

NOTICES

Hospo Team - Next week Team 3

Bible Study Group

Starts again this Thursday night @ Church.

Building Available For Use

If you know of a church looking for a building - available Sunday afternoon / evening. See Hamish.

Church BBQ

Easter Sunday 4th of April after Church @ Hamish & Di's bach at Piha.

THIS WEEK'S BLURB

Hi Church.

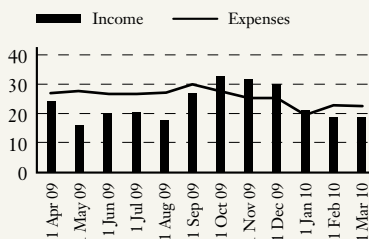
I'm sure it must be something about Diane's absence, she is in Germany now, but I have been thinking about the biblical concept of hospitality. In 1 Peter chapter 4 verse 8 it says, "Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint". Quite obviously the fact that fervent love is necessary to cover a multitude of sins is a concept that arises directly out of the fact that real biblical hospitality is an activity sure to reveal the true downside of the human condition. Like the Charlie Brown cartoon where he proclaims, "I love humanity, its people I can't stand!", there is something about sharing life and meals together that is guaranteed to produce the circumstances in which it becomes all too easy to grumble and complain about other people. It's one thing to share a pew with a fellow believer and call it fellowship, it is another thing entirely to share an evening of your time, at your home, eating food and drink that you have prepared and paid for. On many levels it can be quite a challenging investment, a psychological and relational punt in a time poor and risk averse culture.

But God requires us to be hospitable, to welcome strangers, because it is the only way his kingdom will grow. And the truth of the matter is that we don't have a particularly good track record in it. When God came into the world as a stranger, he had every right to expect us to welcome him, to host the One who had given us our very existence. But we rejected him. He knows what it's like to be scorned, ignored, left out in the cold. He knows what it's like to be outside the circle of warm human connection, only ever seeing the backs of people turned against him.

We live in a very mobile world with people changing suburbs, cities and countries on an increasingly regular basis and this means that all of us will know the place of a stranger. While Jesus' injunction that we "do unto others as we would have them do unto us" means that we should be hospitable as a matter of principle, the reality now is that it is a matter of survival. The challenges of family life teach us all the "how" of hospitality, now we need to make sure that we actually do it!

Best blessings,
Hamish and Di.

Monthly Giving (Units = \$1,000)



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New Mum's Meals Christy Hitchcock 021 623 743
Bible Overview Group Brett Fawcett 021 353 530
Fortnightly, thursdays 7.30 at church
Foodies and Friends John & Linda Grigg 09 522 2711
john.linda@grigg.co.nz, last week of the month
location and times TBA, fun food & fellowship
Ex Nihilo Exploring creativity. All welcomed. 7pm, 3 Rajan Place,
Hillsborough. See notices for next date. Hamish 021 557 096
Mainly Music Tuesday at 10.00.

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