

# News

## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to those celebrating birthdays this month. If you're a regular attendee, or new to Papsda and you are celebrating your birthday or anniversary, but your name isn't on the list below, it possibly means that your details are not in our database. See the team at the Information Desk to complete a Papsda Attender card.

**March Birthdays:** 1 – Devon Saunders, Pita Foliaki 2 - Apolosi Katia 3 - Ina Louw, Gladys Aruwa 4 - Maaike Bootsman, Susana Pulini, Jacques Theron, Joanne Macdonald, Kylie Ann Martin 5 - Mike Littleton, Karakia Upu Toparea, Ailani Upu Toparea 6 - Rozann Pienaar, Nelise Teulilo 7 - Pam Dixon, Tanvi Narayan, Melissa Mataia, Jaz Newport 8 - Verity Dixon 9 - Metu Toso, Olivia Seve 10 - Heather Blackburne 11 - Roger Thoresen, Zebedee Tupai, Brittany Ah Young 12 - Lance Morgan 14 - Shaun Hurlow, Ida Millist 15 - Kevin Thomas 16 - Robin Greenfield 17 - Doreen Hutchins 18 - Tracey Ryan, Elena Sobolev, Eduan van der Merwe 19 - Dharnell Lam Sam 22 - Heather Cameron, Shadrach Levi 23 - Dorothy Glasson 24 - Luke Gagamoe, Richard Powell 26 - Ashlea Davies, Claudia Hogwood, Terry Liggett 27 - Marlene Kruis 28 - Raymond Kata, Keely Liggett 29 - Dave Simpson, Staffin Matthews 30 - Roki Pulini, Valerie Cosseboom 31 - Paul Kata, Kevin Harvey

## Wedding Anniversaries

Robert & Noella Davidson..... 6th March  
Edwin & Moana Puna..... 7th March  
Andrew & Fiona Schwamm ..... 12th March  
Kevin & Kelly Harvey..... 24th March  
Jeremy & Verity Dixon..... 24th March

## Midweek Email Update

If you're on e-mail and you're not already subscribed to the midweek Papsda e-mail Update, sign up at the Information Desk or visit our website [www.papsda.co.nz](http://www.papsda.co.nz)

## Words of Wisdom

Here is a test to find out whether your mission in life is complete...  
If you're alive, it isn't.

## Christchurch Earthquake Appeal

ADRA Director, Clinton Rappell has been approached by local Civil Defence with a request for help in accommodating people from Christchurch.

The request is to provide short term accommodation and food for assigned refugees for up to 3 days. The refugees are diverse, ethnically and religiously and so will have varying requirements or needs. If you may be able to help please email [leanne@papsda.co.nz](mailto:leanne@papsda.co.nz). We will pass on details to ADRA and if and when a family needs accommodation ADRA will contact you directly.

Financial donations to ADRA's relief effort can be made at [www.adra.org.nz](http://www.adra.org.nz)



# Snapshots



Leon, (better known as Ampo King) hangs from the rim during a Staff vs Chronicles challenge at South Auckland Primary School.

Weddings, a visit from the Chronicles during South Side Slam & a picnic at the Waikato River were all highlights this month.

With visits to 7 schools in the area & nightly tournaments, the Chronicles enjoyed a fantastic week reaching out to young people in our community. Pictured across are students from South Auckland Primary School.

Big congratulations also go to Ryno & Kerryn Swanepoel who were married on the 20th of February. We wish them all the best for their lives together!



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# PAPSDA

PAPATOETOE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

# mini

As many people read a Bible story for the first time, there is often a sense of great amazement at what God does. As people walk through the ocean on dry land or get ushered into a big boat to survive a cataclysmic flood we think "Wow! This is incredible stuff!" - in fact so incredible that many people find it is too hard to believe. And yet most often it seems the way that God works is by speaking very softly and quietly into the ears of people just like you and me. And yet this whisper is with such strength of purpose that the person who God speaks to feels greatly motivated to carry out the command that has been spoken in their ear. How does God speak to people? And what is the result when He does?

The Bible is full of stories of people who God spoke to, and how that whisper transformed their lives. Does God speak to people any less today? Is God any less willing to communicate with humanity than He was in times past? It would seem that God is more active than ever, and speaking far more than He has ever done before. The way God chooses to communicate is through what Jesus called the Holy Spirit. The story tells us that this Spirit came upon Jesus and that His whole life was lived in daily communication (or communion) with the Holy Spirit.

Over the next six weeks - throughout March and April - our church wide focus is on the Holy Spirit. What or who is the Holy Spirit and how does the Holy Spirit speak to you and me. This focus will be during our weekly worship service and in our weekly life groups. Please take some time with your life group to see what the Bible says about this. Read it together, discuss it together, and pray together for this wonderful gift of direct communication from God Himself.

This emphasis and focus on God is the only one that can transform us both individually and as a church to accomplish the great purposes that God has for us. Expect to hear a whole lot more...

Stephen Davies

sermon series

# shouts + whispers

Experiencing the voice of the holy spirit

# What's On?

## 360 Connect Camp 1-3 April

All teens & Youth are invited to the 360 Connect camp which will be held at Finlay Adventure Park in Cambridge on April 1-3. Get ready to enjoy lots of team challenges, some fun in the sun & watersports. A great event to invite all your friends to. For registration forms visit [www.360.org.nz](http://www.360.org.nz) or pick one up at Papsda. Registrations need to be in by March 12.



