

"The God of All Comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:1-11)

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Coolum Beach Baptist Church

'To know Christ and make Him known'



"For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. "(2 Corinthians 1:5)

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9AM Pastor Harrison

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October

Thought for the Week

We have recently witnessed the tragic floods in Libya, Greece and Turkey and the earthquake in Marrakech. Tens of thousands of people have died and some of these people would have been God fearing Christians. We are also seeing wars, terrorism and diseases devastating so many communities across the world. In our own country we see crime in plague proportions and legislation which has current and future consequences for Christian beliefs. On top of this we all have our own family and health struggles that can so easily get us down. Then we read Jesus say in Matthew 11:28-30,

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

It is easy for us to ask, how can this be? How is being yoked to Jesus easy? My mother once told me that my great grandfather was a bullock team driver. In a bullock team, they would place a young bull next to a strong old, experienced bul. They yoked them together so that the older bull would lead the new bull to follow the driver's instructions and carry on when the going gets tough. It is tough for the young bull as he is dragged and forced to learn the hard but correct way, until he too eventually pulls just as hard as the lead bull. This is the way it is with Jesus. Jesus does the heavy lifting for us. He wants to guide us and show us the right way in each situation. What He asks of us is to follow Him, to trust Him no matter how hard our situations seem, no matter how depressing the prevailing problems or attitudes seem. Jesus never promised us that the journey would be easy. He promised us that the load would be easy if we take our burdens to Him. 1 Peter 5:6-8 says, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." God asks us to call out to him and trust the situation to Him. The Bible says that God works all things out for good to those who are His. But as I said to a friend of mine who has undergone tragedy in his life, the good may not be directed at us. Sometimes the blessing are to others, who witness us go through tragedy. They watch to see if we continue to positively trust Him and give Him the glory. It is that witness that brings many to faith in God. Let me encourage you to take your burdens to God, to trust Him for the outcomes and find rest in the care that He has for you.

God bless, Greg Blunden.

Prayer Points

- Pray for New Zealand's newly elected government and Prime Minister - Christopher Luxon has previously said in speeches that his Christian faith "gives me purpose and shapes my values."
- Pray for the conflict between in Israel and the Gaza strip - for those grieving and that the conflict won't escalate with other nations.
- Pray that Federal Attorney General will not agree to the promotion of euthanasia by Telehealth.
- Give thanks for daily mercies He gives us - comfort, family, homes, food, peace, friends.

What's on?

MONDAY

5PM Walking Soccer

TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

9AM Quilters

FRIDAY

9:30AM Playgroup
4PM Kids Ignite & Youth



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

BIRTHDAYS: 23rd Charlie, 25th Norma, 28th Anneli

ANNUAL REPORTS

Please note that all ministry leaders are required to provide their Annual Report for their ministry. All reports in Word format should be sent to the Secretary by Monday 6th November 2023.

CREATION MINISTRIES NEXT WEEK

Dr Ron Nellor from CMI will be sharing with us next Sunday. CMI exists to support the proclamation of the Gospel by affirming the reliability of the Bible and in the particular the truth of Creation. Make sure you don't miss this great opportunity.

CHURCH OFFICER AND MINISTRY LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS

As we get ready for our AGM on Sunday 3rd December, we are seeking nominations for church officer (elders and deacons) and ministry leaders. Voting forms are available in foyer and we remind you to prayerfully consider potential candidates before you seek their nomination. Current ministry leaders are reminded that if you wish to continue in your role next year, you will need to complete a nomination form. Nominations are due by Sunday 5th November.

CARE OUTREACH CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

During November and early December 100 volunteers will be visiting 2300 families on properties in South West Queensland and North West New South Wales. Thanks to your generous donations they will be giving 1700 Christmas cakes, 100 food hampers and 750 gifts.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Pastor John and Shauna will be taking the next three weeks off as they take time to ride their bikes, go on a cruise, do some renovations and spend time with the grandkids.

WELCOME TO BWA

It's great to have John Mansfield with us this morning. John will be sharing about the work of Baptist World Aid and letting us know how to get involved.