

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 Pastor John
0408 402 476

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

29th Zac
30th Rob

PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

- * Pray for Mena (one of our founding church members) and Norman Boling as they sell their home and move down to Sydney to be with their family.
- * Pray that God will help us to set our eyes and our hearts on Him - that He will renew our spirits and fill us with His peace and joy.
- * Pray for communities impacted by the earthquakes in Ecuador. Pray for Christians in the country – that they will be a source of hope and comfort in a dark time.
- * Give thanks for God's incredible gift in offering Jesus as the sacrifice for our sin, so that we might have forgiveness and the freedom from the power of sin and death.
- * Praise the Lord that He is able to bring us hope and strength even in the toughest of times.

BE PREPARED FOR WORSHIP

I believe that our Sunday time of worship, where we gather together as a church family, should be the high point of our week. That's why the writer of Hebrews commands us to not "neglect meeting together, as some people do..." (Hebrews 10:25) Worshipping together is not an option. There is nothing as meaningful, rich, and glorious as the church gathering together with its Lord and Saviour in worship. While most Christians might believe this, I am not so sure that we are too diligent in putting it into practice. Why do I say that? Because on average we have 30% of our church family missing each Sunday. Because so many people turn up to church just before it starts, or exactly on time, and engage in conversations which continue even after the worship service begins. Because there are many who seem to be content with coming to church 10-15 minutes after the service has started. It seems to me that we don't value our Sunday gathering as we should and that we are often rushed, distracted and unprepared for worship when we do make it. I would suggest that if the corporate worship of our holy God is as significant as the Scriptures portray it to be, then we should prepare for it. We quite rightly expect our pastor to prepare his message before he enters the pulpit. We expect our music team to practice and prepare before they lead us in singing. Accordingly, if we truly believe that our engagement in corporate worship is essential, then we should prepare for worship too.

How do we do that? **Be awake** – Do not stay up unnecessarily late on Saturday night. Being tired makes for drowsy worshippers. **Be ready** – select your clothes the night before and have them ironed and ready to go. **Be excited** – wake up early, spend time praying and asking God to prepare you to meet Him in worship. Come to church with anticipation. **Be focused** - refrain from turning on the television, watching Netflix, or catching up on Facebook Sunday mornings. Our minds are so easily distracted. Safeguard your mental space. **Give yourself time** - leave home with plenty of time to spare. Rushing out the door at home and rushing in the door at church will impact your mood to worship. **Collect your thoughts** - sit-down, read through the bulletin and meditate on the Bible passage relating to the message. Pray before the service begins. For the Christian, there should be no sweeter moment in the week than Sunday morning. However, because it is part of our weekly activity, there is a temptation to treat it as common and routine. May it never be! Preparing for worship shows that we are intentional about worship and serious about God. It reveals an authentic heart that longs to meet God properly. When you strive to take the time and make the effort, your worship will be enriched, your faith will be strengthened and your soul will be satisfied.

God bless, Pastor John.

CHAPLAIN'S BREAKFASTS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Please disregard our notice from last Sunday. Chappy Mark has informed us that they are still doing the breakfasts and would therefore still appreciate the donation of ingredients such as self raising flour, sugar, long life milk, Nutella and Milo. There is a basket in the galley for donations.

EASTER IS COMING

Please be mindful of what is happening during our Easter celebrations this year. On Wednesday night 5th April at 7pm Colin Lituri will be sharing "Reflections Of Christ In the Passover" at the church. During this special event Colin will walk us through a Passover Seder, showing how this special time of remembrance points to the Messiah and to the origin of our Christian Communion. On Thursday 6th April we will be hosting a movie (Risen) and morning tea at the church hall, starting at 10am. Our Good Friday service will be at 8am on Friday 7th April and our Resurrection Sunday service on 9th April will be at the usual time of 9am.

QB TRANSFORM CONFERENCE

Our Pastors and their families, and Chris and Judy Hampton (as congregational representatives) will be attending the conference at the Gold Coast this week. Please be praying that they will be encouraged, refreshed and inspired during this time. Please also pray for unity and discernment as our Queensland Baptist churches consider some exciting new ventures for 2023 and beyond.

UPDATE FROM THE BEAUMONTS | John, Margaret and their luggage have arrived safely in Alotau. Due to the perfect weather conditions, their 4 lamalele and Iduna friends were also able to arrive safely and on time. Thank you for your prayers and we encourage you to keep praying for them as they continue their translation work.

HOME GROUPS

The Pastors and Elders have decided to postpone our series on Hebrews until the third term of this year. The preaching series for term 2 will be on the 10 commandments, but it will not be a series run in conjunction with a whole of church Bible study. While there will be study notes available for the Ten Commandments series, Home Groups will have the freedom to choose their own individual studies. If a leader is needing help in deciding on options please see one of the Pastors or Elders, as Beth (our Home Group co-ordinator) is going on holidays for a few weeks.

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.

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