

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY
5PM Walking Soccer

TUESDAY
9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY
9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY
9:00AM Quilters

FRIDAY
9:30AM Playgroup
4:00pm Youth &
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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Janell R

PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

- * "Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he has all wisdom and power. He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings." (Daniel 2:20-21)
- * "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my Saviour; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. He is my refuge, my saviour, the one who saves me from violence." (2 Samuel 22:2-3)
- * That God in his mercy would do whatever it takes to reform, refine and revitalise his church in Australia.
- * For the changes to Youth and Kid's Ignite – both on Friday night.
- * Thanks for another great Soccer Camp – pray that kids will come to Kid's Ignite.
- * For our Alpha course starting on 13th August – for seekers to come.

LONGING FOR THE DAY WE DON'T NEED A MEDIATOR

"As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?" (Psalm 42:1-2)

Have you ever considered what it must have been like for Adam and Eve to walk and talk with God in the Garden of Eden? Have you ever experienced a sense of remorse when you read how Adam and Eve squandered that unique privilege when they chose to rebel against God and sin? As a result of their actions, instead of rushing to meet Him when they heard his footsteps, they fled and hid from Him. The close relationship that once existed was broken and destroyed. God could no longer walk and talk with them in the same way or allow them to stay in His garden. From that time on humanity has had to approach God through a mediator to whom God would reveal himself, so that they could make God's will known to others. Mediators like Moses, Joshua, the judges, the prophets and the priests. But this was not the way it was meant to be. God made us to enjoy fellowship with Him. We were made in the image of God and were made to know and enjoy God in an unmediated relationship. But even today, even in this New Testament era, we still rely on mediated revelation. Hebrews 9 tells us that God sent a better mediator in Jesus Christ—a mediator that was better than Moses and better than the priesthood, judges and prophets. 1 Timothy 2:5 says, *"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."* Hebrews tells us that Jesus is the mediator of a new and better covenant. We rejoice that God has accepted the mediation of His Son. We rejoice that because of Jesus' righteousness we can approach the throne of God. What a glorious blessing that is! God's grace is amazing. And yet we realise that we still need a mediator – we still need someone to stand between us and God. To speak to the Father, we must speak through the Son. To hear from the Father, we must rely on the Holy Spirit. As a result, all redeemed people still ultimately long to have what Adam and Eve enjoyed at the very beginning of time. We long to see God and walk with Him ourselves. We long to have our relationship with God fully and finally restored. That's why we look forward to seeing Christ again. For when we are in heaven, we will be free from sin, and we will see God's glory unveiled – we will see His face (Revelation 22:3-4). In heaven the redeemed will forever have perfect, unbroken fellowship with the King of Kings, just like Adam and Eve enjoyed. And what a day that will be.

God bless, Pastor John.

JESUS IS BETTER (PART 2)

We are starting our new preaching/Home Group series on the second half of Hebrews today. The Bible Study books are available for collection after the service. A gold coin donation would be appreciated to help cover the printing costs.

ALPHA COURSE

We are starting our Alpha course on Sunday the 13th August.

PASTOR ON HOLIDAYS

John and Shauna are on 3 week holidays. They will be travelling to South Korea to visit their daughter Ashton. Pray that they will have a safe and exciting holiday and enjoy a time of refreshment over these few weeks.

COOLUM CRUSADERS SPONSORSHIP

We are planning to order new training shirts for the 2024/25 seasons and as such we are looking for some sponsors to help us fund these shirts. There are two options available - a larger sponsor on the back of the shirt or a smaller sponsor on the sleeve. If you are interested and needing more information please see Chris Hampton or contact him on 0419866986.

SOCCER CELEBRATION SERVICE & BREAK-UP DAY

We will be holding our end of season Celebration Service/Break-up on Sunday 20th August. It will be a big morning tea and rides/activities. More details to come soon.

CARE OUTREACH UPDATE

It has been another busy year with volunteers logging 10500 hours by May. The Pastoral Care Teams have continued to provide practical and emotional support to struggling farmers and families, sharing a message of hope, a word of encouragement or a prayer with them. During the Mother's Day project they were able to bless over 650 ladies with gifts and encouragement. Along with Op Shop runs they have also donated ministry resources to numerous churches. Thank you again for your support and the part you have played in supporting our Outback families.

“A Better Mediator” (Hebrews 9:15-28)

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"For there is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus."
(1 Timothy 2:5)

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(Hebrews 9:15-28)