

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY

5pm - Walking Soccer
7pm - Social Soccer

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
SU Splashout Camp

If you are interested in joining a group please see Pastor John.

HOME GROUPS

Happy Birthday

27th - Lesley A
28th - Ben
1st - Dean

PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

- * Praise God that Steve Carroll's operation has been set for 4th October.
- * Pray for the SU Camp this week.
- * Pray for Judith Turner's daughter Amberley as she recovers from her operation.
- * Pray for our Ministry leaders and volunteers as they enjoy a break over the holidays.
- * Praise God for his sovereignty - that He is in control and that His purposes and plans will always prevail.

LIFTING OUR EYES IN TOUGH TIMES

During Israel's journey to the promised land they had to take an unpleasant and inconvenient detour around the nation of Edom. This hostile Edomites barred the approaches to Canaan and so the Israelites were forced to take an alternative route which was extremely hot, stony and without regular water supply. Not far into this detour we read in Numbers 21:4-5 that the Israelites "grew impatient with the long journey and began to speak against Moses and the Lord." Once again, in times of trial, the people quickly forgot that the Lord had lead them mightily out of captivity in Egypt. They conveniently forgot that He was miraculously meeting their daily needs with food and water and they lost sight of the glorious promised land which lay before them. Their faith was weak and as a result whenever they felt weary, uncomfortable or threatened they turned to murmuring, complaining and being discouraged. I wonder if many of us are that different in our Christian walk. I wonder how many of us default to being grumblers and doubters in times of fear, suffering and uncertainty. Yet if we look back and fully understand the greatness of our salvation (what it cost Christ) and keep our focus on the immeasurable treasures which lay ahead of us (even though we don't deserve them) then we should be ashamed of our discouragement and doubt.

The apostle Paul, who knew more about suffering and sacrifice than many of us, reminds us in 2 Corinthians 4:17 that "our present troubles are small and won't last very long" compared to the promised glories that God has in store for us - "a glory that vastly outweighs and lasts longer than all our troubles." Paul is not saying that our trials and obstacles are not tough and that they won't hurt. What he is encouraging us to do is to keep them in perspective. What it costs us now is nothing compared to the riches we will gain in eternity. If God is leading our way (which He is - Psalm 23:1-2), if He plans every step of our journey (which He does - Jeremiah 10:23) and if He promises to supply all our needs (which He has - Philippians 4:19), then we have no right to be discouraged or to grumble to Him. Let us lift up our eyes and keep them focused on His daily promises and our guaranteed glory. Let us encourage one another to move courageously forward in trust. Let us be reassured that, although the road may be tough sometimes, if we are travelling on the Lord's way, then we are on the right road home to glory. Instead of grumbling to God, may we discipline ourselves to praise His name instead. God bless, Pastor John.



My name is Matt; my wife and I started support for underprivileged children in Sai Gon and the Mekong Delta, Vietnam in 2008. Currently we are raising funds for the poor; times are tough, especially in lock-down. Donations via [CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE](#) go direct to our Vietnam account. The funds WILL HELP to distribute food to poor people in Tu Duc district in Saigon. SEE photos of grocery drop offs in Sai Gon. People lost work due to covid; markets and supermarkets are closed. We do not pay bribes, fees or commissions.



Please scan your ticket, select SCHEME and enter C10374537 and press ENTER. VIETNAM KIDS is displayed on the screen, please press OK, thank you. We can not change the world, but we sure can change the life of those poor people. Thank you so much for your consideration.

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR PLAYGROUP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, KID'S IGNITE AND YOUTH MINISTRIES ARE HAVING A BREAK DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

God is always doing 10,000 things in your life, and you may be aware of three of them.

JOHN PIPER

HE GIVES POWER TO THE WEAK AND STRENGTH TO THE POWERLESS.

ISAIAH 40:29

