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### Meeting Times

**Sunday mornings:** 9:30 am to 11:00 am (*sometimes longer!*)

**Sunday evenings:** 6 pm to 7:30 pm

**Mighty Kid's Church:** 10:00 to 11:00 am (downstairs)

**Sunday evenings:** 6:00 pm to 7:30

**Tuesday Bible Studies** - Fortnightly at Doug & Margaret Anderson's home 7:00 PM

**Wednesday Night Meetings** - Weekly at Kathy Elms' home 7:30 PM

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Welcome to Ormiston Christian Faith Church!

## News



- **Welcome:** This morning Pastor Peter & Ann Sutcliffe are with us again. Pastor Peter will be our guest speaker. Also with us this morning is Evangelist **Susie Tapp** who has just returned from ministry in South Korea. Please feel free to join us for refreshments after the meeting!
- **Happy Father's Day** to all the Dad's in the congregation. We know some are away this morning, but we wish you all God's best!
- **Prayer:** Here's a thought about prayer from "The Message":  
"When you help someone out, don't think about how it looks. Just do it — quietly and unobtrusively. That is the way your God, who conceived you in love, working behind the scenes, helps you out. And when you come before God, don't turn that into a theatrical production either. All these people making a regular show out of their prayers, hoping for stardom! Do you think God sits in a box seat? Here's what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace. The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They're full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don't fall for that nonsense. **This is your Father you are dealing with**, and he knows better than you what you need."

**Matthew 6:3-8 [The Message]**



### Volunteer Roster

A new volunteer roster for September & October is available at the door. Please place your name in the roster if you would like to help out!

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# The Four Basics of Life

The Fourth chapter of John's Gospel has some "favourite" Christian texts. One of them is verse 14: "But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will be in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."



Another is verse 24: "God is a spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." Then there's verse 35, much loved by the evangelically minded: "Do you not say, 'There are four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!"

Each of these texts is inspirational, but as we examine the context of the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well, we find that it all comes down to four very basic human needs.

**1. THE WELL OF BELONGING.** We all long to belong. That's why we join churches, clubs and cultural groups. In her search for identity, the Samaritan woman "owned" Jacob's well, a link with history that wasn't even hers to claim. (2 Kings 17) Jesus spoke to her of a spiritual well, one that would satisfy her need for personal fulfillment from within. Why go to the well in the heat of day when she could have a spiritual well springing up from within?

**2. THE MOUNTAIN OF APPROVAL.** "Our fathers worshipped on this mountain..." Mt. Gerizim was where the favoured tribes of Israel shouted "Amen!" when the priests read the blessings of the Covenant. (Deuteronomy 27) The woman didn't lay claim to Mt. Ebal, where the other six tribes shouted "Amen!" to the curses that would come if Israel broke the Covenant, although Mt Ebal was less than a mile away. But then, why would she? A mountain is a point of reference. Jesus introduced her to a time that was coming ("and now is") when spiritual worship would replace mountains that no longer had meaning. Approval would come direct from God the Father.

When the Lord's disciples returned with food, Jesus spoke of food he had enjoyed during their absence. Jesus was not dismissing his or their natural need for food – he was simply raising the appetite to a spiritual level.

**3. THE FOOD OF SATISFACTION.** "I have food to eat you know nothing about." Having redirected the woman's attention from externals to internals, Jesus spoke of His own internal values – firstly, the personal satisfaction he experienced in doing his Father's will. Satisfaction had not only eluded the much-married Samaritan woman, but the disciples, as well. If God's Word is the Christian's daily bread, living on it and living in His will satisfies as nothing else can.

**“ ANYONE WHO DRINKS THE WATER I GIVE WILL NEVER THIRST – NOT EVER. THE WATER I GIVE WILL BE AN ARTESIAN SPRING WITHIN, GUSHING FOUNTAINS OF ENDLESS LIFE.” ”**  
*JOHN 4:14 [THE MESSAGE]*

**4. THE HARVEST OF OPPORTUNITY.** Jesus demonstrated that we don't have to wait for a national revival sometime – we can have a local one any-time. Discernment and prophecy opened the Samaritan woman's eyes to a dimension in which the old icons – the well and the mountain – had no place. They were valueless. Acceptance with God, belonging to Him, and enjoying His approval – these more meaningful – were now all that mattered. When Jesus revealed his knowledge of her five ex-husbands and "live-in" lover, she summed this up as "everything I ever did." No doubt there was more to her life, but failed relationships were what her desperately unfulfilled life was all about.

It's always harvest-time somewhere in the world – that's what we learn here from Jesus. The key of revelation knowledge opens the door of opportunity! It all comes down to this. Now you see your favourite texts in context, you will be able to enjoy them even more.

Sermon Title: The Four Basics of Life  
Speaker: Pastor Peter Barfoot  
Date: Sunday 30th August 2009

## Projects



- **Christmas lights project:** If you would like to contribute to our end of the year outreach via the Christmas lights project, please feel free to talk to Paul or David. Adam Carey has donated a large light display, and more lights will be needed to complete the light show.