

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

26th Brian B

PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

- * Praise God for our homes, families, finances, health – may we never take his good gifts for granted.
- * Praise God for the fact that He is our God, our loving Father who is on our side. Give thanks for the promise of his unfailing love, refuge and provision.
- * Pray that our government will they will reject the National Law Reform Committee's recommendations to force Christians Schools to adopt gender inclusivity in employment, enrolments and curriculum.
- * Give thanks for the encouraging numbers at our new kids connect ministry on Wednesday afternoon.
- * Pray for RI at Coolum Primary school – our induction is this week and we are starting in a few weeks time.

THE ONLY ONE, NOT JUST NUMBER ONE

"You must not have any other god but me." (Exodus 20:3)

This first commandment sounds simple enough, right? God is telling us that nothing else can qualify as god in your life. God is not only to be number one but the only one. The problem is that we live in a sinful world that doesn't like narrow, exclusive options because it might limit our choices. But isn't this how love is expressed? Imagine if I were to tell my wife, *"Darling, you are number one in my life. No matter how many other wives I take, you'll be my first."* That might make for exciting viewing in the world of reality TV, but it doesn't build a strong marriage. Love demands exclusivity. My wife doesn't want to be number one, she wants to be the only one. And that's not because she doesn't love me but because she does. Love and exclusivity are not at odds with each other. When God demands first place in our lives, He is revealing his love for us.

Some of us may look at this first and think, "I can check this one off. There is no other god in my life. I don't bow down to or worship anything or anyone else. I don't pray to anything or anyone else." But in reality we need to explore more deeply the meaning of putting other things or people before God – what it means to have an idol. What is an idol? It is anything or anyone we put in the place of God in our lives. It is anything or anyone we consider so central and essential to our life that we couldn't imagine life without it or them. An idol is anyone we love, trust or obey more than God. Here are some diagnostic questions that might help you discover what you really worship. What do you feel you need in order for life to be good? What makes life worth living? When you dream about the future, what do you dream about getting? What do you fear losing? Where do you go for comfort and peace? Breaking the first commandment leads to breaking the others because idolatry is the gateway to all other sins. If you look deeply into the ways you disobey God, you will usually find idolatry as the root cause. Our sin and obedience can't be fixed by just striving to change our behaviour. We must go back to the attitude that leads to the action. We must go back to the idolatrous heart that leads to idolatrous action. The only way to truly escape the harmful effects of our sinful behaviour is to go back to what we worship. And the first commandment tells us that God must be the only one we worship. He must be the only one, not just number one.

God bless, Pastor John.

SUPPORTING DEMENTIA AUSTRALIA

Astrid and Ryan Heckler are once again participating in the Dementia Australia's Memory Walk and Jog fundraiser on the 4th June 2023. If you would like to support them in this great cause it is now even easier to donate. Look for the pop up stall in the gallery today OR Scan the QR code to take you to the donation page image.png OR copy the link below:

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

OR pop your cash in a marked envelope via our tithe boxes in the church up to 4th June. Thanks so much.



SOS BUDERIM RAINFOREST WALK

It's happening this 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. If you are intending to go on the walk please put your name down on the sheet in the foyer so that they will know numbers with regard to catering for the lunch.

WHAT'S NEW

During the week we have installed a new, sturdier cover over our grease pit at the back of the church. We have also plumbed in our new filtered water cooler in the hall and received delivery of our acoustic panels for the hall. We are hopeful of installing those panels in the next few weeks.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

Our next 'Guess Who's Coming To Dinner' event is happening next month

- 26th & 27th May -

More details soon, so get ready for an exciting time of food and fellowship!

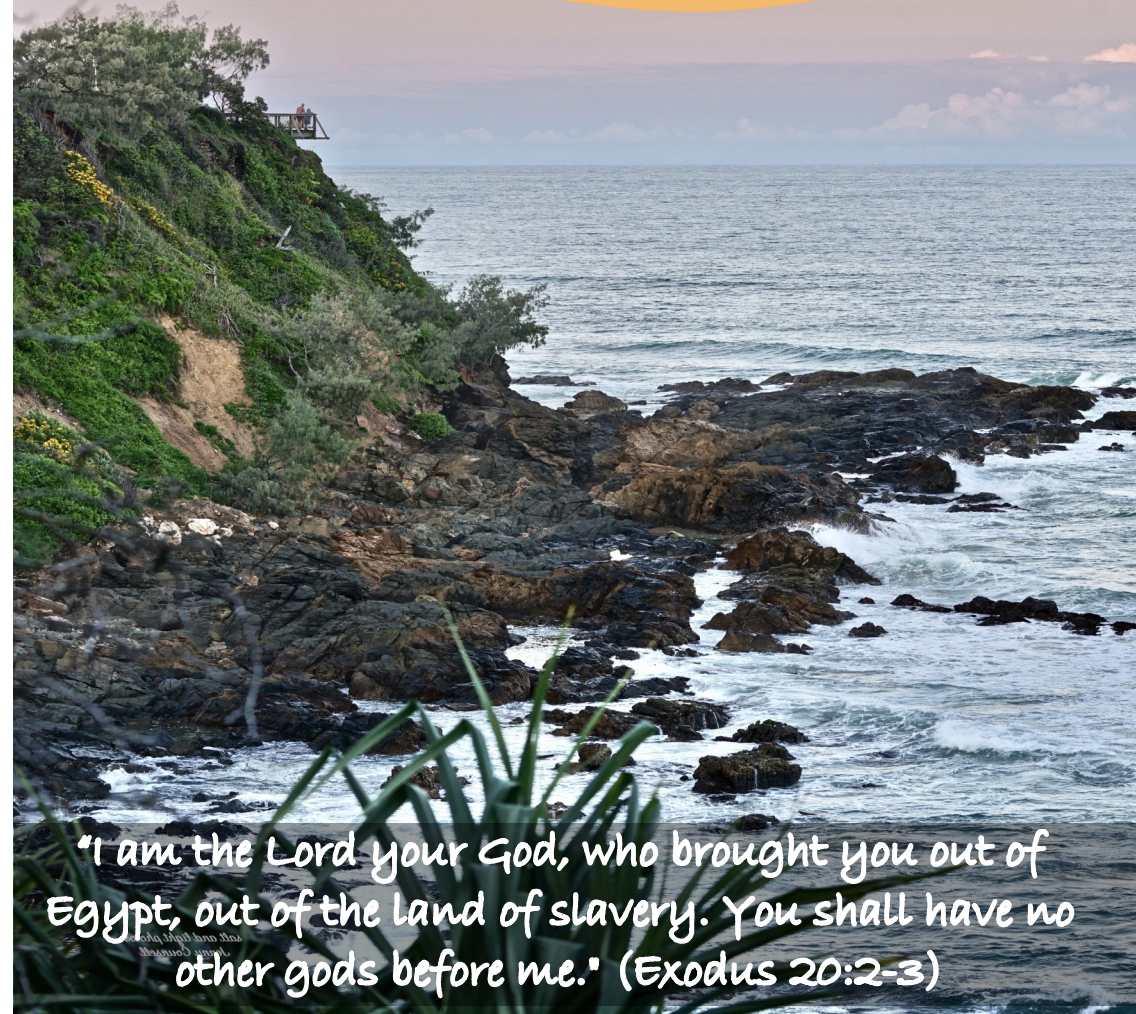
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"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me." (Exodus 20:2-3)

9AM
PASTOR HARRISON
"The One And Only God"
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