

“What On Earth Is Going On? ”
(2 Timothy 3:1-5, 14-17)

Thought for the Week

BLESSINGS IN DISGUISE

Long ago, in the days of sailing ships, a terrible storm arose and a ship was lost in a deserted area. Only one crewman survived, washed ashore on a small uninhabited island. In his desperation, the castaway daily prayed to God for help and deliverance from his lonely existence. Each day he looked for a passing ship and saw nothing. Eventually he managed to build a crude hut, in which he stored the few things he had managed to salvage from the wreck. One day, as the sailor was returning from his daily search for food, he spotted a column of smoke. As he ran to it he saw his hut in flames. All was lost. Now not only was he alone, but he had nothing to help him in his struggle for survival. Stunned and overcome with grief and despair, he fell into a deep depression and spent a sleepless night wondering what was to become of him and even questioning whether life itself was worth the effort. The next morning he rose early and went down to the sea. There, to his amazement, he saw a ship lying off shore and a small boat rowing towards him. When the once marooned sailor met the captain, he asked him how he had known to send help. The captain replied, "Why, we saw your smoke signal yesterday, but by the time we drew close the tide was against us. We had to wait until now to come and get you." When trouble, of any kind, comes we don't have to despair, for God is always able to bring a blessing out of what seems to be a curse. He is that sort of trustworthy Father!

Blessings
John Curtis

Prayer Points

- Pray for our upcoming AGM as a church and our leadership nominations, that we would seek God's guidance in this
- Pray for everyone who comes along to our Alpha on a Sunday evening. Pray that God would be revealing Himself more and more and they would have soft hearts ready to believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour
- Pray for Matt and Uli as they head over to Vietnam today. Pray for safe travels and for gospel sharing opportunities
- Pray that as Christians listen and watch the media surrounding the Israel/Gaza war that we would be discerning the information we hear and not accepting everything as truth.

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: 7th Pete Blair, 11th Tania Bousfield

SOS FINAL OUTING FOR 2023

Christmas Breakup Lunch at the Waterfront Hotel
Thursday December 7 @ 11.30.
More details later

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.

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.

REFTOONS

by Paul Cox

