

Praise & Prayer Points:

Week 1

- January has ended, time flew fast. We are grateful for the Lord's goodness, and we trust that He will be with us to guide us the rest of the year. Pray for our children, for guidance through the new school year.
- Thank the Lord and pray for our birthday celebrant, Nanay Zeny. Pray for continued good health and protection over her.
- Praise for those who have come back from holidays. Praise for their safety and protection and a blessed time with family & friends.
- Praise the Lord for the Holy Spirit's work in resolving some Leadership issues last month. Pray that the leaders continue to depend on Jesus Christ to labour towards discipling our church so that love may abound towards one another for the Father's glory.

Week 2

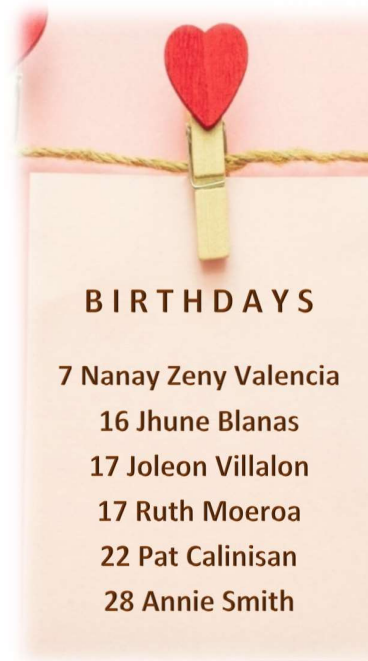
- Thank the Lord for our birthday celebrants, Jhune Blanas, Ruth Moeroa (Melbourne), and Joleon Villalon. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless them and their plans for the future.
- Continue to pray for our elderlies, Nanay Zeny, Tatay Con, Kingsley, and Elizabeth. Pray for their health concerns, pray for good health and strength.
- Pray for our children and our youth. Pray that the Lord will help us, adults, to lead by example and guide them in the right path.

Week 3

- Thank the Lord and pray for our birthday celebrant Pat Calinisan. Pray for continued good health and strength especially as she continues to serve at the House of Hope with her husband, Robert.
- Praise and prayers for our church volunteers. Thank God for their time and all the work they put into their ministries. Our Sunday school teachers, our youth leaders, House of Hope workers, building maintenance team, worship singers and media support, our greeting card team, and our cuppa volunteers.
- Continue to pray for our community and that the Lord will keep showing us ways to reach out to them.

Week 4

- Thank the Lord and pray for our birthday celebrant Annie Smith. May the Lord continue to grow her and bless her and her family.
- Pray for our church/ministry partners: Pastor Mohe and the Niuekklesia, Pastor Frank and the Arabic church, Leading the Way, Maicy and Jackie in Power to Change, Pastors Sid and Jerome in the Philippines, and Pastor Stevenson in India.
- Continue to pray for the world, for peace in countries suffering from war, conflict, oppression, and poverty. Please pray that God will intervene and show mercy to His people.



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A caring Christian community reaching people for Jesus

February 2024

- 4 Come and See, Lord
John 11:5, 17-46
Coordinator: Julius
P & W: Danwin
Sound: Adrian
- 11 You Must Be Born Again!
John 3:1-21
Coordinator: Jerome
P & W: Corrie
Sound: Emmanuel
- 18 He Must Become More Important
While I Become Less Important
John 3:22-36; 4:3
Coordinator: Dally
P & W: Danwin
Sound: Yuri
- 25 And He Himself Believed,
and All His Household
John 4:43-54
Coordinator: Jhune
P & W: Yasmin
Sound: Adrian

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Pastor's Corner

Continuing with our vision of “Beloved, let us love one another,” and the vision of “Learning Christ Together,” as well as the goal of “Making Disciples of Each Other.,” let us study the Scriptures on how our Lord Jesus Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

We will also continue the theme of “Come and See” in the book of John, which we started on New Year’s Eve service. We will touch on the calling of Mary and Martha in the raising of Lazarus from the dead, the meeting of the Lord Jesus with Nicodemus and Jesus’s challenge to him of being born of God—being born again, John the Baptist’s testimony again about Jesus, the healing of the official’s son. These events show the love of Jesus in one way or another while teaching and demonstrating to his disciples how to love one another.

As I mentioned in last month’s bulletin, we know that Jesus came to rescue God’s people and take away the sins of the world. As the covenant people of God, the people that God promised to be with until the end of the age, we are invited to “see and taste” that the Lord is good. Jesus alone fulfills the will of God in creating the perfect man in his image. Hence, we are being transformed by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit into the New Life in Christ as we work together with God (Romans 8:28-29, **“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for (or with) those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”**)

In today’s sermon, Mary invited Jesus to “Come and see” his beloved Lazarus. This is the most significant of the “Signs” that point to Jesus as Christ, not only because the Messiah’s raising of Lazarus foreshadows the resurrection of Jesus, but also because this “Sign” emphatically points to the Son of God who gives life and gives it more abundantly. This “Sign” reinforces last Sunday’s sermon about the Messiah who gives lifegiving water through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Thus, the long wait is over, Christ has come. He lived, died, and rose again! He will come back to rule with us in fulfillment of God’s purposes for humankind in Genesis. This time, we look forward together as his church—in obedience to his calling, we declare Christ Jesus as the Savior; and make disciples so more people will trust, love, and obey him, **as we reflect God’s love AND LOVE EACH OTHER (a realized eschatology)**, until we see him face to face. To him be the glory and honour forever and ever, Amen!

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Reminders:

- Zoom Prayer Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 pm.
- Sunday, 11th, Cuppa, Team 1
- Sunday, 25th, Pot-blessed Lunch
- Youth Activities, TBA

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ROMANS 8:28