

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 17th MARCH 2017

MONDAY, 13th MARCH 2017

Good Morning All. Welcome to Week 7.

It's overcast, the sun is out and for the moment it's not raining. We give thanks to God for the new day.

We continue to remember those throughout our country who are still reeling from the rain and its aftermath.

It's a busy week as our Cultural groups prepare for Polyfest which begins officially on Wednesday.

Our School's Fiafia Night is Wednesday 7pm in the Rec. All are welcome.

Students will be involved in Speech Competitions for Polyfest also on Wednesday.

The Samoan Group will perform at 8.35am on Friday 17th.

The Kapa haka Group will perform at 11.30am Friday.

The Tongan Group will perform at 10.20am and 2.30pm Friday.

The Niuean Group is our only group to perform on Saturday 18th

Our theme for this week is the last of the four Kairangi values EXCELLENCE.

The Bible reading was from Philippians 4:4-9 on pages 1297 and 1468 in the Wesley Bibles.

The quote on the Week Ahead for today is from Confucius who wrote:

'The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach our full potential - these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal EXCELLENCE.

The Apostle Paul in his writing to the Church at Philippi reminds us:

Finally whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is EXCELLENT or praiseworthy - think about such things.

Whatever you have received or learnt or heard or seen me do, put it into practice.

EXCELLENCE is a way of living which realises our full potential as humans and as humanity. It speaks to the characteristics which come from our being created in the image of the Creator.

The way of EXCELLENCE is humanity at its best and when we are at our best, Paul says this is praiseworthy stuff.

The EXCELLENT way calls our whole being into action - our hearts, minds, souls along with all of our strength.

It is a way of putting into practice what our whole being yearns for and is called to - to reach our full potential, to realise the fullness God's intention for us as God's people. When we put our 'whole'(urge, will and desire) to something - it requires the 'whole' of us to practice it.

May our thoughts and our practice be praiseworthy and worthy of praise.

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY, 14th MARCH 2017

Good Morning All

Tis cloudy skies but warm at Wesley today. God is good!

WELCOME back to Miss Manoa who travelled to Tonga for her Uncle's funeral.

GOOD to have Miss Lalakai back who has not been well.

A big SHOUT OUT to all our Cultural groups who are putting in the hard yards in preparation for Polyfest.

Wonderful to hear all the singing and see all the dancing when groups are practicing every evening.

We continue with our theme of EXCELLENCE for this week.

The Bible reading was from Matthew 5:13-16 on pages 1007 and 1182 in the Wesley Bibles.

If as God's people we affect little or no change in the places where we are, what's with that?

The challenge to make a gospel impression of the deepest kind, the upshot of which people want to get with our EXCELLENT way is life-changing.

In our life with our students sometimes we seem to be making headway and then something comes along to rock the boat and it's like we're back to square one. As I sat at the Samoan practice last evening and watched our young people give it their all, to see their smiles at having been told they were EXCELLENT was priceless! Our students are children who yearn to be told again and again they are EXCELLENT, they are worthy, they are valued. Without ceasing and as the adults we want to be that constant reminder.

This morning I have had one young man come and see me about his love life, one asking if I have any spare sandals his are about to break, and one who wants me to take him to Puke after school to get a haircut.

In a myriad of ways we are called to be the constant reminder to our children they are of the most EXCELLENT kind.

Have a blessed day

WEDNESDAY, 15th MARCH 2017

Good Morning All

Day started off cold but now blue skies and warming up. God is good!

EXCELLENCE is our theme for this week.

The Bible reading was from 1 Thessalonians 4:7-12 on pages 1310 and 1482 in the Wesley Bibles.

Paul in his letter to the Church at Thessalonica is over the moon, filled with joy because of their work.

Their fellowship is dynamic and their work for the gospel is filled with love. Paul encourages them to persevere and to be encouraged to keep doing what they're doing.

As our cultural groups gather momentum for Fiafia Night tonight and Polyfest at the end of the week, the challenge is to persevere and to be encouraging of our groups and students. Our children are tired and signs of fatigue were evident in their practices last night. For the most part our children have been faithful and committed to their groups and when they have stepped up, as the tutors and teachers in charge, we have witnessed something special and their joy fills us with joy and with love. Let us continue to encourage them to keep doing what they are doing and in so doing, strive to live lives EXCELLING in that which is holy, filled with love and with joy.

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY, 16th MARCH 2017

There was no Chapel message today

FRIDAY, 17th MARCH 2017

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