



A thought from Pastor Tracey...

How can it be April already? Where did the first quarter of the year go? Well, here we are anyway! How are you doing? Has it been a good start or a rough start to this year? Our community is full of people going through both similar and totally opposite experiences as you... Some have thrown themselves into the year, headfirst, full of energy and seem to be winning on every front. Others have dragged themselves along leaning on the strength of anyone available to stop for a moment to show they care. Can I encourage you to continue to look out for someone in the opposite season to you? Lend a hand, an ear or maybe something else you're prompted to share. We currently have people dealing with a cancer diagnosis, facing significant surgeries, some enduring tough-going medical treatments, others facing stressful or changing housing situations. There are also ongoing grief and financial pressures that are putting relationships to the test. Would you consider pausing right now to pray for one or all of these situations? Thank you. That's a massive gift and a huge encouragement to those feeling like they are facing this season alone. FYI - In the last few weeks we have seen some amazing answers to prayer through our prayer chain! Praise God for these answers so far. 😊 Do consider joining the prayer team if you're interested in praying for others and seeing God move. Maybe you haven't had the confidence to do this before? Eph 3:12 says "In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence." I love this. What an awesome privilege we have being able to approach Him... We are welcomed with open arms because we are His children and we can hope to be strengthened (in this season and the next) with His power through the Spirit within us, with Christ dwelling in our hearts through faith - ah Lord, grow our faith please! May we then, rooted and established in love and power-filled like the saints, be able to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus. And to know, know, KNOW this love, *that surpasses knowledge!* And then let's turn and share it, and live a life worthy of the calling.

Help us God to be, completely humble and gentle; patient (with people) bearing with one another in love. Give us the strength Lord to put in the effort to keep the unity of Spirit through the bond of peace. You are over all, through all, and in all. Eph 4:1-6 encourages us to grow our faith and our bond Lord. You are the One who changes everything... Amen. How are you experiencing Jesus changing everything? Do you have a personal testimony, and would you like to share it? If so, email it to me directly: tracey.lee@occ.net.nz It would be good to include some stories in the next newsletter. Have an amazing 'faith filled' April.

Services 10am Sunday Morning

- 7 April - Jesus Changes Lives (Demon possessed man) - Paula Morrison
- 14 April - Jesus Changes Lives (Missions Sunday) - Philip Manju
- 21 April - Jesus Changes Lives (Canaanite woman) - Aiden Shotbolt
- 28 April - Jesus Changes Lives (Peter the disciple) - TBC



Café Connect, 10am Wednesday 3 April

This is a morning for the over 60's.

Join us for a morning of Fun, Food & Fellowship! Come and hear of the adventures of campervanning around NZ!

Please note in May Café Connect will be on 8 May NOT 1 May.

James 5 Prayer Night, 7.30-9pm Monday 8 April

There will be a Prayer Team at Church praying for your prayer needs. Please come along between 8-9pm if you would like to receive personal prayer. You can email any prayer requests to the office or via our website.

Orewa Community Church
**MISSIONS
SUNDAY**
Sunday, 14th April 2024

Special guest Philip Manjul, the CEO of CMCT will be visiting OCC on the 14th of April. Don't miss this opportunity to hear more about how God is moving through this amazing organization.

GTKU Lunch, 12 pm - Sunday, 5 May

This is your chance to come and find out more about OCC!



If you are new to our church (or have never been to a GTKU before) then this is for you. You will get a chance to find out what we believe and what ministries we have, meet some of the leadership, ask any questions you may have and enjoy a yummy lunch.

Please let us know if you are planning to come.

Lunch Provided

You can give via online banking or using the envelopes in the foyer drawer.

Please ask Roz for a giving number if you wish to claim tax rebates.

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