

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4th Rod B
5th Jeanie
7th John M, Lisa B
10th Jan A, Lizzie,
Wendy S

PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

- * Give thanks to God for His enduring love, His amazing grace, His sovereignty over all creation, His sovereignty over all creation, His power to do anything and everything and His perfect plans and timing.
- * Pray for Trisha as she prepares for another trip to India with Homes of Hope.
- * Pray for Jarred and Verena as they prepare to go to Germany to minister to the Muslim community.
- * Pray for many in our church family who are struggling with Covid, Flu and other viruses at this time.
- * Pray for our children as they struggle to deal with so many negative influences at school, sports, friends and social media.
- * Pray that we will live with Christ as our hope and true source of peace and joy.

THE JUSTICE AND MERCY OF CHRIST

One of the unique aspects of the Roman empire was that they allowed the nations they conquered to exercise a great deal of legal self-determination. However, only the Roman authorities were responsible for handing out the death penalty and any such punishment could only be carried out according to Roman law. In John 8:1-11 we read where the church leaders bring an adulterous woman to Jesus and ask Him whether she should be stoned. Their purpose in doing this was not about a genuine concern for the law, but rather to put Jesus in a serious dilemma. If Jesus advocated her stoning, they could bring charges against Him before the Roman authorities. However, if He advocated against stoning the woman, He would be going against the Mosaic law (Leviticus 20:10) and could be punished by the religious authorities. Either way, He loses. They were hypocrites who had no real concern for justice, because they should have also brought the adulterous man before Jesus as well. They are just callously using this woman in their attempt to trap Jesus. But He knows their heart and tells them that the one among them without sin should be the one to throw the first stone. In doing so, Jesus is in fact siding with Moses and affirming the validity of the Law's sentence in calling for her to be stoned. Yet he cleverly disqualifies her would-be executioners by challenging them about their own sin and deserved punishment. Jesus alone could have cast that first stone, but He chose to exercise mercy instead, telling the woman to go and sin no more.

In this powerful story we see the harmony of justice and mercy in Christ's salvation. God pronounces judgment on sin but provides a way to escape condemnation (Romans 3:21, 8:1). Jesus does not encourage the sin, but He loves the sinner. God never treats sin casually but calls sinners to turn away from their old, corrupt way of life (Ephesians 4:17-24). Just like he did with that woman, Jesus has chosen to love us, even though we are sinners too. In thankfulness to Him, we must imitate His compassion and show grace and mercy to all who express a desire to leave sin behind and follow Christ. There is no sinner whom He cannot save, and thus there is no one too evil to whom we cannot show compassion. God wishes to reconcile the world to Himself, and He calls His followers to be ministers of that reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18). As we seek to live for Jesus this week may we strive to humble ourselves and be mindful of our own sin before we look to highlight the sin of others. May we also be willing to put down our 'rock' and look to show and share the love of Christ with those who are trapped in sin. God bless, Pastor John.

BI-ANNUAL MEETING TODAY

Don't forget our meeting after the service this morning. We have one potential change to our Constitution to vote on, as well as our budget for 2022/23. We will also be sharing the latest on our building plans and ministries.

ONE PRAYER STARTS THIS WEEK

This is an exciting week in our QB calendar as we see churches and ministries across our state come together to pray some big, bold prayers for Queensland. We will be holding a combined Sunshine Coast Baptist Churches prayer meeting on this Tuesday night June 6th at 7pm at the Marquee Lifepointe Baptist Church. We will be having a special prayer meeting at our church this Wednesday starting at 9am. We will also be sending out some devotionals and prayer guides to everyone during the week.

HOSTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Coolum Beach Christian College is having two groups of Chinese students and their guardians coming to spend one week at their school. As a result they are looking for host families who can provide accommodation for the students and adults. All hosts will receive \$400 per person for the week. Group 1 will be 24 students (from year 4 to year 11) and 8 adults staying from Sunday 30th July to Saturday 5th August. Group 2 will be 14 people (12 students and 2 adults) from Sunday 13th August to Saturday 18th August. If you are interested in becoming a host family for one or two of these students please contact Ana Borba (54464780 or enrolments@cbcc.ald.edu.au) from the College to ask about financial reimbursements and more details.

CHURCH ROSTERS

There are a number of opportunities for you to serve and use your gifts at CBBC - greeting, counting the offering, preparing and serving communion, Bible reading, café and audio visual desk. In recent months we have seen a number of people unable to continue in some of these rosters and we are in need of new volunteers to fill the gaps. If you are interested in finding out more please see Lisa Blair, our Church Administrator, for more information.

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"For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared." (Ephesians 6:15)

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PASTOR HARRISON

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