

Notes

"Unity in Christ" Ephesians 2:11-22

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Coolum Beach Baptist Church

"To know Christ and make Him known"



"Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself." (Ephesians 2:20)

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9AM *Pastor Harrison*

September

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Thought for the Week

"For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows."

(1 Timothy 6:10)

In 2010, Roy Messenger was driving home in Washington, when he lost control of his car, collided with a power pole and veered into the ditch on the side of the road. Roy was not seriously injured and managed to climb out of the car and call his family. As he was waiting for help to arrive, he apparently urinated into the ditch without seeing the high voltage power line that he had exposed when his car went into the ditch. This acted as a conductor and Roy was subsequently electrocuted and was sadly found dead at the scene. It would be an understatement to say that urine and electricity don't go together. Separately they are good and useful, but when you put them together it ends in tragedy. God tells us that there are two other things that work fine separately, but don't go together. Those two things are love and money.

Love is wonderful. God is love. Jesus showed us what love is, by laying down his life for us. Christians are supposed to be characterized by love. I can't imagine a world without love. Money is also very useful, perhaps even necessary in this world. With money you can buy the things you need to survive and the things you want. You can also be generous by giving it back to God and giving it away to others in need. As Christians we need to be very careful when it comes to money. We must guard against being greedy and strive to be joyfully generous. We must never put our hope in our wealth or let it define who we are. We must not be deceived into thinking that lots of money is going to make us happy. We must seek to use our savings to honour Christ, not to just serve ourselves. We must also put our hope in God, who richly provides everything we need for our enjoyment (1 Timothy 6:17-18). Any problem with money is not the fault of the money itself but with our sinful human heart. The heart that loves money is a heart that pins its hopes in the achievements, pleasures and things of this world. The love of money is essentially the same as putting your faith in money, rather than faith in God. It is putting your trust in money which can be gone in an instant (Proverbs 23:5), rather than the everlasting promises of God. Love and money don't go together. You can't trust in God and in money at the same time (Matthew 6:24). Belief in one is unbelief in the other. May we always be mindful about the dangers of putting love and money together. God bless, Pastor John.

Prayer Points

- Pray for John and Margaret Beaumont as they head back to PNG on 6th October for a month.
- Pray for Dot Wynd as she continues to adjust to life without John. Pray for strength, peace and comfort during this time.
- Pray for our deacons (Sue, Kristy, Steve), secretary (Nikki) and treasurer (Chris) – for wisdom, protection, strength, humility and a desire to honour Christ.
- Pray for the SU Splashout Camp – for safety, fun, friendships and great opportunities to share/hear the gospel.

What's on?

MONDAY
5PM Walking Soccer

THURSDAY
9AM Quilters



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

BIRTHDAYS: Today Austin Mathewson, Val Fitzpatrick, Jireh Rushbrook, Lesley Arnold

WELCOME TO CHAPPY MARK

We are blessed to have Mark Horsfall, our local High School Chaplain with us this morning. Mark will be sharing all the latest news, updates and prayer requests regarding this important ministry.

HEAVEN MINI-SERIES

Colin Lituri will be starting his two week series on "What Happens When We Die" and "The New Heaven and New Earth" next week.

School Holidays

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 – for a fun time, a safe time and a powerful time of sharing the gospel.

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.

SOS CHANGE OF DATE

The next SOS activity will be a visit to the Majestic Theatre in Pomona on Thursday 19th October. Please make a note in your diaries.

PASTOR'S WEEKEND OFF

John and Shauna will be travelling to Townsville this week to visit family and to attend a 40th High School reunion. They will be leaving on Wednesday and returning on Monday 4th October. Please pray for safe travels and a great time with family and friends.