## Discovering God Through New Eyes Series

Some relish reading it and gain much, and some are left wanting, wondering how to understand it. The bible is simple yet complex all at once. Discovering the Bible through new eyes course is a fresh take on how to explore deeply in your personal bible study. Starting on Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30pm this 6 week course will show you how to do just that and deepen your relationship with God.



## C.H.I.P.

C.H.I.P. (Coronary Health Improvement Project) is a five-week intensive lifestyle education program designed to help you better understand your health, what damages your health and how to combat that damage. C.H.I.P. commences Sunday, 1 May 2011. To register, or for more information, attend one of the free information sessions, outlining the benefits of C.H.I.P. and what's involved. 16 April at 2:30pm; Sunday, 17 April at 3pm; Wednesday, 26 April at 7:30pm; or Thursday, 28 April at 7:30pm.



## Living Wisdom & Relate Courses

Just because we are Christians doesn't mean we have it all together! There will be 2 different courses held by Christopher DeFbaugh this year who ran the School of Living Wisdom in 2010. With complimentary content, these courses are called 'Living Wisdom' & 'Relate'. If you are interested in learning about healthy thinking, improving the relationships around you and supporting others better, then these workshops are for you. Based on solid Biblical principles, these courses teach basic competency in Pastoral Therapy to anyone with a desire to improve their own life & support others. They will be starting on the 14th & 16th of March & run every week for 18 weeks. Detailed course information & registrations are now available - see the links on our homepage, [www.papsda.co.nz](http://www.papsda.co.nz). Places are limited so register today to avoid disappointment!



## Divorce Care

Divorce Care starts on March 14 at 7pm in the Lower West Wing. If you or someone you know are struggling with the hurt of separation, find help and healing through these Divorce Care workshops. Sign up at [www.papsda.co.nz](http://www.papsda.co.nz)



## Contagious Christianity Weekend

Join over a million people worldwide (and hundreds from Papsda) who have experienced this life-changing personal evangelism course. This course is designed to equip believers for sharing God & their story with others & will be happening on the 18th (evening) & 19th of March at Waipuna Conference Centre. Register online at [www.papsda.co.nz](http://www.papsda.co.nz)



# March Calendar

**PAPSDA**  
PAPAETOE REVEREND-DAY ADVENTIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

*where you belong*

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\*ROOM KEY | UWW = Upper West Wing | LWW = Lower West Wing

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY   SABBATH
		<b>1</b> 7:00pm Elders Meeting	<b>2</b> 9:30am Community Playgroup	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00am World Day of Prayer - Papsda 7:00pm 360 Nothing Much	<b>5</b> 9:30am 11:00am 12:30pm 7:00pm Bible Discussion Groups Worship Service: "BREATHE - Who is the Holy Spirit?" Speaker: Norman Hurlow Church Lunch 360 Social <b>YOUTH CAMP</b>
<b>6</b> 11:00am Jungle & Farmyard Picnic & Train Visit 12:00pm Adventurers Picnic & Stardome Outing - Cornwall Park <b>YOUTH CAMP</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:30pm Discovering God through New Eyes (in depth bible discovery workshop)	<b>9</b> 9:30am Community Playgroup 6:00pm 360 Life & Life Groups	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30am 11:00am 3:00pm Bible Discussion Groups Worship Service: "FIRE - How to know when you're hearing from God." Speaker: Karl Saifoloi Adventurers
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00pm Relate - UWW 7:00pm Divorce Care - LWW	<b>15</b> 7:30pm Discovering God through New Eyes - Dining Room 12 pm 60s+ Outing	<b>16</b> 9:30am Community Playgroup 7:00pm Living Wisdom - LWW	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30pm Praise Hymn - LWW	<b>19</b> 9:30am 11:00am 12:30pm 6:00pm Bible Discussion Groups Worship Service: "FULL OF SPIRIT - Focusing your life on God." Speaker: Stephen Davies Church Lunch Extreme Connect Event
<b>20</b> 8:00am 360 Tryathlon Fundraiser 2:00pm Treehouse Connect Event	<b>21</b> 7:00pm Relate - UWW 7:00pm Divorce Care - LWW	<b>22</b> 7:30pm Discovering God through New Eyes 7:30pm Admin Board Meeting	<b>23</b> 9:30am Community Playgroup 7:00pm Living Wisdom - LWW	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:30am 11:00am 2:00pm Bible Discussion Groups Worship Service: "JUST SAY THE WORD." Speaker: Karyn Newson Life Group Leader Event
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00pm Relate - UWW 7:00pm Divorce Care - LWW	<b>29</b> 7:30pm Discovering God through New Eyes 7:00pm Elders Meeting	<b>30</b> 9:30am Community Playgroup 7:00pm Living Wisdom - LWW	<b>31</b>	<i>April Preview</i> <b>1-3 April: 360 Connect Camp</b> <b>19-24 April: NNZC Junior Camp - Tui Ridge</b> <b>9 April: Dessert &amp; Date Night</b>	

# Prayer Gathering

Every 1st & 3rd Sabbath of the month in the Lower West Wing. Meet with us on the 5th & 19th of March as we seek God's leading in our lives & pray for those around us.