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Sunday Service 10am - Pastor Ed

07 October 2018

Our Purpose:

Love God, Love one another, Serve Others in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Welcome to Mt Roskill Baptist. If you are new to the area, or visiting us today, we serve tea and coffee after the service, please join us.



Pastor Ed

Eschatology (study of last things) The mystery of death..... part one.

St. Thomas Aquinas said: *"The necessity of dying for Humans (Man) is partly from nature and partly from sin."* Death is certain, but what takes place once we die has a myriad of theories, even for those who wish to dwell little on the subject. Some believe we float around the universe like some star, shining brightly upon family members. Others believe we disintegrate and become nothing. Today, many have adopted pluralism (doctrine of multiplicity), where all faiths lead to the same place. This gives all of us access to God without discrimination, especially after death.

Christian doctrine is somewhat different with some variations.

1. We believe we consist of body and spirit (*Mt 10:28 - 1 Thessalonians 5:23*)
2. We believe in the resurrection of our bodies (*2 Corinthians 4:14 Romans 6:5 Isaiah 26:19*)
3. Our final state is with God, better known as Heaven (*Revelation 21,22 John 14*)

The burning question: what happens with the period between our death and bodily resurrection?

1. Intermediate state

This was adopted by John Calvin who proposed that our intermediate state was more of a rest for our spirits until we receive the final state which will be inaugurated at the resurrection and day of judgement with the second coming of Jesus Christ. The

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Anabaptists (16th century) subscribed to **Soul Sleep**, where the soul (spirit) of the person lies in a dreamless state, which from the Seventh Day Adventist's developed their doctrine of **soul extinction**, where soul and body are both resurrected at the return of Jesus Christ.

2. Purgatory

This is a Roman Catholic teaching (*Hebrews 9:27*) where judgment takes place immediately after death. There are 3 groups: Those who go to Heaven, those who go to Hell and those who are not bad enough for Hell and yet not good enough for Heaven. This third group end up in an intermediate holding place, known to us as purgatory where they may be cleansed of their venial sin (lesser sins). In other words, a place of cleansing. Cleansing can be accomplished in 3 ways: **suffering**, **contrition** (*repentance*) and **prayers** from the saints, although the forgiveness for their sins ultimately belongs to God.

3. Instantaneous Resurrection

Those who believe in Jesus Christ will immediately experience the presence of God (*Lk 16 19-31 Lk 23:43*). Paul's claim of being absent from the body and present with the Lord (*2 Corinthians 5:1-10 Philippians 1:19-26*) affirms this doctrine. This doctrine claims the spirit and soul are not dependant on the resurrected body to exist in God's presence, often viewed as a Greek philosophy and in tension with Jewish tradition. What is problematic is the resurrection. Somehow there is a metamorphic (transformational) uniting of body and spirit at the resurrection.

Summary

I have summarised as briefly as possible the Christian doctrines of "beyond death". There is much more to be said and viewed when it comes to eschatology (theology of last things). Remember it is not our intellect on these matters which brings salvation. We are called to have faith in God in spite of us trying sequentially to figure out how death will affect us. Many of my Christian friends have variations of beliefs on the Intermediate state, Purgatory and Instantaneous resurrection. Personally I have my own. Some of us are obviously wrong, but we all agree that one day we will enjoy the presence of God together.

Romans 10

¹² *For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

Next week: what is Heaven?

Pastor Ed

GLOBAL PARTNER OF THE MONTH



**Graeme & Sharon Walls,
Mercy Ships**

As the Mercy Ship sailed into harbour in Conakry, Guinea a few weeks ago, our hearts and prayers have been full for the people waiting for essential surgery. After the formalities of clearing customs, unloading vehicles and 'setting up shop', the field service began with a hiss and a roar on August 26. More than 6000 men, women and children queued to have their conditions accessed by our surgical pre-screening team. This involved various 'stations' including taking medical history, which is pretty complex especially through a translator and up to three languages.

By the end of the day, 1,135 people were offered follow-up appointments to return for a more in-depth health assessment over the next week. Those who were turned away because of illnesses we can't treat (like cerebral palsy, adult orthopaedic issues and terminal conditions) were offered the opportunity for prayer and counselling.

In the coming months, Africa Mercy teams will also continue to screen patients from four regions in the interior as well. We are on our way to filling our wards, operating rooms and HOPE (**H**ospital **O**ut **P**atient **E**xtension) Centre with patients who have no other access to timely, safe and affordable surgical care.

