

WEEKLY SERIES

The Great Controversy Chapter II The Creation | Episode 2

In this garden the Lord placed trees of every variety for usefulness and beauty. There were trees laden with luxuriant fruit, of rich fragrance, beautiful to the eye, and pleasant to the taste, designed of God to be food for the holy pair. There were the lovely vines which grew upright, laden with their burden of fruit, unlike anything man had seen since the fall. The fruit was very large, and of different colours; some nearly black, some purple, red, pink and light green. This beautiful and luxuriant growth of fruit upon the branches of the vine was called grapes. They did not trail upon the ground, although not supported by trellises, but the weight of the fruit bowed them down. It was the happy labour of Adam and Eve to form beautiful bowers from the branches of the vine, and train them, forming dwellings of nature's beautiful, living trees and foliage, laden with fragrant fruit.

The earth was clothed with beautiful verdure, while myriads of fragrant flowers of every variety and hue sprang up in rich profusion around them. Everything was tastefully and gloriously arranged. In the midst of the garden stood the tree of life, the glory of which surpassed all other trees. Its fruit looked like apples of gold and silver, and was to perpetuate immortality. The leaves contained healing properties.

Very happy were the holy pair in Eden. Unlimited control was given them over every living thing. The lion and the lamb sported together peacefully and harmlessly around them, or slumbered at their feet. Birds of every variety of colour and plumage flitted among the trees and flowers, and about Adam and Eve, while their mellow-toned music echoed among the trees in sweet accord to the praises of their Creator.

Adam and Eve were charmed with the beauties of their Eden home. They were delighted with the little songsters around them, wearing their bright yet graceful plumage, and warbling forth their happy, cheerful music. The holy pair united with them and raised their voices in harmonious songs of love, praise and adoration, to the Father and his dear Son, for the tokens of love which surrounded them. They recognized the order and harmony of creation, which spoke of wisdom and knowledge that were infinite. Some new beauty and additional glory of their Eden home they were continually discovering, which filled their hearts with deeper love, and brought from their lips expressions of gratitude and reverence to their Creator. (End of chapter 2)

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“Reflecting God’s Love, Advancing God’s Kingdom”

Welcome

Welcome to the East Auckland City Seventh-day Adventist Church.
We pray that your time with us will be blessed as we worship together.

Tonight Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 12th March 7:00pm

Speaker: Elder Fitu Ah-Young

Topic: “Strive to enter in at the strait gate...” Luke 13:24

Youth Week Of Prayer

15th to 22nd of March | 7pm Nightly

Venue 1: 55 Blockhouse Bay Rd Avondale | Brother Jay

Venue 2: 120 Charles Prevost Drive The Gardens | Elder Franklin

Sabbath

Divine Worship – 11:00am

Divine Service Speaker: Pastor Adam West

Topic: “YHWH” The Names Of God.

BIBLE VERSE

“Pilate therefore said to Him, ‘Are You a king then?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth.

Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice’ ” (John 18:37, NKJV)

This Week

SUNSET	OFFERING	CLEANING
Start Time: 07:41pm Date: 14 th March 2025	Sabbath School Offering GC for World Mission	Next Week Duty 1: Mar 16th- Mar 21 st The Jumaye Family
End Time: 07:40pm Date: 15 th March 2025	Divine Service Offering Local Church	Duty 2: Mar 16th- Mar 21 st The Jumaye Family

VISITORS

Welcome to our visitors and newcomers. Please let our greeters know that you are visiting today. We would like to officially welcome you, and we are so happy to have join us.

SABBATH COMBINED LUNCH

Sabbath 15th February. We invite you to bring what you can but most importantly yourselves. Any other contribution is greatly appreciated. Please drop your vegetarian dishes off in the kitchen before Divine Service starts for our team to warm up. On behalf of the hospitality team, we thank you, God bless.

CLEANING ROSTER FOR 2nd QUARTER

We need help to fill the cleaning roster for 2025 Q2.

Firstly, thank you all for your faithful service in keeping our Lord's house clean during the first Quarter of 2025. Your service does not go unappreciated. God bless you all. These are the dates available. Please contact Brother Siti on 0221539174 or Sister Leanne 0211449366. Or leave a message on one of the church Facebook chats. You will be blessed 🙏 Mar (30-Apr 4), Apr (6-11), Apr (13-18), Apr (20-25), Apr (27- 2 May), May (4-9), May (11-16), May (18-23), May (25-30), Jun (1-6), Jun (8-13), Jun (15-20), Jun (22-27), Jul (29-4)

YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER

Inviting all Church members to Youth Week of Prayer starting from next Sabbath 15th March and finishes the following Sabbath 22nd March. Join in for short heart felt devotions from the word and united seasons of prayer. Time is 7pm. Venues posted on the front page of this bulletin. Zoom will be available ID TBC.

