

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
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

17th Jess
19th Marthie

PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

- * Praise God for an amazing time of worship at Easter. Jesus Christ is risen indeed.
- * Praise God for answered prayer regarding Richard being able to get a new job.
- * Pray for young families to come to our church and thank God for the young families we have.
- * Pray for the new Wednesday afternoon family ministry starting this week at the soccer fields this week.
- * Ask God to help us to balance truth and grace in our we think, speak and act.
- * Ask God to keep us from sin and empower us daily to do good works for Him.

GOD'S COMMANDMENTS ARE NOT BURDENSOME

"Loving God means keeping his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome." (1 John 5:3)

As we begin our journey in looking at the Ten Commandments I am fully aware that it is the perception of God's 'rigid commands' which often turns people away from Christianity. They believe that God is angry, vindictive and wanting to rob them of happiness and make their life miserable. In reality, we can often think the same thing as Christians. So, why do human beings tend to bristle at being told what to do or what not to do? In essence I think there are three reasons for this. The first is that **we love to do the very thing that we are told not to do**. *There is something in our sinful nature that causes us to desire the things God forbids (Jeremiah 17:9).* The second reason is that **we lack the power or strength to do what we are told to do**. *This is what Paul talks about when he says, "I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway." (Romans 7:19)* The third reason is that **we doubt the goodness and motivation of God himself**. We think that he doesn't really care about us and that he loves to see us suffer in our misery.

So, if we all struggle to obey God's commands, how can John say that they aren't burdensome for those who love God? Because when we put our faith in Christ as our Lord and Saviour, we receive the Holy Spirit who gives us the power to overcome our rebellious heart. When we are truly born again, we are renewed (2 Corinthians 5:17) and controlled more and more by the love of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:14). That means we will increasingly find satisfaction, joy and purpose in obeying God's will rather than our own. The Holy Spirit also supplies us with *whatever power or incentive is needed to do what God has called us to do*. This is what Paul was talking about when he said, *"work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."* (Philippians 2:12-13) Whatever God requires **from** us, he provides **to** us. Finally, even when we are struggling in the adversity and trials that can often come with living an obedient life, the Holy Spirit will remind us of God's love for us. Hebrews 12:3-13 tells that any adversity and trials we face as followers of Jesus is *not due to God's anger or his neglect of us. They are the tools he uses to chisel away anything in our lives that doesn't look like Jesus*. Such adversity, which he calls discipline, is the expression of God's fatherly love and care and concern. I pray that we will be reminded of all these wonderful truths as we go through this series and see how we are to love God, to love others and to live an obedient and abundant life.

God bless, Pastor John.

SPECIAL MEMBER'S MEETING

Don't forget our meeting after church and morning tea this morning at 11am. We are not expecting it to be a long meeting as we are primarily seeking a vote only on the proposed expenditure of a new digital sign. We will also be giving an update on the church, communion and some other recent expenditures in the hall. Everyone is invited to join us, however only church members will be allowed to vote.

MINISTRIES STARTING UP AGAIN | As term 2 begins our Playgroup, Kid's Ignite and Youth ministries will be recommence this week. Sunday School will start next Sunday.

CONGRATULATIONS

Brian and Pam Scales recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. What a milestone, what servant hearts and what a blessing they are to our church family. May God continue to bless their marriage for many years to come.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

We are starting our new preaching series for term 2 and will be looking at what the Ten Commandments mean, why they still matter to us today and how we should obey them. There are study books available for Home Groups who want to use this series as their study material.

SUPPORTING DEMENTIA AUSTRALIA

Astrid and Ryan Heckler are once again doing the Dementia Australia Memory Walk and Jog on June 4th. They are looking to raise funds for Paul (Astrid's husband and Ryan's dad) and others who are struggling with dementia. To find out more information and how to donate please click on this link.

<https://www.memorywalk.com.au/fundraisers/astridheckler>

THE SENIORS ARE GOING FOR A WALK

SOS are going to the Buderim Rainforest Walk at Harry's Lane on Thursday 27th April. They will meet at 10am for morning tea and there will be a lunch in the park shelters after the walk. Cost is \$5 for lunch and BYO morning tea and chairs. For more info contact Anneli on 0427795112.

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9AM

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