

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

BETTER TOGETHER

If you would like to know more,
Contact Beth Pfeffer on
0449584284

PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

- * Praise God for He is sovereign and He is our stronghold and refuge – His love, presence, plans and promises will never fail.
- * Pray that we will be loving, patient, hard to offend and quick to forgive.
- * Pray that we will truly know the hope, riches and power of the inheritance we have in Christ.
- * Pray that we will be people who are bold about sharing the gospel and passionate about seeking to save the lost.
- * Pray for Ukraine as they continue to stand firm against Russia's invasion.
- * Pray for the town of Burketown and the impact of recent floods.

ENCOURAGING WORDS, FIGHTING PRAYERS

Last Sunday morning, a member of our church family asked if they could chat to me in private. In my experience, such a request usually leads to a conversation about what needs improving with our church, the buildings, the worship or my ministry. However, I was pleasantly surprised to hear them say, "I just wanted to say thank you for all you do as our pastor." Now I am not saying that is the first time anyone has said that to me. I have been overwhelmingly blessed by the support and encouragement that my church family has given me in my 11 years here at Coolum. But for some reason, this particular moment really resonated with me and buoyed my heart at a time when I believe pastoral ministry in general is under so much pressure. The challenges of gaining momentum after the COVID pandemic and increasing cultural intolerance have made the issues of church leadership more acute in recent years. Tragically, the most intense pressure on pastors is often caused by "friendly fire" from people within their churches. So many of my pastoral colleagues are on the verge of breakdown because of constant criticism from people within their congregation. So, this morning I want to invite you to continue to encourage your church leaders (myself, Harrison, our elders and our deacons) and to continue to fight for us with your prayers. As leaders of the church we are under intense spiritual attack. Satan wants to derail our faith, to discourage us, to wreck our marriages and to destroy our ministry. So please pray for our spiritual growth, for our marriages and families and for us to be striving to honour Christ in all we do. Pray for protection, for joy and refreshment, for humility and for boldness and effectiveness in proclaiming the gospel. I am not saying that we don't make mistakes as pastors and leaders. Unfortunately, I will preach a dud sermon, make a bad decision, let you down and hurt you at times. Sometimes this will be due to my sin and failure and if it is serious then it should certainly be addressed prayerfully and lovingly. But Peter also reminds us that every relationship in the church family needs to be sustained by a willingness to overlook failings and faults (1 Peter 4:8).

The Christian life is difficult, and I am not suggesting that pastors or church leaders have a monopoly on suffering. But in my experience, and from the Scriptures, it often seems that pastors and church leaders are under the most pressure. As Paul notes, *"then in addition to all these things, I have the daily burden of my concern for all the churches"* (2 Corinthians 11:28). Their role in teaching the gospel, leading and guarding their church family will generally result in more intense spiritual attack than others. So, may I encourage you to give thanks for your pastors and leaders. Look to encourage us with some kind words and keep fighting for us in your prayers. God bless, Pastor John.

FRIENDS OF ISRAEL

A very big welcome to our very special guests from Friends Of Israel - Dr Mike Stallard (Vice President for International Ministries) and Pastor Daniel Price (Assistant Director of International Ministries).

CHAPLAIN'S BREAKFASTS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Thanks for all those who have been providing the ingredients for the breakfast pancakes at Coolum High School. Given that Chappy Mark won't be back in the school until June this year, they are not currently not hosting any breakfasts. Accordingly, we would ask that you not provide any more ingredients until further notice.

CRUSADER'S HOME GAMES

Our first home game for 2023 is on next Saturday 25th March at the Caulfield Chambers Oval behind the church. The games usually go from 8.30am to about 1pm, with setup starting at 7pm. We are looking for volunteers to help with the setup, the canteen and match official. If you would like to volunteer to help out on the day, please put your name on the volunteer sheet in the gallery between the sanctuary and the hall.

BEAUMONTS IN PNG

John and Margaret Beaumont will be travelling to Papua New Guinea tomorrow to continue working with the lamalele and Iduna Bible translators as they revise their New Testaments. Please pray for Leban and Vivian (lamalele) and Peter and Reuben (Iduna) as they travel by dinghy to Alotau and for wisdom, health and safety for them all as they work together for this most important and exacting work.