ELIA WELLNESS COURSE – DESTRESS & THRIVE

Are you stressed or want to avoid stress or help someone with stress? Then join us for our "De Stress and Thrive" course to run for 6 sessions over 6 weeks. This is just for Church family as our new facilitators practice. Please pray for us and this course to be a blessing. If you are interested in being a facilitator, then please join us! Please see John M, Gladys or Antoinette to learn more. First session Sunday 16 March starts 10am at Church in Children's room.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - SABBATH SCHOOL

We are excited to tell you that we have prepared special new lessons for your little ones for Sabbath School. Please bring your little ones by 9:30am on Sabbath to enjoy their time with Jesus. We also have Beginner to Primary classes to be at Sabbath School by 9:30am for our new full program. This is an exciting new time for the children and for you as parents.

MILA NEEDS A BOARDER

Sister Mila is looking for a female boarder. 136 Ti Rakau Drive. \$200 per week inclusive of WiFi water and electricity. Car parking space available. Call on 020 4025 9838

HAYDEN WISEMAN VIOLIN CONCERT

At EACSDA Church on the Sabbath of March 22nd at 2:30pm.

REMINDERS | CHURCH SECURITY & LOCK UP

1. We remind all church departments on leaving EA Church after meetings to check, secure and lock doors and windows and turn off all church lights at EA Church.
2. We remind all persons accessing IT room to lock and secure the room when closing down for the day e.g. Sabbath or any event at EA Church.
3. All persons who have access to church alarms to turn off security alarms and turn on security alarms to complete the process to arm and disarm security alarms at any time during the week and at weekends.
4. As a general condition we request **No Food to be eaten in the Church Sanctuary** anywhere immediate area at any time and including IT Room. Snacks for children can be eaten in Children's Room | Mothers Quiet Room during Church Services but we request no hot food or plates of food during combined lunches are to be eaten inside the Children's Room | Mothers Room.
5. **PLEASE! NO CHEWING GUM** is to be bought into the EA Church facility at any time.
6. We ask that all parents keep their children close to them whilst at church. Anyone under the age of 12 years old should have a parent with them at **ALL** times. No child is to be left wandering around the church for health and safety reasons. For any safety issues, please see Brother Samuelu Crichton.

UPCOMING CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Church combined lunch | Sabbath the 15th of March
2. Youth Week Of Prayer | 15th to 22nd of March | 7pm nightly | Zoom available | Zoom ID TBC
3. Elia Wellness Course | 16th March | 10am | In the Church Children's room
4. EA Church Communion to end Q1 | Sabbath, 22nd March
5. Violinist Hayden Wiseman Concert | At EACSDA Church | 2:30 PM | Sabbath, March 22nd
6. EA Church Board Meeting | Sunday 23rd March at 5.30pm | Zoom only
7. Next Church Business Meeting | Sunday, 30th March | at 5.30pm | At Church and On Zoom

Prayer Requests

'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

– Luke 18:13

"Our ONLY claim to God's mercy is our GREAT NEED!"

– Ministry of Healing. p. 461

- 🙏 Praise God for the Cross, let all praise go back to Calvary - Worthy is the Lamb that takes away the sin of the world.
- 🙏 Ask for the latter rain to prepare our characters fit for heaven and for strength to endure trials permitted to refine us.
- 🙏 For the baptism of Holy Spirit to empower our leaders in the frontline, Pastor Tehui and family, Elders and their families, Deacons and Deaconess, Board members and Ministry leadership team.
- 🙏 Pray for Jesus leading over our church mission and families, children, students, teenagers, young adults, elderly, parents, single parents and etc
- 🙏 Keep close in prayers our Daniel's family mourning the loss of sister Karen. Especially her dear daughter Daniella and son Moimoi for Holy Spirit's comfort, healing and renewed hope of reunion with Jesus and mom by God's grace.
- 🙏 Specific prayer for our sister Lewa and children's visa in process. God's hand and will to prevail upon their family and His comforting arm over them.
- 🙏 Uplift in prayer the Youth for their Week of Prayer. Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to be upon them at each venue.
- 🙏 Continuous prayers upon each care-group, to continue strong in the Lord with missional mindset and hunger for God and burden of souls.
- 🙏 Pray for the harvest around East Auckland community and ways how you, an individual, and a family can witness for Jesus to those around you.
- 🙏 Pray for outpouring of Holy Spirit upon our North New Conference, Union and leadership team. For the World church, leaders and pastors, local and abroad to live for God's glory and move in the power of God's Holy Spirit.
- 🙏 Pray for church evangelism plans 2025 and prayerfully prepare your heart and family for God's mission and harvest in our East Auckland Suburb.

They will be included in our prayer list for the next 30 days.

If you have a prayer request please contact Sister Penny at pnakuta679@gmail.com