Our focus here in Auckland over recent months has been very much about logistically helping prepare the Kiwis who have signed up to volunteer on board the hospital ship in West Africa during this 10-month field service. There are many questions and details, especially if people are volunteering for several months at a time. We are also working hard on a major fundraising project which is definitely challenging and stretching us in new areas.

Praise points:

- Safe sail on the long sea voyage
- Uncomplicated pre-screening day despite large crowds
- New opportunities to share about Mercy Ships with Kiwis of influence

Please pray for:

- the speedy arrival of delayed containers of essential medical equipment shipped directly from the previous field service in Cameroon
- the patients from this Islamic nation to see clearly, understand the presentation of the gospel on board, that they see Jesus in the hands that serve them
- the surgical and medical teams, for skill with extreme and difficult medical conditions
- quick recovery for the patients from surgery, and grace and endurance for their physio
- Graeme and Sharon's personal sponsorship team
- Critical positions vacant; college social studies teacher, chief engineer, hair stylist, ophthalmic surgeon, hospital infomatics mgr, account clerk, dental hygienists, PICU and PACU nurses, second officer.

Thanks so much for your amazing support and encouragement!

CAMBODIAN DINNER LAST MONDAY NIGHT



Wah Ng

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank all who donated to the cause and attended the dinner function on Monday night. We had a few donations given on the dinner night too. There were also many who paid for the tickets but did not attend so we sold those tickets. We raised \$2899 in total. Thank you once again. Regards Wah.



PRAYER & SELF DENIAL 2018

Rachel Murray, General Director of NZBMS would like to **Thank You!** for your support of NZBMS through Prayer & Self Denial. We sent through \$7000 and they are very grateful for our support and the willingness to do so.

HINDU WORLD PRAYER GUIDE - 15 DAYS OF PRAYER

The annual Hindu World Prayer Focus is calling Christians and churches worldwide to take 15 days to learn about and pray for our world's over one billion Hindu friends. That period also encompasses the significant Hindu Festival of Light (Diwali). The informative prayer guide booklets will help Christians to know how to pray for the people

(s) growing up within this major and very diverse world religion. Talk to Stephen 021774482 or visit the website <https://pray15days.org/> to get your copy (\$8 each).



CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2018

We would like to host a lunch at church on Christmas Day this year for those in our church community who would like to attend. If you are interested in being involved with planning this or if this is something you think you would like to attend, please speak to Christiana or Matt Barker.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES TEAM LED SERVICE - FOLLOWED BY LUNCH

Next Sunday, October 14th, the Community Ministries Team will be leading the service to share what God has been speaking to them about over the past few months. Following the service everyone is invited to stay for lunch as the Team present some of the ministry opportunities that we are currently involved in as well as hearing about some future opportunities. We would love for everyone to join us.

Please see Margaret Jones if you are available to help in the kitchen, that would be much appreciated.



LIGHT PARTY - WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2018

Our annual Light Party is nearly upon us again. Only 4 weeks away. **Save the date!!**

Watch this space for more details next week and how YOU can be involved.

ESOL ALPHA CATERING

Opportunity to serve. Helpers required to cater lunch for attendees between 26 October to 14 December 2018. Deliver food by 11.45am on Fridays. Contact Adele Little 021-423-353 or Pat Ng 021-037-7839 for more information.

BAPTIST MAGAZINE OCTOBER/NOVEMBER ISSUE

If you have ordered a Baptist Magazine, the October/November issue is out now. Please collect your copy from the table in the church foyer.

If you would like your name added to the list, to receive complimentary copies of the Baptist Magazine, let Julie know, or phone the church office 627-9286

PRAYER AND PRAISE CARDS

You will find Prayer & Praise Cards on the table in the church foyer. If you have any prayer requests or answered prayer. Just grab a card write it down and post it into the black box provided. All prayer requests are kept confidential.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Crèche upstairs is designed for Parents and Caregivers with children 2years and under. Feel free to take your little ones there. Toys available.

TODAY! All the children stay in the service, being school holidays. There are activity sheets for the children in the church foyer, during the sermon.

Sunday 14th October - All children will go downstairs to watch a DVD.

Sunday 21st October - Normal programs resume

TODAY WE HAVE COMMUNION

For those people who are Gluten Free, please go to the front, and there is a gluten free option for you.

SPRING WORKING BEE - SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER, 9AM—12NOON.

Come when you can, leave when you must.

