



Hawkesbury Church of Christ

Meeting at 23 Bosworth Street Richmond

Worship 10.00am. Bible Study 11.15am

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Please be aware that the management of the Hawkesbury Skill's Centre in which we meet still requires full vaccination for people attending the building.

With Covid spreading so easily, mask wearing is encouraged during worship.

IF ONLY I HAD....REGRET

We all know the old saying, "Hindsight is 20/20". There's not one of us who hasn't looked over our shoulder and questioned a decision or action committed in the past. Mistakes, misjudgements, tragedy and missed opportunity filled our memories and worry our minds.

"If only I had...", begins a sentence of regret, wishing we had chosen a different path and perhaps the end results would have been different. Regret is certainly one of the ironies of life because we learn and grow from those mistakes and missteps yet they are the things which make us sorry for the past! The first time we read of regret in the bible is in Genesis 6:6. Because of mankind's evil ways God was sorry that he had created such an unruly being. Throughout the book of Ecclesiastes, the writer expresses much regret as to spending his life working, building and saving only to pass it on to someone else after he dies.

Judas regretted the decision to betray Jesus and even though he repented the pain was such that he took his own life.

Why would God give us such a worrisome emotion?

Because regret causes us to realize our need for change and the need for God's forgiveness and His salvation. *2 Cor. 7:10 Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.* If I never felt remorse for my wrongdoing I would never see the need to be obedient to God.

Those who are accused of crimes have lawyers to be their advocates when facing judgment. You and I have an Advocate in Jesus Christ who goes to God on our behalf at the point of regret and confession. "If only I had done things differently." Holding on to regret can weigh heavy on the heart but we must remember that Philippians 3:13 encourages us to let go of the past and move toward the future. A future filled with God's love, forgiveness and eternal reward.

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Philippians 3:13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead.

Prayers

Paula Johnson, Bev & Brian Robinson, Genevieve Croxon, Israel Rogonasau, Sephron and Albina Joram and the congregation in Kapini, PNG.

Our church family, many of whom are dealing with personal difficulties. Pray for the saints throughout the world & the people of Ukraine. We pray for peace throughout the world and that world leaders show wisdom and strength at this time of crisis.

October Preaching Roster including 1st week in November.

DATE	PREACHER	LEADER	LORD'S SUPPER
5 th	Dennis Rayner	Dennis Rayner	Geoff Hatch
9 th	Dennis Rayner	Dennis Rayner	Geoff Hatch
16 th	Charles Hadfield	Charles Hadfield	Dennis Rayner
23 rd	Wally Gray	Dennis Rayner	Geoff Hatch
30 th	Dennis Rayner	Dennis Rayner	Geoff Hatch
6 th	Dennis Rayner	Dennis Rayner	Geoff Hatch

Ladies Roster October & November

Month	Lord's Supper	Morning Tea
October	Kathy Reynolds	Angela Beetge
November	Wendy Laing	Beverley Robinson

Birthdays coming up in October:

Christine Teale, Genevieve Croxon, Angela Beetge

NEWS

The recent earthquake in PNG affected the area in which Sephron and Albina lead the church at Kapini. Sephron wrote that four people died and falling rocks destroyed food crops. They are also suffering from draught which exacerbates the problems.

Sephron is suffering very badly from his leg problems and has not attended worship for two Sundays. Sending greetings from the congregation, he thanked us for our assistance and asked for continued prayers.

Our leader and preacher, Dennis Rayner, suffered from a severe cold for some weeks during September. On his return, we celebrated his birthday during our morning tea break along with Immanuel Rogonasau who turned 13. We continue to look forward to Dennis's lessons and pray that his return to good health will continue.

Our sister, Chris Teale, is now working two days a week in a job she enjoys.

