

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### MONDAY

5PM Walking Soccer  
7PM Social Soccer

### TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

### WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting  
3:30PM Chapel- Sundale

### THURSDAY

3:30PM Youth  
9:00AM Quilters

### FRIDAY

9:30AM Playgroup  
4:30pm Kids Ignite

## Home Groups

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12th Gail D  
13th Anna &  
Brendan S

## PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

- \* Give thanks for the rain that's blessing the drought affected parts of our nation.
- \* Give thanks that Pastor Harrison and Mel Paddick officially graduated from Malyon College this week.
- \* Pray for the church leadership as they work through the future vision and building plans for our church.
- \* Pray that the Spirit will soften hearts and open ears as we share the gospel this week.
- \* Pray that the Spirit will fill us with boldness and give us the words as we seek to share the gospel.
- \* Pray for those who are looking for work.

## A NEW WAY TO LIVE

"For God Through Sport". That's the motto of the National Churches Soccer Association and all of its affiliate association - including our Sunshine Coast Churches Soccer Association. It's a simple but bold declaration that our aim is to play soccer in a way that brings glory to God, not ourselves. At the National Conference in Melbourne last weekend I was really disheartened to hear about the increasing level of toxic behaviour from the supporters and players at the National Titles. Verbal and racial abuse, bottles being thrown at players, physical altercations and teams surreptitiously being stacked with professional players in order to win the grand final. How could any of that be honouring to God? All I could see were actions and motives that were focused on glorifying ourselves by winning at all costs. As I travelled home on the plane, and as I lamented the tragic state of our Association, I was convicted to look at my own life. It's often easy to criticise the failures of others but do I bring glory to God in the way I live?

As a Christian, our life should change when we receive Jesus as our Saviour. When we surrender our lives to Jesus, we receive forgiveness for our sins, freedom from condemnation and a joyful eternity living with God. But, all of these blessings that we gain through Christ come with a big responsibility. **"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. ... I don't just do what is best for me; I do what is best for others so that many may be saved."** (1 Corinthians 10:31-33) While Jesus has given us freedom, he has also called us to a mission on His behalf. We are to be His representatives on earth, and that must change the way we live. We have the responsibility to honour God in **ALL** we do. That means we are meant to work in a way that glorifies God. Interact with others to the glory of God. Eat and drink to the glory of God. Study to the glory of God. Go shopping to the glory of God. Facebook to the glory of God. Google to the glory of God. Drive to the glory of God. And it definitely means we must play sport to the glory of God. As followers of Christ we have a responsibility to make sure our lives are always pointing to Jesus and reflecting His glory to the world. Have you ever considered that all the things you do in your life are to be to God's glory? It's important that we ask ourselves each day, "Is the way I am living right now going to lead people to Jesus or is it going to turn them away?" This week, can I encourage each of you to pause for a moment and identify some areas of your life you might not have considered before, and pray that God might help you to bring Him glory in everything you do!

*God bless, Pastor John.*

### SPECIAL MEMBER'S MEETING

We will be holding the meeting immediately after the service this morning - before we go out to morning tea.

### MISSION MATTERS

John and Margaret Beaumont are returning to Papua New Guinea, to continue working on the New Testament translations in the Lamalele and Iduna languages. The boat that was to bring the assistant translators is broken and there is no way to contact them to let them know. The only option for them is to try and find dinghies powered by outboard motors and make the dangerous 200 Km journey over mostly open ocean. Please pray for Peter, Reuben, Vivian and Leban that somehow they will know that their boat won't be coming, be able to locate two boats, and survive the dangerous journey. Pray also for them and the Beaumonts as they revise the two New Testaments - for wisdom and endurance for this important and very detailed work.

### EVERYDAY WITH JESUS

Copies of the March/April edition are available for collection. If you are one of those who have subscribed to EWJ can you please see Jess Gallagher after the service (and member's meeting) and get your copy.

### HELP WITH SOCCER GOALS

As the Coolum Crusaders grow we have had to move to three days of practices instead of one. Pastor John is looking for some volunteers to help him set up goals for 45 minutes on a Monday afternoon from 3.30pm and on Thursday afternoon from 3.30pm. If you are able to help out please see Pastor John after the service.

