

## MINISTRIES ON THIS WEEK

Home Groups  
BETTER TOGETHER

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

24th Lynette  
27th Judy M  
29th Tom & Val

**TUESDAY**  
9:30AM Playgroup

**THURSDAY**  
3:30PM Youth

**WEDNESDAY**  
9AM Prayer Meeting  
3:30PM Chapel at St Marys

**FRIDAY**  
9:30AM Playgroup  
4:30pm Kids Ignite

### THE WORD OF GOD IS ACTIVE AND ALIVE

Nigel Owens is the world's best Rugby Union referee. He is also gay. He recently commented on Israel Folau's paraphrasing of 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, where he said "hell awaited drunks, homosexuals, adulterers, liars, fornicators, thieves, atheists and idolaters." Owens said, "Israel needs to understand that, while pretty much everything listed on that list you can choose, you can't choose your sexuality. He is using antiquated religious beliefs as the reason for his views. If the Bible was written now, it would be very different to when it was written a thousand or so years ago. Because we now know that people can't choose their sexuality then God would not want the Bible to include homosexuality on the list." Such a view is typical of the attacks we face in this world that strives for inclusivity and mocks any claims of absolute truth. Like Owens, many claim that Bible-believing Christians are mired in rigid, antiquated thinking. They tell us that times have changed, society has progressed, and the church must evolve to keep up. Liberal Christians even twist the idea that God himself claims the Bible is the 'living word' and is therefore open to reinterpretation depending on the changing opinions of society.

In Hebrews 4:12, the Bible does say, "*The word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*" But this doesn't mean that it is subject to revision or new revelations according to shifting public opinions. The Bible doesn't change; it changes us. If we disagree with something we read in Scripture, it's not the Bible that needs to change, it's us. We must re-examine our opinions and change them in the light of God's unchanging Word. God gave us the Bible, His Word, so that we may hear from Him. So that we can be challenged. So that we can be encouraged. So that we can be convicted. So that we can be healed. Sadly, in the pursuit of acceptance or in the fear of opposition, we can be tempted to water down and manipulate God's Word. Too often the church has compromised the truth in order to blend in with the world. As a result, I believe many churches have become virtually irrelevant at the very time that the world is in desperate need of God's truth. God's message to us hasn't changed since the beginning of time. It remains the same. We must not tamper with the Truth of God. Christ taught His disciples the importance of knowing, speaking, and defending the Truth because Jesus Himself is the Truth. Christian complacency and compromise are a far greater threat to the life of the church than anything else. The church can only be destroyed and made irrelevant if we stray from the Bible and contaminate God's truth with worldly ideas. We must stand firm and be on guard. We must treasure the unchanging Word of God and be the light that God has called us to be. When we hang on to God's Word (a double-edged sword) and wield it as He intended, powerful things happen and lives are changed. God bless, Pastor John.

## PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

- \* Our church families to prayer for this week are Elaine Rose and Brian and Pam Scales.
- \* Pray for Ian Ratcliffe as he recovers from his hip replacement operation.
- \* Pray for Frank Van Der Harst as he begins his cancer treatment this week.
- \* Pray for Mark Horsfall and all our other school chaplains here on the Sunshine Coast.
- \* Pray for the Hotshotz Soccer Camp and for Harrison as he prepares the Bible talks for the week.
- \* Praise God that He never changes (Hebrews 13:8), and that He is our solid Rock, our Fortress, our Rescuer, our Shield and our strength (Psalm 18:2).

### STATE OF ORIGIN 2



the 'movie and pizza time' TONIGHT we will be putting the second origin game on the big screen in the hall. Queensland won the first game and its now do or die for NSW to stay in the series...

### MOVIE & PIZZA TIME

TONIGHT we are watching the movie 'Indivisible' and then having pizza for dinner at the church. The movie starts at 4pm and the dinner will be at 6pm. Please bring a gold coin donation for the pizzas.



### MISSION MATTERS

Michael and Naomi Beath and the mission team would like to thank our church family for making our mission lunch such a great time of fellowship. With your generosity, we collected \$1400 to help Michael and Naomi with their resettlement costs.

### CRUSADERS HOME GAME

Our next home game is next Saturday 29th June. We are once again wanting volunteers to set up and pack up, serve in the canteen and just get around and say hello to our soccer families. If you can help there is a volunteer sheet in the foyer.

### HOTSHOTZ SOCCER CAMP

We are looking for volunteers to donate/cook/provide morning tea for each day of the camp. Ideally we would love to have slices, biscuits and fruit for each day. If you can help in any way can you please put your name on the volunteer sheet in the foyer.

### PASTOR'S WEEKEND OFF

John and Shauna are headed to Townsville this Thursday and coming back the following Monday. During this time, please see Harrison or an elder for any pastoral issues.

Update for Cecily Wheeler; Please pray for Cecily Wheeler. After a long stint in Noosa Hospital, she is now in The Older Persons Mental Health Unit in Sunshine Coast Hospital. She can be contacted on 52028371.

