



Offerings (unless otherwise specified in your local church)

Sabbath 2 Nov Local

Sabbath 9 Nov World Mission Budget

Sunset times

Sab 2 Nov

NEL 8:08 pm

CHC 8:16 pm

INV 8:39 pm

Fri 8 Nov

NEL 8:16 pm

CHC 8:24 pm

INV 8:48 pm

WEEKLY CONNECT

What Matters Most?

I shared a message recently where I talked about 'What Matters Most'. After some prayer and reflection, I concluded that what matters most is people. Money, possessions, qualifications and other attributes are nice things to have, and we need them to a certain extent, but they are not what matters most – people matter most. And when we talk about people, we talk about relationships.

Balancing and prioritising time is important to foster the four types of relationships. Jesus would spend time with His father early in the morning to recharge, and through that connection be equipped to deal with other forms of relationships. We may prefer to connect with God at different times of the day but should in one way or another imitate Jesus' connection recipe.

A meaningful connection with our family and friends is also very important and cannot be neglected. We see so many broken homes around us because not enough time is dedicated to growing relationships. We all know that it is not so much about the quantity of time but the quality of time that makes a difference in relationship building.

In my experience, the practice of having a relationship with self in the sense of taking time to look after our minds and bodies is the most neglected, which in the long-term results in various forms of physical and mental health issues. Another relationship that is often disregarded is the relationship with creation. As stewards of this planet, we sometimes forget our responsibility to protect, preserve, and speak against environmental degradation. Finding the right balance and prioritising what matters most in our relationships is a skill that we can all learn and develop.

What about you? What matters most for you? If it is relationships, think how intentional you have been about them, and whether there are any changes you need to make.

- Denison Grellmann, ADRA CEO

LOCAL NEWS

Labouring on Labour Weekend!

Everyone is familiar with the Labour Weekend. For me, it was interesting to discover its history. Labour Day has its origins in the labour union movement, specifically the eight-hour day movement, which advocated eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation, and eight hours for rest.

Here at Garden City Fellowship, we planned to use Labour Day by serving others. We managed to help a single mum by tidying up her lawns, trimming hedges and cleaning her home.

SERVING others - whether small, unplanned acts or regular volunteering - is a powerful way to boost our own happiness as well of those around us. The people we help may be strangers, family, friends, colleagues or neighbours.

Giving isn't just about money, so we don't need to be rich. Giving to others can be as simple as a single kind word, smile or a thoughtful gesture. The single mum was very grateful for the help. A big thanks to Monique Kennelly and the GCF team for their amazing efforts.

- Pr Younis Masih

NOTICES

LAC Boarding Scholarships now open

Scholarships that are available (for domestic fee-paying students) at Longburn include:

- Longburn Adventist College Boarding Scholarship
- Ministry of Education Boarding Allowances

Go to www.lac.school.nz/boarding/scholarships for more info and to apply. Applications close 5 December 2019.

ADRA Christmas tree appeal

Every year ADRA promotes a range of Christmas gifts that will help people facing poverty or hardship. For this to happen we need people who are willing to volunteer their time to set up and run a Christmas tree appeal in their church. Learn more and register to receive a Christmas tree pack at www.adra.org.nz/christmas-tree

Get your orders in for Camp!

If you would like to order any Sanitarium canned goods for pick-up at camp, you can order them now. Orders must be in to Edwina Davis by 25 November 2019. Go to www.adventist.org.nz/resources/snzc-big-camp to download the order form.

Mums At The Table parenting magazines

You or your church ministry will no longer receive Mums At The Table magazines if you don't subscribe before November 8.

A small subscription fee—just \$A15—for six editions per year will be introduced from the next issue onwards.

To ensure you don't miss any copies, you need to subscribe by Friday, November 8, at <https://subs.mumsatthetable.com>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Champions Network

9 November, Dunedin

Come along to this workshop and find out how you can be part of the Community Champions Network, and be empowered and supported to make a difference in your community! For more info please email: sallylavea@adra.org.nz

Road to Bethlehem

16-19 December 2019, Christchurch

If you would like to volunteer your time to help with set-up or general handyman duties, please contact Beulah Thoroughgood at thoroughgood@hotmail.com or 027 697 9942.

SNZC Big Camp 2020

5-11 January 2020, Christchurch

Registration is now open. Get in before 10th November to make use of the early bird special on sites and tents! Go to www.adventist.org.nz/resources/snzc-big-camp to register.

DATES TO REMEMBER

16-19 Dec

Road to Bethlehem

5-11 Jan

SNZC Big Camp

21-23 Feb

MG & PLA Leadership Training

1 Mar

Adventurer Leadership Training

21 April

Global Youth Day

21-28

Youth Week of Prayer