WORK REQUEST FROM KADEN

Kaden is looking to go to Israel with the FOI tour at the end of this year. To do that he needs our help. Kaden is willing to work to raise the funds he needs and as such he is looking for some yard jobs or similar type work. If you can help please contact Kaden on 0427607242.

"Habakkuk ... And The Current World" (Habakkuk 3:16-19)

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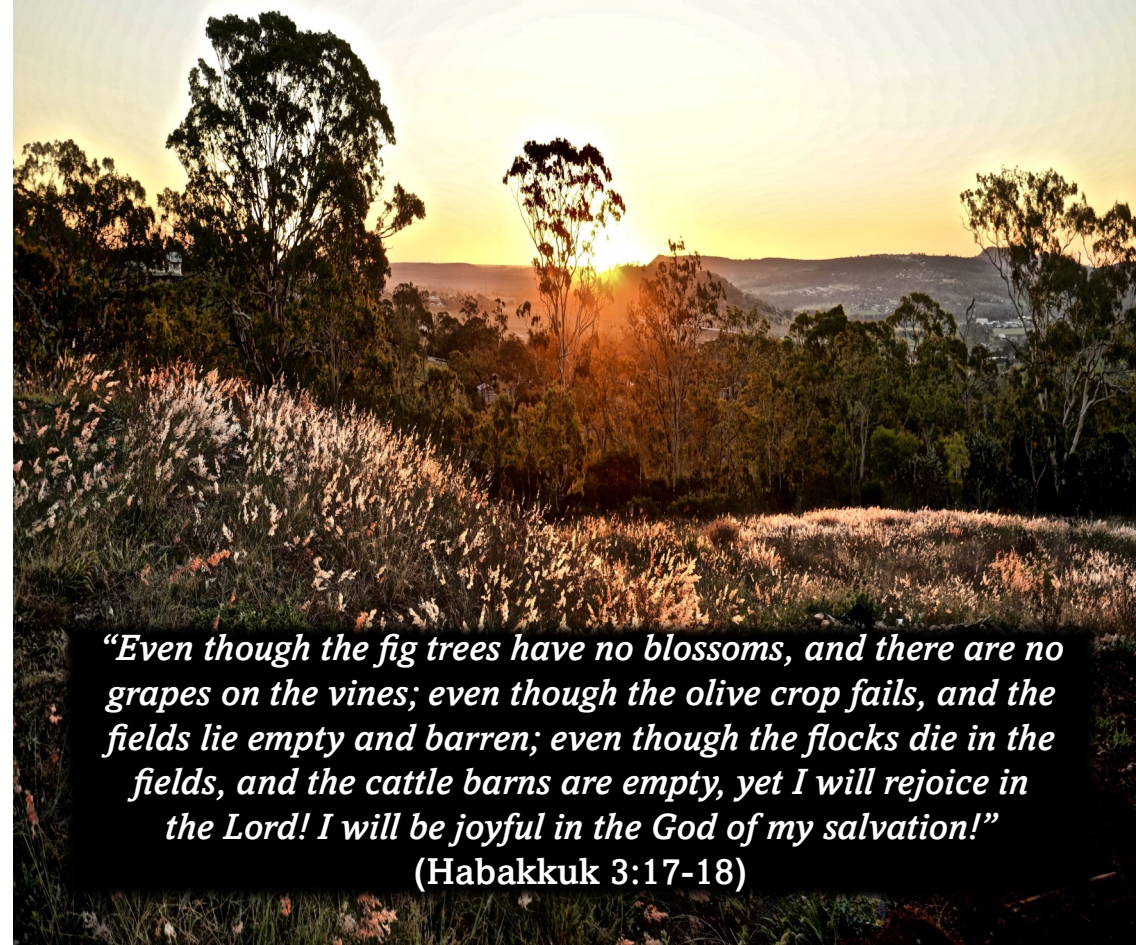
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Coolum Beach Baptist Church

'To know Christ and make Him known'



“Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!”
(Habakkuk 3:17-18)

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March
2023

9AM

DR MIKE STALLARD

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