

## CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 11 March 2016

### MONDAY 7 MARCH

Good Afternoon All

Welcome to Week 5 and Lent 4.

The theme for this week is **PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY**.

WELCOME to Auryana Emerson the exchange student from Kamehameha School in Hawaii.

THANK YOU to the group of Te Whare Maia students who represented the School at the opening of an art exhibition on Saturday at the Pukekohe Art Gallery.

The artist David who is severely autistic, received a national award for his work which enabled him to hold his first exhibition.

THANK YOU to our group of students who represent the School weekly at the local Chess Club. Their support of the Club is greatly appreciated.

The Bible reading was from 2 Corinthians 5:6-8, 14-17 on pages 1258 and 1438 in the Wesley Bible.

I'm often asked what does created 'in the image of God' look like.

The reading this morning provides us with the strongest of hints ...

v6... Created confident ... there are no limits to God's love for us and when we know that, it gives us the confidence to be and to do anything we are created for.

v14... Created compelled ... God's love for us compels us, requires that there be nothing that stops us from being the people we are created to be.

v14... Created convinced ... if there's one thing we are sure and certain of ... it is that God is in Christ.

v17... Created committed ... we are loyal and faithful as God is loyal and faithful ... no changes except the change of being a new creation.

**PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY** means we have to practice every day the God given gifts which enable us to be **RESPONSIBLE** people.

We have to be trustworthy and reliable about who we are and what we do.

We are accountable to ourselves and those around us for our actions.

We are free and own the right to make our own personal choices but it comes with responsibility.

When we don't give our freedom to choose away or allow others to take it from us, we are then able to live in the world confidently, compelled, convinced and committed, being **RESPONSIBLE** for our own lives.

Have a blessed day

### TUESDAY 8 MARCH

Good Morning All

**PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY** is our theme for this week.

This morning we welcomed Helen Latu and the group Generation Omega to worship.

A video presentation of the realities of life for many of our youth was shown.

The main thrust of the message from Gen O was 'only God can fill the void.'

We look to so many things within the world to fill the void in our lives which are only temporary

God can fill the void. God is not temporary.

We are each PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE for ensuring we make the most of the opportunities to make our way in the world.

We look forward to Gen O working alongside our Youth in the days ahead.

Have a blessed day

### **WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH**

Good Morning All

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY is the call in this the 4<sup>th</sup> week in Lent.

WELCOME to the Methodist Women's Fellowship District gathering at Wesley for their annual meeting this morning.

A warm WELCOME to Neil Denny CEO of Friendship House who will be the guest speaker following the service.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Senior Touch team who yesterday won one and drew one.

Against Tangaroa won 6-2 with tries to Blue(3), Reuben, Fa'apale and

Against James Cook a 2 All draw both tries to Nafe with great breaks and off-loading by Paul and

The Bible reading was from Luke 10:25-37 on pages 1096 and 1276 in the Wesley College Bibles.

Thank you to Year 11 student Mesa Saukura who shared the following message at chapel.

It took a great deal of courage for Mesa to speak to the School this morning and he is to be commended for taking PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY for his actions.

We never thought a game like 'shadow boxing' which is supposed to be non-contact, could result in someone going to hospital. That's exactly what happened when my friend Emmanuel and I were shadow boxing.

What started as a game was taken too far. We were shadow boxing and then we started arguing.

Somewhere while arguing, we started to fight for real. Emmanuel was injured.

When we look back and think about what happened, it was so fast.

We can't take back what happened, but we have learnt a lot of things about what can happen when we don't take PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY for the things we do.

We not only hurt ourselves but the impact of what we did, also hurt both our families.

Anger is something that happens really quickly, and in anger sometimes we can't be RESPONSIBLE.

We have learnt to think twice about what we are doing and if we do get angry, to walk away and in that way, we are being RESPONSIBLE and no one gets hurt.

The story of the Good Samaritan is one of PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY for our neighbour, our friends, our brothers, our sisters.

Have a blessed day

### **THURSDAY 10 MARCH**

Good Morning All

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY is the call for this Week 6.

The Bible reading was from Luke 15:11-21 on pages 1109 and 1286 in the Wesley Bibles.

The story of the Prodigal Son is one of PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY on so many levels.

The younger son decides he wants to leave home and so initiates the division of his father's estate.

The younger son then having been given his share, chooses to leave home and discover the world first hand. Finally the younger son after experiencing the world comes to his senses and returns home feeling so unworthy. The father in the meantime watches and waits for the younger son to return home – patient, constant and welcoming.

The hymn        ‘How much am I worth? What value’s in me?  
Do I count, if I stand or I fall?  
If I’m weak or I’m strong, if I win or I lose,  
Am I someone or no one at all?  
*I am worth everything, everything, everything,  
I am worth everything in the eyes of God;  
You are worth everything, everything, everything,  
We are worth everything in the eyes of God.*

We are never lost from the Father, we are never ever not worthy.  
God is always PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE towards us, for us, patient, constant, welcoming.

Thanks be to God!

Have a blessed day

**FRIDAY 11 MARCH**

No Chapel Message today.

