

Notes

"A Superior Life In Christ" (Hebrews 13:1-25)

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Coolum Beach Baptist Church

"To know Christ and make Him known"



"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

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September

9AM Pastor John

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Thought for the Week

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

In my early teenage years (in the days when Sunday School wasn't held during the service) I remember how the maps in my Bible helped me get through many a sermon. As I lost interest in listening to my dad preach, I would flip to the maps that were located at the back of my Bible. One of my favourite maps was the one that traced the route the Israelites followed after they escaped from Egypt and began to make their way toward the Promised Land. The route they followed was far from straight and it hardly looked like the most efficient way to go from Egypt to Canaan. If you didn't know better it would be easy to think that the Israelites were confused, indecisive and lacking clear direction. Yet we know that they were following the Lord's directives. He is the one who would tell them when to camp and when to move, when to go straight, and when to turn to the left or the right. So, in essence the meandering line on the map was all part of the fulfillment of God's good and perfect will.

There are times when it is good for us to look back on our own lives and to think about the journey we have travelled from birth to where we are today.

As we do that we will see –

- How we have all passed through certain trials and avoided many more.
- How we have scaled some mountains of joy and gone through valleys of grief and regret.
- How we have turned one way toward success and another way toward failure.

Our path through this life has been winding and twisting, rarely perfectly straight and rarely avoiding every hindrance and every stretch of wilderness. And just like God was leading the Israelites on their journey, we can have every confidence that he has been leading us on ours. Just like every twist and every turn they took was within the wise providence of God, so it is with every step we've taken forward and every step we've taken back. He planned that we would approach mountains, valleys, rivers and seas and he has used them all for his good purposes. Just as He promised the Israelites, that they would safely reach the end of their journey, he has promised that we will also reach ours. For like them, he is leading us to the Promised Land, the land of peace, the land of rest, the land where we most truly long to be. He is leading us to a better home, an unshakeable Kingdom. So, let us trust Him and praise Him as he leads us each day.

God bless, Pastor John.

Prayer Points

- Thank God for His many promises and for the blessed hope we have in Christ.
- Pray for our government leaders – that they will use good judgment, pursue justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.
- Pray for Roman – that God will guard his heart, his mind and keep Him from temptation and protect him from spiritual attacks.
- Pray for our Alpha team and our five guests and for our Monday morning Community Breakfast team who hosted their first guest this week.

What's on?



If you would like to know more about our Home Groups, contact Pastor John 0408 402 476

MONDAY

5PM Walking Soccer

TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

9AM Quilters

FRIDAY

9:30AM Playgroup
4PM Kids Ignite & Youth

BIRTHDAYS: Today Brian S, 15th Chris H, Esma, Alan

CARE OUTREACH INFORMATION DAY

Care Outreach provides spiritual and physical support to those in outback NSW and QLD. During November teams of volunteers visit families with Christmas hampers and gifts. There is an opportunity for you to join the volunteers and bring joy to these struggling communities. An information and training day will be held on Saturday 23rd September at 1.30pm. Please take a brochure in the foyer or on the kitchen servery or phone 54717636 for more information.

ALPHA WEEK 3

We had another amazing night at Alpha last Sunday, with another new guest joining us (we now have five in total). This Sunday we are looking at the question, "Why did Jesus die?" Please be in prayer for the team and our guests as they continue their journey of discovering more about Jesus and his salvation.

WELCOMER'S MEETING

We are looking to get together with all our Sunday morning greeters in order to share some ideas, clarify the role and say thanks. The meeting will be held after the Service on Sunday 17th September.

SU PENINSULA SPLASHOUT CAMP

It's that time of year again where our church will be hosting this awesome holiday camp for kids aged 7-12 years of age. It will run from Monday 25th to Friday 29th September (second week of the school holidays). Please be in prayer for the leaders and the campers as the Gospel is shared.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

We are looking to start up a CBBC Men's Ministry and would like to hear what men want. In order to do that we are having a breakfast at the church on Saturday 7th October, starting at 8am. More details soon.