

COMMUNITY FORMATION TUESDAY:

CHAPEL: This week we look forward to having our Student President, Chris Beales-White, sharing with us on our Bump theme, and many thanks to Andrew Maude as he leads our time together.

TUESDAY: HARRY POTTER. HARRY, HARRY POTTER

The SASS team have planned a deeply troubling christological question for debate. "If Jesus had gone to Hogwarts, which House would he have been sorted into?" Make sure you stick around after lunch to find out!!

WEDNESDAY PRAYER

At 12:40pm each Wednesday we come together in the Chapel for a time of prayer. Please feel free to come along to join staff and students.

For the next 3 weeks we are taking some time to pray for different student groups, both current and future, this week is 'Intermission Students'

Facilitator this Week: Bridget Barnard

LABOUR DAY - MONDAY OCTOBER 24

Don't forget that next Monday is Labour Day - so Carey is closed and there are no classes. Make sure you find out if your Monday class is having a 'catch up' lecture on November 7th.

THE SENDING

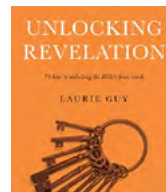
Next Thursday, 27th October, is our annual SENDing event! This is always a great time to celebrate the achievements of our Pastoral and Youth Pastoral Leadership students, our Intermissioners, the cross cultural mission students, and our children and family ministry students. Make sure you come along to be a part of the festivities!

A LIBRARY HISTORY

If you didn't see Siong's piece on the College Library last week... you'll find it here. Thanks for your work on pulling this together Siong! Thanks heaps to everyone who helped make the 90th Celebration such an excellent day! It was much appreciated by all those in attendance.

UNLOCKING REVELATION

Laurie Guy's second book on Revelation (Unlocking Revelation: 10 Keys to Unlocking the Bible's Final Words) has just rolled off the printing press. If you'd like a copy they are available for \$20 each at Carey reception.



Come celebrate our students completing:

- Pastoral Leadership
- Youth Pastoral Leadership
- Cross Cultural Mission
- Intermission
- Children and Family Ministry Leadership Combo

Thursday
27 October 2016

7.00pm-9.30pm

473 Great South Road
Penrose, Auckland

Please join us for supper
after the event.

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BUMP

A few weeks ago I got to preach at our chapel. This is always a pretty nerve wracking time when you stand up there to speak to a room full of biblical and theological scholars (staff and students alike!)

As part of our ongoing BUMP theme I was drawn to a passage in Acts chapter 18 which explored, among other things, the place of Priscilla and Aquila in the life of Apollos.

Here was this learned man going around 'preaching' about Jesus but with at least one blindingly obvious flaw - he only knew of, and therefore only spoke of John's Baptism. I pondered how it would be possible for someone to go around preaching about Jesus whilst lacking so severely in an area of the gospel that seems so pertinent; baptism in the name of Jesus through the association of his life, death, and resurrection.

But that is what I found so fascinating about this passage. We are told that Apollos, despite this flaw, is already seen as a brother in Christ and that Priscilla and Aquila don't try to correct him, because the scriptures say that he already taught accurately. Instead we see them taking Apollos aside to help fill in the gaps for him, to help him become more accurate in his teaching.

I don't know about you but I was pretty blown away by this approach. I wondered if Paul had been present whether he may have insisted that Apollos be baptised properly, not just in John's baptism. But, we see no evidence for that here, nor in other passages where Paul speaks highly of Apollos.

So all of this got me wondering.

What is my approach to people that I think need some help to become more accurate in their knowledge and understanding of the gospel? Do I see it as rebuking them?

Do I take the stance that they are wrong and need help? Do I correct them on their shortcomings?

Or is it possible to be a part of improving someone's accuracy without taking a negative view of their understanding? It certainly appears to me that Priscilla and her husband set about to edify Apollos by ensuring he knew he was already a part of The Way. Then they set about helping him to better reflect the full accuracy of what that meant for him and for those that he felt called to serve. This seems to me to be an altogether positive bump experience.

It is also a challenge to me as I seek to help others, especially young people, fill in their understanding of ministry, mission, and the gospel.

Sam
Youth Pastoral Leadership
and Community Life

