

## 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  
contact Pastor John  
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## PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

- \* Lord, teach me to be always joyful, to pray continually and to give thanks in all my circumstances.
- \* Lord, thank you for hearing our prayers and for the fact no problem is too large or too small for us to call out to You.
- \* Lord, Help us to trust your Word and claim it to be truth! Please help us to wait on Your perfectly timed plans and to fully surrender our lives to Your leading.
- \* Pray for churches in Turkey who are providing shelter for the 1000's who have been affected by the recent earthquake.
- \* Pray for the last week's Gideon's Bible blitz at all the universities in Adelaide & Melbourne - that the Word may change lives.

## TREASURING GOD'S GIFT OF COMMUNITY

It is very much a trend these days that people are less regular in their church attendance. For a number of supposedly good reasons, many Christians today seem to be content with coming to church when they can. Churches now define a regular member as someone who attends church once a month. Music superstar Justin Bieber once said in an interview with Complex magazine. "I like church, but I don't feel like I need to go that often. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, just like going to Taco Bell doesn't make you a Taco." Wow what wisdom. It is true that going to church doesn't make you a Christian. But, if you want to stay a strong, vibrant Christian then gathering regularly with other believers is very much something you need to be doing.

You see I believe the gathering together of believers (church) helps you stay strong and effective in your faith. Being a Christian means believing that Jesus died on the cross so your sins can be forgiven, and then living your life following him. And yes, you can believe this and live by it without going to church. BUT, if you want to maintain an effective and victorious Christian life, if you want to strive against sin and live for God wholeheartedly, then church attendance must be a major factor in your life. This isn't just my view; this is stated in the Bible itself! Hebrews 10:24-25 says "*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*" Running the Christian race and fixing your eyes on Jesus is extremely difficult to do on your own. You need the help of other Christians who are running the same race as you. You need people to pick you up when you fall and to encourage you to keep going. And you need to do the same for others. God has given each believer specific gifts that are to be used to serve and bless other believers, not kept to yourself (1 Peter 4:10). Worshipping, praying, hearing sermons, fellowshiping and gathering together will help your walk with Christ. God doesn't want you to treat church as something that is optional in your life. He wants you to treasure your church and to go every week to church with a right heart. I get what Justin Bieber is saying. Christianity isn't just all about church, and the main aspect is having a relationship with Christ. There's no point going to church and doing all the right things, when your heart is not right before God. But that still doesn't mean that you should neglect the wonderful gift of Christian community that God has given you to help you live a life for Christ. May each of us truly treasure our church family and weekly Sunday gatherings here at CBBC

*God bless, Pastor John.*

### 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.

### COMING SOON

Colin Lituri will be sharing "Reflections of Christ in the Passover" on Wednesday night 5th April (Pssover 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.

### CRUSADER'S HOME GAMES

The first of our 8 home games start on 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. During these games we run a simple canteen that sells hot food (sausage sizzle and bacon and egg sandwiches), cold drinks and snacks. We also have a coffee van on site. From a volunteer perspective we need people to help set up, serve on the canteen and serve as field controller (you get a pink vest). While we have a small team of dedicated volunteers it would be great to get some more people involved so that we can lighten the load. Please look out for the volunteer sheet next Sunday morning.

### MOTHER'S DAY IN THE OUTBACK

Care Outreach will soon be heading out west to visit families and deliver over 800 gifts to mums in the Outback for Mother's Day. If you would like to donate some gifts please bring them to the church for the next two weeks or take them directly to Care Outreach at Cooloom. Gift ideas: ladies toiletries (gift box sets), soaps, moisturisers/hand lotions, matching hand towel and washer sets, and crocheted hanging hand towels with a hook.

