

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**MONDAY**  
5PM Walking Soccer

**THURSDAY**  
9:00AM Quilters

**TUESDAY**  
9:30AM Playgroup

**FRIDAY**  
9:30AM Playgroup  
4:00pm Kids Ignite  
& Youth

**WEDNESDAY**  
9AM Prayer Meeting

## Home Groups

BETTER TOGETHER

If you would like to know  
more, Contact Pastor John  
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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

18th Lucas E  
19th Kristen

## PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

- \* For Lifepointe church (Maroochydore) as they continue to move forward following the fire – for the insurance issue to be finalised and for their preparations for Christmas Lights event.
- \* For next Sunday's Soccer celebration and breakup – for good weather, fun time, safe time and an impacting time of worship.
- \* Praise God for his unfailing love and faithfulness (Psalm 138:1-2)
- \* Praise God for answered prayer, the good things he gives us, salvation, his justice and mercy. (Psalm 103:1-6)
- \* For help to not falter in our faith and to earnestly seek him each day. (Heb 11:6)
- \* For Trisha as she travels to Bangladesh – for good health and blessings

### FOLLOW WITHOUT SEEING, DIE WITHOUT RECEIVING

(adapted from an article by Tim Challies)

What is it like to be a Christian? What is it like to submit your life to the Lord? What is it like to live for the glory of an unseen God? They are big questions and I believe the answers to those questions are found in Hebrews 11. Through the testimony of these great heroes of faith we find that to live by faith as a Christian requires two things. To follow God without knowing exactly where he is leading you and to die without having received the reward he has promised. When we follow the Lord, we commit to a lifetime of living by faith rather than by sight. This is in direct contrast with the human view of setting our hearts on the things of this world and basing our hope and joy on the rewards we experience moment by moment and day by day. Those who live for the pleasures that money can buy will gaze at their dream homes and fine wardrobes and be as content as their hearts will allow. Those who live for influence and fame can put their accolades on their walls and enjoy all the success they symbolize. Those who live for physical pleasures can boast of their vast and diverse sexual experiences and count it as their full reward. They can sit back and survey it all and say to themselves, "Relax, eat, drink, be merry." Yet before long the time will come when God will say, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you" (Luke 12:20). They will have lived in such a way that they have stored up plenty of treasures on earth, but none in heaven. But sadly, all the pleasures they will ever experience will fall in that brief window of time between their birth and death.

But as Christians, we live for a reward we cannot yet have and do not yet hold. We deny ourselves the things that seem desirable and pleasurable in this life in favour of promised rewards that are much greater and far better in the life to come. As Christians we all set out by faith, not knowing where God will lead us and uncertain of all that he will require of us along the way. And when it comes time for us to die, we die trusting in God's promises and seeing the promised reward with the eyes of faith. We will enter heaven with an exclamation of "I knew it!" - a cry of victory, a shout of triumph and a declaration of vindication. For then we will know that we really denied ourselves no true lasting pleasure, but only that which would evaporate between heaven and earth. Our knowing will no longer be by faith, that is sometimes prone to doubt and waver and wander. In that day, our knowing will be with eyes that behold, arms that receive, and hearts that rejoice. Having followed without seeing and died without receiving, we will rise gloriously and live eternally knowing that God's every promise was true.

God Bless, Pastor John

### ALPHA COURSE

We are starting at 5pm on Sunday 27th August (including dinner) so please be in prayer about who you can invite. Alpha is a globally used gospel sharing resource that talks about sin, Jesus and salvation. It is primarily aimed at those who are seeking to find out more about the gospel, but it can also be a blessing to new Christians who may also have some questions. If you would like to come along and see what's it's all about, or if you know of someone else who is planning on coming please see Pastor John.

### SOCCER CELEBRATION SERVICE AND BREAK-UP

We will be celebrating the end of the 2023 soccer season next Sunday with a time of celebration and thanksgiving. It will start with a Celebration Service at 9am, where a number of our coaches, parents and players will be sharing with us. We will also be honouring all of our volunteers at this service. After the service we will head out to the soccer fields for more fun with some parents vs kids games and some inflatable rides. We will then have a sausage sizzle at 12pm and trophy presentations at 1pm. We will be needing some volunteers to help with the lunch.

### SOS OUTING

Please note that the next outing is on Thursday 31st of August, not the 29th as previously advertised. The group will be heading to Cooloola Berries to have morning tea at 10am. This will then be followed by a farm talk and walk where you will also have the option of picking your own berries. For more info please see Anneli. If you are planning to come along please put your name on the list in the foyer.

### NEW BREAKFAST MINISTRY

We are very shortly going to be starting to host a free breakfast at the church on Monday mornings. Please be in prayer for Sue Wust, Greg Blunden and their team as they start this new ministry aimed at those who are homeless and struggling with financial pressures.

### LADIES CAMP

The 2023 ANEW ladies conference at Mapleton is on the weekend of 25th -27th August. Please see Carin, Jess or Shauna for more information. Registrations closed on Friday but we may be able to still get in.



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**WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**Coolum Beach Baptist Church**

'To know Christ and make Him known'



"It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him." (Hebrews 11:6)

13  
August  
2023

9AM

**PASTOR JOHN**

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