WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY 5PM Walking Soccer 7PM Social Soccer WEDNESDAY 9AM Prayer meeting HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Today Kya 30th Rod A, Gay

Home Groups

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

WHAT GOOD IS YOUR FAITH?

It is good to be a man or woman of faith. It is good to regularly attend church, faithfully study the Scriptures, strive to put sin to death and joyfully live for God each day. But what does your faith do for you in those times when life is not going the way you had hoped? When wealth gives way to poverty and abundance gives way to need? When plans fail and your health fades? Do you forget all of the blessings you have enjoyed and neglect to give thanks for them? Do you grow disillusioned with God and question whether he is worthy of your trust, your worship, and your adoration? Or do you join with the Apostle Paul and say with confident humility, "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:12-13) What does your faith do for you when you face opposition and persecution because of your love for the Lord? Do you respond with anger and insults? Or do you peaceably, praying for that person and entrusting yourself to the God who respond judges fairly and faithfully? What does your faith do for you when you go through trials? Does your heart rise up in angry rebellion against God because he has taken what you loved or failed to give what you wanted? Do you dispute his plans and question his motives as if your will should always triumph over his? Or do you bow before him and, even through tears, submit your heart and will to Him. What does your faith do for you when your mind is troubled, when your heart is broken, when your faith is tested? What then? Surely our Christian faith is meant to be displayed not only in the good times but also in the hard times.

It is good for us to study and know the Bible. Yet such knowledge shouldn't just inform our minds. It should train our hearts, bend our knees and lift our voices in worship even in the tough times. We can be guaranteed that trials will come, but there is no guarantee that we will endure them with our faith intact and our godly character on display. Those who endure them well are the ones who have trained their minds and hearts to truly and humbly grasp what God says about his character, his will and his glory. They are the ones who confidently pray "not my will, but your will be done." It is when we can do that, that we prove to themselves, to others and to the Lord himself that our faith is true and deep. I'm not saying it's easy to do – but it's the best way to please the Lord (Hebrews 11:6). God bless, Pastor John.

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to us.

 Praise God for His salvation and forgiveness of sins, His perfect justice, His compassion and righteous discipline and for the many good things He gives us. (Psalm 103:2-9)
Pray that we will have the courage to follow Jesus no matter what the world thinks or does

Pray that we will humble ourselves and give Jesus lordship over all aspects of our life.
Pray for Alice Springs – for peace and justice to return to the community and wor wisdom for government agencies as they seek to solve the problem.

- Pray for unity as our nation struggles with many divisive issues - Australia Day, youth crime, gender issues, homelessness, economic struggles...

- Pray for our teachers/volunteers as our ministries commence for 2023.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, CRECHE & PROMISED LAND PLAZA

It's all happening today. Sunday School is starting up again for 2023 and Creche is continuing to run as well. After church and Sunday School we will holding our last Promised Land Plaza in the hall for all the kids to spend their well earned holiday money.

HOME GROUP LEADER'S MEETING

All Home Group leaders are invited to attend a meeting after the service on Sunday 19th February. The purpose of the meeting is to chat about the Plan A series, hand out the material and check how everyone is going. If you are unable to make the meeting please let Pastor John know and he can arrange to catch up with you at another time.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

One of the exciting new changes we are bringing in for 2023 is a youth aged study group during the last morning service of each month. We will also be looking for more ways in which our dedicated teens can get involved in our worship service and in the ministries of our church.

PLAN A : THE GREAT COMMISSION FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN

Starting from February 12th we will be doing a 6 week series on discipleship and evangelism which has been put together by Crossover Australia. This will be a preaching and Bible study series with a voluntary training program at the end of the series. More information available soon.

PLAYGROUP, YOUTH & KID'S IGNITE

All of our youth and children's ministries are also commencing this week (days and times are in the bulletin).

PRAYER MEETING TONIGHT

We are holding our monthly prayer meeting in Tickle Park, Coolum this afternoon at 5pm. Please bring your own chair if you need one. After the prayer time we would encourage you to stay and enjoy more fellowship over dinner (BYO) in the park.

NOTES "God Can't Be Pleased Without Faith" - Hebrews 10:32-11:16



'To know Christ and make Him known'

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"And it impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him." (Hebrews 11:6)

29 January 2023 9AM PASTOR JOHN "God Can't Be Pleased Without Faith" (Hebrews 10:32-11:16)