

## 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**

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## PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

- \* Give thanks for the Beaumonts' safe return and for a productive time in PNG. Pray for them as they recover from their trip.
- \* Thank God for His amazing power and work in our life, for His goodness to us and blessings He gives us.
- \* Ask God to guard our hearts from idols and give us the power to triumph over all that competes for our ultimate affection.
- \* Pray for Brendan and the other volunteers for Care Outreach as they travel out to remote areas of our State to bless families and help them celebrate Mother's Day.
- \* Pray for Shauna and the family as they grieve for Marjory and as they plan for her burial and memorial service this week.

## BEWARE OF TURNING GOOD THINGS INTO ULTIMATE THINGS

*"You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below." (Exodus 20:3-4)*

Have you ever wondered what an idol is? Tim Keller defines idols as, 'good things that we take and turn into ultimate things that are more important than God.' I like this definition because it reminds us that an idol can be anything or anyone that is more important to us than God. In the first two commandments God makes it very clear that He does not want us worshipping anything instead of him. But how do we know if we have any other gods and idols in our life? This is challenging because sometimes they creep up on us and, if it is a good thing, it can be hard to see when it becomes your new false god. Maybe your desire for approval stops you from sharing your faith with others. Or maybe your passion for sport consumes all your time. Or maybe your level of contentment is totally dependent on your bank balance. If you are wondering what you idolise, then it might help to ask yourself these questions. What disappoints you most about your life? What do you complain about the most? Where and why do you make financial sacrifices (where is your treasure)? What worries you? Where do you seek comfort when you are hurting? Where do you invest the biggest portion of your thoughts, time and energy? What takes you away from serving God and loving others? What do you prioritise over growing in your faith? The answers to those questions may well be the other gods you have in your life.

If we are honest, we all struggle with having other idols and gods in our life. So, we need to ask God to help us identify them and overcome them. We should be striving to fight against idols and put God first in our lives. But we can't rely on our own strength to do that. We must rely on the resources God gives us by reading His word, praying to Him and seeking support and counsel from fellow Christians. We must remember that we can always come before God in prayer and repent. We can ask for forgiveness and for a renewed heart, so we can place Him in the centre of our life. God is gracious to us. Jesus died for us while we were still sinners so that those who believe in him may be brought into a right relationship with God (Romans 5:8). God is at work, changing us to be more like Jesus (Philippians 2:13-14). If Jesus is the Lord and Saviour of your life, be assured that God has saved you and that He is committed to growing and transforming you for His glory.

*God bless, Pastor John.*

## MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

As part of our celebration of Mother's Day on Sunday May 14th we will be having a very special morning tea. What makes it 'special' is that we ask the men to look after all the catering, serving and cleaning up for the morning. So men, this is a reminder to look up your favourite recipe, make sure you have all the right ingredients and get cooking for that special day. Harrison will be talking about honouring our parents and we will be interviewing some mums as well. Please invite your family and friends to this very special morning.

## ALPHA COURSE

As a result of our 'Plan A' series in term 1, we are looking to run a 10 week Alpha program in term 3 (July - September). In order to prepare for that program, we are looking to do some on line training on Wednesday 14th June (normal Alpha) and Thursday 15th June (Youth Alpha). If you would like to be a part of the Alpha team then please see Pastor John or Pastor Harrison, or send them an email/text.

## 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:

<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.



## 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!



# NOTES

"The Zealous Love of Our Jealous God"  
(Exodus 20:1-6, Psalm 106:19-48)

## QB PRAYER EVENT

Baptist Churches in Queensland are looking to join together in ONE PRAYER from the 5th -11th June. During this time we be taking time to pray personally and corporately with one voice, for a mighty harvest in Queensland. There will also be daily devotions and prayer guides available for everyone in our church. More details to come soon.

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**Coolumb Beach Baptist Church**

*"To know Christ and make Him known"*



*"For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous god who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods." (Exodus 20:5)*

**30**  
April  
2023

**9AM**

**PASTOR JOHN**

**"The Zealous Love of Our Jealous God"**  
(Exodus 20:1-6, Psalm 106:19-48)