

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 HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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# HONOURING YOUR PARENTS, HONOURING GOD

"Honour your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12)

When the fifth commandment, the Lord is sharing with us the blueprint for maintaining the stability of families, communities, and nations. What does it mean to honour your parents? The word for "honour" carries the notion of weight and heaviness and as such God is saying that children ought to feel the weight of respect for their parents. Children can do this in a number of ways. Firstly, a child ought to show practical respect to their parents. This can be as simple as speaking well of our parents, showing them courtesy and talking to them respectfully. Secondly, unless it would involve disobeying God, a child should always obey what their parents say. King Solomon stressed this truth in Proverbs 1:8 when he said, "My child, listen when your father corrects you. Don't neglect your mother's instruction." Thirdly, a child should submit to their parents' discipline. All good parents discipline their children (though it must not be done in anger nor vindictively or disproportionately), and children ought to trust that such discipline is for their own good (Hebrews 12:5-11). Fourthly, remember that honoring your parents doesn't mean that you have to understand or agree with every decision they make. Instead, it's just deciding to not lash out, or get angry, but to respect them for their God-given place in your life, and try your best to get along with them.

It is God's plan for the home to provide a vital training ground for children as they look to relate to authorities of all kinds. We never outgrow authority in our lives. There are political and civic authorities we are called to obey (Romans 13:1-7), spiritual authorities we are to respect (Hebrews 13:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12), and our elderly whom we are commanded to honour (Leviticus 19:32). Most significantly, when children learn to honour their parents, even despite their parents' many imperfections, they learn what it means to honour our perfect heavenly Father. Getting along with parents isn't always easy, but it's something that God has called us to do. So, if you need help, go to God. Pray and ask for His help and His guidance in how you can grow in honouring your parents as God has called you to do. On the flip side of this command, it isn't loving for parents (even though it may be easier) to fail to insist that their children honour them and others in rightful authority. Honouring our parents is not dependant on how well we feel they raised us. It is something we should ultimately do because it pleases the Lord and brings blessing into your life, the life of others and into our community.

God bless, Pastor John.



- \* Thank God for all the mums in our church family and pray that they will know his peace, joy, security and grace in their lives.
- \* Praise God whose name is I AM (eternal, all powerful, ever present, self reliant), majestic, glorious, compassion, mercy, unfailing love, faithfulness, Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counsellor, Everlasting Father & Mighty God.
- \* Pray that God will help us to break free of any bondage, stronghold or addiction in our lives.
- \* Pray that God will lead people to come to our Alpha course in term 3.
- \* Pray for Meryl, Beth and the family as the grieve the loss of Nev this week.

### **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.

### **MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION**

This morning we are holding a big morning tea to celebrate all the mothers and amazing women in our church family. The men have worked hard on preparing and serving this great feast and everyone is invited to join us in the hall after the service.

#### **GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER**

This is great way to have some fun and get to know some new people and it's all happening on Friday 26th (dinner) and Saturday 27th May (lunch and dinner). All you need to do is decide whether you want to be a host or a guest. Being a guest means you bring a plate of food and show up at the mystery address you are given. Being a host requires a little more effort in that you not only prepare a plate of food, but you also provide the home for all your mystery guests to come to and have lots of fun. There are registration forms in the foyer so please don't hesitate to fill one out today. Registrations close on Wednesday 17th May.

#### **BI-ANNUAL MEMBER'S MEETING**

Its's happening after the service on Sunday 4th June. At the meeting we will be seeking your approval regarding the annual budget for the 2023/24 year and asking you to consider a proposed change to clause 17 of our Constitution. All members should have received information regarding this proposed amendment. Our ministry leaders will also be briefly sharing about the progress so far in 2023. All members are required to attend and all those who aren't members are also welcome to join us.

# NOTES

"God's Family Plan" (1 Samuel 19:1-7, Ephesians 6:1-4)

#### **ONE PRAYER**

On Tuesday 6th June at 7pm we will be gathering with all the Baptist churches in Queensland to raise our voices together with ONE PRAYER to see Queensland come to know Jesus. Please put that date in your calendar and we will give you more details in the next few weeks.

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PASTOR HARRISON

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