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 4:00pm Kids Ignite Home Groups

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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THE POWER OF THE LIVING WATER

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14)

There is nothing more refreshing on a hot summer day than a glass of cold water. In chapter 4 of John's gospe,I Jesus stops by a well and asks a Samaritan woman for a drink of water. During their conversation Jesus proceeds to tell the woman about the amazing 'living water' that only He can offer. What exactly is this "living water" that Jesus mentions? Well in John 7:37-39 Jesus tells us that it is the Holy Spirit, which he gives to everyone who believes in Him. And why is the living water of the Holy Spirit so special? Well science tells us that in a purely physical context, water has fantastic benefits for the human body. It protects your tissues, spinal cord and joints. It helps your body to remove waste and it aids in digestion. It helps you from becoming dehydrated and it helps to optimise your brain to function. In essence, water protects, helps, aids, and prevents. If this is what water does in the natural world, then what does the living water of the Holy Spirit do for you spiritually?

Well, there are five things that the Spirit will do for you.

Protects you against any doubt regarding your salvation (Ephesians 1:13-14)

Helps to remove sin from your life (Galatians 5:16)

Aids you in digesting the truth of God's Word (John 14:26)

Prevents your soul from drying up and keeps your heart tender before the Lord (Ezekiel 36:26)

Helps and empowers you to be a better witness for Jesus (Acts 1:8)

Jesus has provided the living water of the Holy Spirit to refresh you, encourage you, assure you and to help you accomplish his will as you live here on earth. Just as your body can't last long without water, your soul can't last long without the living water of the Holy Spirit. That's why Paul reminds us, "Do not get drunk with wine, because it will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit." (Ephesian 5:18) I encourage you to drink of this living water each day because it will satisfy your soul. Don't be satisfied with just a little bit! Get all you can! When you do, you will no longer thirst for the things of this world because you will find fulfillment in the water that only Jesus can give. It's free. It's available and if you belong to Jesus then it is yours. If you don't know Jesus, then all you have to do is ask and he will give it to you.

God bless, Pastor John.

PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

- * Pray for Ukraine for all those suffering or afraid, for those fighting to defend their home and families, for aid agencies and for the churches. Pray for peace.
- For the over 40,000 Scriptures recently distributed by the Gideons in Lae, Papua New Guinea.
- * Thank God for answered prayer with Leslay Ratcliffe now at home recovering from her operation and Lucy Welsh receiving very positive news about her cancer!
- Pray for courage and wisdom for the Queensland government as they look at legislation to help deal with youth crime.
- * Pray for Harrison and the youth as they commence their Bible study this morning.
- * Pray that the Lord will use us to both preach and show the good news to be the light in our dark world.

WORSHIP TEAM MEETING AFTER THE SERVICE TODAY

There will be a meeting after the service today where the team will practice the 3 new songs and discuss other music team issues. Everyone in the music team is encouraged to stay for the meeting, and anyone interested in joining is welcome to come along as well.

EARTHQUAKE TURKEY AND SYRIA

The church leadership has donated \$1000 to Baptist World Aid who will provide emergency relief support through their partners working in Syria and Turkey. If you would like to donate please go to the BWA website for more information.

SUNSHINE COAST MAYOR'S BREAKFAST

The churches of the Sunshine Coast are hosting a mayoral prayer breakfast at the Maroochy RSL on Tuesday 28th March at 7.30 am. The purpose of the breakfast is to honour Mayor Mark Jamieson and to hear about the future plans he has for the Sunshine Coast. Tickets are \$35 per person. If you are interested in attending and would like to purchase a ticket please see Pastor John.

GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS

We have many people to mention this week. Tom and Anneli Symons, Lenny and Jenny Claven, Kaden and Lizzie Thorne, Marthie Robinson, Lesley Gallagher, Shauna Gallagher, Chris and Judy Hampton and Rod Brett for helping to get our jerseys, balls, cones, bibs, registrations, uniforms and fields ready for the 2023 soccer season. Tom Symons and Graham McDougall also did a great job in replacing some of the worn decking on our playground. Well done and thank you for all your efforts.

COMING SOON

Colin Lituri will be sharing "Reflections of Christ in the Passover" on Wednesday night 5th April (Psassover Night) - the Wednesday night just before the Easter weekend. During this special night Colin will walk us through a Passover Seder showing how this special time of remembrance points to Messiah and shows us the origin of Christian 'Communion'. It will be held in the church from from 7pm to 8pm. Please put this date in your calendars and feel free to invite your family and friends to this amazing night of worship and reflection.

NOTES

"Plan A - Connecting" (John 3:1-21, 4:1-30)

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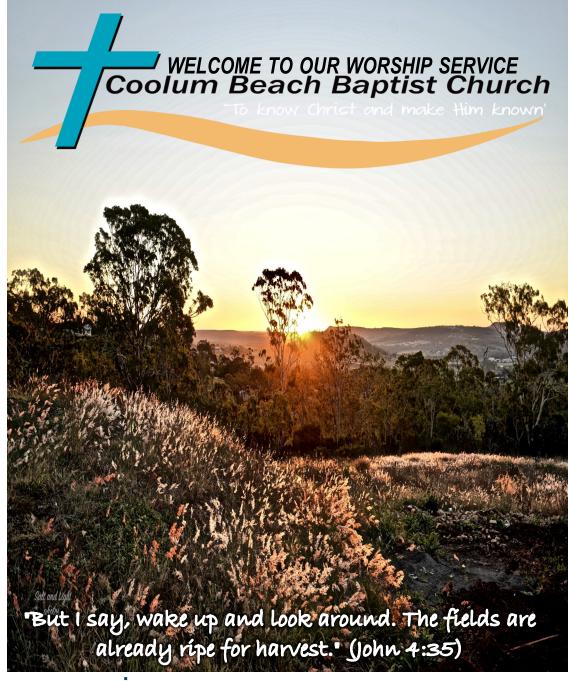
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