God, God will listen to us.

Youtube video Danny Gokey's song 'HOPE is in front of me' (Official Lyric video) encourages us to believe and to hold on to HOPE.

When God's plans for us are HOPE filled and bring blessing filled with HOPE, our response is to hold on.



WEDNESDAY, 17 AUGUST

Good Morning All

It's just blue skies over Wesley today.

We continue with our theme of HOPE for the week.

THANK YOU to Year 9 Siosuia Tu'uta who led the reading this morning.

Thank you to Year 9s Lovey Rewa placed 1st and Madeleine Nansen placed 2nd in the House Speech Competitions who delivered their winning speeches this morning.

Lovey's topic was on 'Morals' and using Children's fairy tales articulated a very thought provoking oration. Madeleine's speech was about 'Bullying' and without any notes eloquently and in a similar vein to the medium of the Spoken Word, delivered an inspirational address.

The Bible reading was from Psalm 33:12-22 on pages 564 /681 in the Wesley Bibles.

The world view of HOPE is akin to that of wanting all our athletes to do well at Rio or that we be given a wage raise.

The world's HOPE is a 'hope so' is it not? The Christian HOPE is a 'know so.' This HOPE changes the way we live.

It changes our perspective about what we are going through today. It allows us to live today with the end in mind.

It changes what we think might be important to what really is important. It even changes how we see ourselves, both today and into eternity. Our HOPE is sure and steadfast because it is in God's steadfast love and assurance that we are enabled to 'know so.' A knowing and a so-ing that comes from a personal relationship with the One who is All Knowing and in whose knowing we are able to be so HOPE filled and full of HOPE.

v22 May your unfailing love rest upon us O lord, even as we put our HOPE in you.

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY, 18 AUGUST

FRIDAY, 19 AUGUST

Good Morning Wesley Family.

TGIF the end of Week 4 and our theme for this week of HOPE!

CONGRATULATIONS to our Basketball teams who have made their finals

GO WELL to our Rugby teams playing their finals tomorrow at Karaka.

The 1st XV will play Rotorua Boys High here at Wesley at 12pm.

The Bible reading was Psalm 147:1-11 on pages 646 and 766 in the Wesley Bibles.

When the Boys come to ask me for bus fare the conversation usually goes something like this ...

Rev how long is a million years to you?

It's like a second.

How much is a million dollars to you?

It's like one cent to me.

Can I have that one cent then for my bus fare

'Just a second' I reply.

They're often oblivious to my reply and miss the point altogether, but forever HOPEFUL that the bus fare will be given over.

They come with HOPE and it's a 'know so' HOPE not a 'hope so' HOPE.

It's a HOPE based on a knowing and of relationship.

Without HOPE in God whom we know and have relationship, our world would be without HOPE.

We would be a people less than who we are and can be.

With HOPE we are everything we can be and so much more.

Have a blessed day and weekend wherever you may be.

May our God of HOPE be blessing you in every way every day.