Projects include:

- Spring weeding and trimming Front Garden
- Weed removal from bank behind flats 483A
- Bush trimming and weeding around rear carpark
- Painting carpark lines
- Finish painting barge boards on Hall
- Concreting in the pavers to office
- General internal cleanup of church building
- Weeding and planting in community garden



Preferably bring your own tools. Contact Keith for any queries - 027-435-3260

UPCOMING PARENTING COURSE WEDNESDAY 24 OCTOBER 2018

Discipline without shouting, force or fluster with Joy Sluiters

Date: Wednesday 24 October 2018, at Mt Roskill Baptist Church, 5:30pm doors open, 6pm-7:30pm - Joy's presentation. Gold coin donation, light refreshments provided. For further information please contact supervisor@mrbk.org.nz or phone 626-7250



During the Week

MON 08/10	TUE 09/10	WED 10/10	THUR 11/10	FRI 12/10	SAT 13/10	SUN 14/10
Op-Shop 9am-1pm	Op-Shop 9am-1pm Friendship Group 10am	Op-Shop 9am-1pm	Op-Shop 9am-1pm	Op-Shop 9am-1pm	Op- Shop Open 9:30am- 1:30pm	Sunday Service 10am
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 1 TO 12 OCTOBER						
Life Group 7:30pm	Life Group 7pm & 7:30pm	Life Group 7pm & 7:30pm	Life Group 7:30pm	Life Group 7:30pm	Life Group 2pm	Life Group 7pm

ORAL CARE WASTE RECYCLING



Remember to collect all your used toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, floss containers and all the packaging from these items. Bring them to church and put in the box in the foyer. Every piece helps add to our fundraising for the Trust. Thank you to all those who have supported us so far.

JIGSAW PUZZLE TESTING

In the foyer you will find jigsaw puzzles that need to be done to check if they are complete before we can sell them at the op shop. Instructions in the box. Please help yourself. Good school holiday activity for the family. Thank you to all our wonderful puzzle testers for your many years of service.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER, 8AM - 10AM

Author, Brian Andrew who wrote 'Grandpa's Garden' will be speaking at the Men's Breakfast. Saturday 3rd November, 8am-10am. Held in the church, downstairs lounge.

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING - 4 NOVEMBER 2018

We are holding a Church Family Meeting on Sunday 4 November, straight after the church service, with a pot luck lunch.



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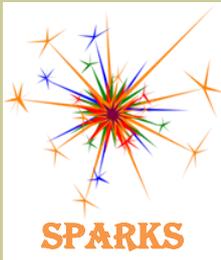
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**ROSKILL KIDS
CHILDREN'S PROGRAM**

Because we see children as important members of the church family we like to have them present during worship. Their program begins about 20 minutes into the service.



Primary Years 0-6
(Church Lounge)



Children aged 3 & 4
years (Kindergarten)



Children aged 0-2 years
(Church Seminar Room)
Live link to Sermon



Students Yr7 & Yr8
(Youth Hall)

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ADULT LIFE GROUPS: Phone church office for more information 627-9286

- MONDAY (Fortnightly)**
7:30pm in Hillsborough, Chris McIntosh
- TUESDAY (Weekly)**
7:00pm in Lynfield, Graeme & Sharon Hight
7:30pm in Te Atatu South, David & Fiona Knight
- WEDNESDAY (Weekly)**
7:00pm Various Venues, Ed & Linda Karlsen
7:30pm in Mt Albert, Linda Wright
7:30pm Various Venues, Caleb Deverell
7:30pm Various Venues, Matt Barker
- THURSDAY (Weekly)**
7:30pm Various Venues, Christian & Stephanie Nayagam
- FRIDAY (Fortnightly)**
7:30pm in Lynfield, Roger & Shirley Deverell
- SATURDAY (Fortnightly)**
2:00pm in Mt Roskill, Jeff Rana
- SUNDAY (Fortnightly)**
7:00pm in Wesley, Stephen & Rachel Thompson

FRIENDSHIP GROUP
10am Every Tuesday in church lounge, Colleen Sangster

YOUTH - TERM TIME ONLY
Meet every Friday night 7pm-9pm, for years 9 to13 in the downstairs lounge.
For more information, please email youth@roskillbaptist.com

CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT # 12-3082-0073265-00

ARE YOU NEW TO MT ROSKILL BAPTIST?
Or would you like further information?
(Fill this form out and place in offering bag)

Name: _____ **Male/Female**

Phone: _____ **Mobile:** _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

- I'm Considering Roskill as my new church home
- I'm new to the area
- My contact information has changed
- I'd like to know more about Baptism
- I'd like to know more about Membership
- I'd like to know more about Giving I would like a donor/giving number
- I'd like a visit