

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY
5PM Walking Soccer
7PM Social Soccer

TUESDAY
9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY
9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY
3:30PM Youth
9:00AM Quilters

FRIDAY
9:30AM Playgroup

10:30AM Chapel -
Menzies
4:30pm Kids Ignite

Home Groups

BETTER TOGETHER
If you would like to know
more, Contact Pastor
John 0408 402 476

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4th Terry
7th Daniel T

PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

- * Pray for all our soccer teams as they start the season this week. Pray particular for opportunities to connect and share the gospel.
- * Pray for our Prime Minister - that he will lead with integrity, wisdom, compassion and strength.
- * Pray for our Pastors, Elders and Deacons - that they will love the Lord and seek His will in all they do.
- * Give thanks for what God is doing in our children's and youth ministries.
- * Give thanks for answered prayer in getting 4 new soccer coaches.
- * Pray that God will open our eyes and give us a compassionate heart for the lost.

SEEING THE HARVEST LIKE JESUS DID

During World War 2 Oscar Schindler, a German industrialist invested his energy and fortune into saving the lives of over 1200 Jews who would have otherwise been killed in Hitler's holocaust. At the end of the war, despite all his efforts, Schindler still regretted that he could have done more to save more lives. He lamented that he had not used even more of his resources to save more lives and rescue people from the death camps. Unlike Oscar Schindler, Jesus did all that he could to rescue people who were perishing. Jesus came to seek and save the lost and as a result he **"travelled through all the towns and villages of that area.. announcing the Good News about the Kingdom."** (Matthew 9:35) Jesus has called us to do the same. He wants us to have a passion to see lives saved. He wants us to see the harvest of spiritually lost people just as He saw the harvest.

The harvest is plentiful (Matthew 9:37). The world is big. The crowds are huge. The number of spiritually lost and dying people is overwhelming. In Jesus' day the population of the world was approximately 150 million people. Today the world's population grows by about 150 million every two years. **The harvest is precious (Matthew 9:36).** Jesus had great compassion for the lost - a deep love that moved Him beyond sentimental feelings to heartfelt action. **The harvest is confused and helpless (Matthew 9:36).** The lost are defeated and broken by the struggles of life. They are people without hope and purpose and heading for destruction. **The harvest is perishing (John 4:35).** The harvest is ripe and if reaping is delayed then it will be too late. There is always a sense of urgency to bringing in the harvest. Of the 6 billion people in the world, it is estimated that over thirty million people worldwide will die without Christ this year. Vance Havner, a US Pastor once said, *"The tragedy of our times is that the situation is desperate, but the saints are not."* We are living in desperate times. And desperate times demand action. **The harvest is our priority (Matthew 9:37-38).** The harvest will never be reaped unless there are reapers to reap it. Jesus Christ needs men and women to bring in the harvest. As Jesus' followers today we need to see people as Jesus saw them - as plentiful, precious, helpless and perishing. When we see people as Jesus saw them then it will cause us to take responsibility, to pray, to go, and to tell others about Jesus. We can't bring in the harvest without first going into the harvest. Our job is not to save the harvest - that's God's work. Our job is to tell people about the Lord of the harvest. The gospel begins with go. Without going there is no knowing. If we don't go, who will? I pray that our hearts will be stirred to see the lost as Jesus saw them and that we will be motivated to make a difference in the harvest.

God bless, Pastor John.

MISSION MATTERS

Jared and Verena Bradley would like to thank our church family for the warm welcome they received and the number of people with whom they spoke . They plan to return to Turkey at the end of next year as Jared needs to upgrade his credentials so that he can be accepted by the Turkish government. Abby Penglase will be available to visit home groups during week 9th to 13th March (excluding Thursday). Phone (0403413750)or talk to Pam to book a time.

MID-WEEK PRAYER MEETINGS

It has been so exciting to see the numbers at our Prayer Meeting growing this year. We are now getting too big for our prayer room (the parent's room) and will have to move to a larger room. The Bible tells us that prayer is vital for us as individuals and as a church. It strengthens us, draws us close to God and gives us power to do God's work. So if you are free on Wednesday mornings from 9am to 10am please come along and join us in prayer.

SPECIAL MEMBER'S MEETING

After this morning's service at 11am we will be having our meeting to consider the Leadership's recommendation regarding the appointment of our new Playgroup Co-ordinator. If you are a member please make sure you attend the meeting to ensure we get a quorum and to have your say. If you are not a member you are still welcome to attend, you are just unable to cast a vote.

PASTOR JOHN IN MELBOURNE | Pastor John is away again this weekend as he attends the annual Christian Football Federation Of Australia Conference in Melbourne.

COOLUM CRUSADERS | Practices were cancelled last week due to the rain, but we are hopeful that we will be OK to practice this week. The fixtures start next Saturday and we are still without a coach for one of our U8 teams. Please be in prayer that we will find a coach before next Saturday.

QB MAGAZINE | The February-March edition is now available in the foyer. Please take one and then return it when you are finished reading it so that others may enjoy it as well.

