

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

Today John B, Astrid
9th Graham, Daphne
10th Dorothy G
11th Michelle P

PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

- * Give thanks that God is our refuge and strength, an ever present and powerful help in times of trouble.
- * Ask the Lord to teach us to be always joyful, to pray continually and to give thanks in all our circumstances.
- * Pray for our Religious Education classes starting this Thursday at Coolum Beach Primary School.
- * Pray for Daphne as she mourns the loss of her brother Brian and attends his funeral service in Wauchope tomorrow.
- * Pray for the Outback Aerial Mission (based at Longreach) that flies out to remote schools and properties for RI and pastoral care.

EVEN IF IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." (Romans 5:8)

Sometimes God does things that just don't seem to make sense to us - but that doesn't mean we can't trust him. In the Bible, God often asked his people to do things that just didn't seem to make sense. While they were in the wilderness God still asked the Israelites to give him the first and best of their crops and herds. If you're a farmer, that DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. God rescued the Israelites out of Egypt, where there was an abundance of food and water, and took them into the wilderness where there was very little water or food. That DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. When Gideon was preparing to fight against the huge Midianite army, God told him to take only 300 men. That DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. The more you read the Bible, the more you see examples of events that don't make logical sense from a human perspective. But here's the wonderful truth we can't ignore. While God's commands don't always make sense, they do motivate us to step out in faith and put our trust in Him. Of course, it doesn't make sense to give away your best animals, but God wanted his people to trust him for their future. Of course, food and water are scarce in the desert, but God wanted his people to depend on him for their daily bread. Of course, it makes no sense to fight an army with almost no men, but God wanted them to know who really has the power.

And let's not forget the biggest, strangest, and most amazing thing that God did that DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. As human beings, we were the ones who chose to disobey God and reject Him. As sinners, we were the ones who broke our relationship with God and we are the ones who deserve to be punished and rejected. But that's not what God chose to do. Instead, he did the most ultimate thing that DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. He sent Jesus to die for us, even though we were his enemies. Even though Jesus did nothing wrong he died a criminal's death. Even though we deserved to die for our sins, Jesus died for us instead. As a result, when we (the ones who deserve death) put our trust in Christ, we can be forgiven and accepted as children of God. That DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. But that's the good news of the gospel. Even though God's plan of salvation doesn't make sense to us, it is more wonderful and more powerful than we could ever imagine. So don't be afraid to always put your faith in God – even if it DOESN'T MAKE SENSE at the time. You will always be blessed when you do.

God bless, Pastor John.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

For Mother's Day next week 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.

CRUSADER'S HOME GAME

Our fourth home game for the season is on next Saturday 13th May. As usual we are looking for volunteers to help set up the fields at 7am and to serve on the canteen from 8.15am to 12.30pm. If you are able to help please put your name on the volunteer sheet in the gallery between the sanctuary and the hall.

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.

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.

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!

"What's In A Name?" (Exodus 20:1-7, Matthew 7:15-29)

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