

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 13 May 2016

MONDAY 9 MAY

Good Morning All

Welcome to Week 2 Term 2

CONGRATULATIONS to our teams who played in the weekend.

1 st XV v Tauranga	won 26-14
2 nd XV v Morrinsville	won 35-5
3rd XV v James Cook	lost 29-0
U15B v Manurewa	won 70-5
U14 v Tamaki College	lost 31-34

Our theme for this week is TIME MANAGEMENT.

The Bible reading is from the well-known Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 on page 691/815 in the Wesley Bibles.

God's thoughtfulness in thinking of every situation we may need time for and giving us the time for, is awesome.

There is time for everything and there is time enough for everyone.

So then why do some of us keep chasing time? Wondering where the time has gone, asking why there isn't enough time in the day?

Why for some of us, is time elusive - hard to pin down? How do we best make time work for us?

Time like everything is bound by time, there is a limit to what time we have and if we don't use it, we lose it. It can't be taken back or recycled ... when it's gone it's gone. There is God's wisdom in this.

When we blur the lines between what time is given for, we can misuse the time we are given.

We can find ourselves chasing time, wasting time, and time can get away on us all the time.

Why, if we are given something for a specific purpose, would we use it for something else?

We have been given time for a specific purpose, to be used with purpose and for the purpose given.

Time is to be spent wisely and is a gift to be wisely spent and when we can manage time to our best advantage ... make time work for us, then we can rest at the end of the day knowing that our day was time well spent and the sense of doing our best in the time given, a real sense of thankfulness and satisfaction.

There is never a time not to do good and to be good towards others.

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY 10 MAY

Good Morning All

We continue to thank God for the wonderful weather!

The Bible reading is from Proverbs 27:1-10 on pages 681 and 804 in the Wesley Bibles.

The reading may seem a strange one given the theme for this week, but relationships are where we spend much in the way of our time.

Down time, spare time, free time, and part time are all ways we think of and use time.

Our relationships with one another also require time management and careful planning.

Who are your friends who are high maintenance?

Meaning they take up a lot of your time and take a lot from your friendship but don't give much back. Is that time well spent?

Who are your friends who say they've always 'got your back' but when you need them they aren't there. Is that time well spent?

Who are your friends who always and only front up, when you have something or they want something from you? Is that time well spent?

For our relationships to be the right kinds of relationships, each person in the relationship is made a better person.

You give equally to the friendship, and each of you is equal in that relationship.

Is your relationship life enhancing meaning is your relationship one that enriches and adds to each person's growth, that it's not a relationship which brings you down and never makes you feel good about yourself.

If this is the case ... then time is of the essence ... very important!

So ... Don't be someone's down time, spare time, part time or some time friend.

If someone can't be there for you all the time, then perhaps they're not worth your time at all.

We need people in our lives ... special people filling our lives with their lives.

We need to be in relationship with one another helping each other to grow as people ... to be better people.

We are created to live in community and to make our own lives and the lives of others, the gifts to the world that we are and can be ... All in God's good time!

Have a blessed day

WEDNESDAY 11 MAY

Good Morning All

TIME MANAGEMENT!

The Bible reading and our Call to Worship this morning was from Ephesians 5:15-17

v15 Be very careful then how you live - not as unwise but as wise.

V16 making the most of every opportunity, ...

V17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

There are many inequities, injustices, inequalities in the world, but one thing we all have in common is the same amount of time each day.

God has allotted twenty-four hours to each one of us. Perhaps, because we are products of our fast-paced society, we tend to think and

act as though God has short changed us when it comes to time. It is not uncommon to hear comments like, "There just isn't enough time in a day to do everything I need to do."

"I just don't know where the time goes."

"I'll try to find time, but I'm hard pressed for time at the present."

In our day when many people meet themselves coming and going, most people feel pushed for time.

The feeling is that there simply aren't enough hours in a day. Life with all its demands is far too busy.

Being a good steward of the time God gives, is not really a matter of guarding the minutes so we can spend our time productively.

Certainly we need to wisely use our time, but even more importantly we need to have a grasp of time in the sense of understanding

the great events of God in history past, present, and future as they are set forth in Scripture in the grand scheme of God's plan.

The goal concerning the stewardship of time is not to get people busier. It is not busier lives that we need.

What is needed is a better use of the time within an understanding of what God's will is

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY 12 MAY

Good Morning All

TIME MANAGEMENT continues to be the call for this week.

THANK YOU to Prefects Savelina Vehikite, Ofa Talakai, Richie Bloomfield and Tala Teisi for leading chapel this morning.

The Bible reading was from Colossians 3:23 on pages 1303 and 1477 in the Wesley Bibles.

v 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord not for men.

There is a ripple effect which happens when we don't manage our time very well.

If we get up late in the morning, we're the last to shower, late to roll call, we miss breakfast and it just seems like we're on the back foot, chasing time all day, trying to make up for lost time.

If we don't go to our classes we spend time wasted trying not to be found out, we have missed the day's work, we have no prep and it's play catch up until we've caught up.

Same with rugby training – if we don't go to training we will never know our full potential, never know what we are truly capable of, no training means no game time.

If we don't manage our time well now and get into the practice of doing it - it could mean hard yards for us for a long time.

When our motivation is God, everything is possible.

Have a blessed day

FRIDAY 13 MAY

Good Morning All

Welcome to the end of Week 2 and our theme TIME MANAGEMENT.

This morning the School said farewell to a much loved teacher Mr Warrenzuriel 'Wazza' Togatama and his family.

We welcomed Wazza's parents Rev Togatama and his wife, as well as members from the family who have travelled from afar to be here this morning and to celebrate Wazza's 40th birthday today.

Staff have been invited to join Wazza and the Family to celebrate his birthday at the Melba Bar and Restaurant 1 Ronwood Ave, Manukau City 6.30-11.30pm tonight. The theme for tonight is 'Rugby' so everyone wear their favourite team's jersey. Wazza led chapel this morning and his daughter Gabrielle sang.

The Bible reading was the well-known Psalm 23.

v1 'The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want ...

v6 Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.'

Wazza's message reflects someone who was and is very passionate about teaching, learning, his students and the School. Wazza walked the talk and talked the walk of faith, of humility and of compassion.

The prognosis after being diagnosed with a very rare cancer was not good for Wazza, but his faith hasn't wavered but kept him strong. He is an example to us all.

A big THANK YOU to the School for the farewell today.

Wazza leaves us in peace and we will continue to pray for him and his family as they prepare to leave us

All the best to our rugby teams for tomorrow.

Have a blessed day and weekend.

