

Notes

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Coolum Beach Baptist Church

'To know Christ and make Him known'



"For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself." (Colossians 1:19-20a)

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December

9AM *Pastor Harrison*

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(John 14:1-11, Colossians 1:15-20)

Thought for the Week

JESUS CHRIST – OUR MIGHTY GOD

It's kind of hard to wrap our minds around the idea that a little baby, born in a manger in Bethlehem, was God Almighty. He was deity in diapers. Jesus was fully God and fully man. He was not just a good man; He was the God-man. God came to this earth and walked among us. Jesus became one of us without ceasing to be Himself. He became human without ceasing to be God. He is the Mighty God. That means –

- He is omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent. There is nothing he doesn't know and nothing He can't do. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).
- He is the creator, sustainer and ruler of the universe (Colossians 1:15-20). He is the object of worship of all creation – including the angels.
- He invites everyone to come and find rest in Him (Matthew 11:28). We are free from self-effort, self-improvement and the constant struggle to overcome the guilt and shame of sin. He is able to bear all our burdens, forgive all our sins and give us peace with God because He died for us on the cross (Romans 5:1).
- He gives us the right to become children of God (John 1:12).
- He is the source of our power because he promises to send the Holy Spirit to enable us to live for Him in this world (John 14:25, John 16:8, Acts 1:8)
- He is the strength of our lives. In Philippians 4:13, Paul wrote, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." What a great promise! He will strengthen us for all the circumstances and inevitabilities of life. This doesn't mean that we will never know pain or hardship, but that we can endure in triumph. How can we do that? Only as we rest in His power, not in our own.
- He secures our eternity. For all who surrender their lives to Him he also promises to raise them up at the last day and to give them eternal life. The apostle Peter wrote that we are "kept by the power of God" (1 Peter 1:5). Nothing can overcome God's power to keep us in Christ. What a great assurance it is to know that we are secure not because of our own ability to hold on to Him, but by His power holding on to us.

So, this Christmas may we remember to celebrate that Jesus is our mighty God who reigns forever. He is able to conquer all the forces of darkness, set every captive free from sin, bear all of our burdens, answer every question, resolve any conflict, calm every storm, raise the dead to life and to transform people and nations.

God bless, Pastor John.

Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the lives of Brian Berry and John Tomlinson. Pray for their families as they grieve.
- Give thanks for Ian Ratcliffe's successful operation this week and pray for strength as he continues to recover.
- Praise God that 4 people gave their hearts to Jesus on the recent Uni Impact retreat.
- Pray for our Christmas fence and Christmas Eve service – that both events will impact our community.
- Give thanks for the new little baby that will be joining the Gallagher family in 2024

What's on?

MONDAY
5PM Walking Soccer



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

BIRTHDAYS: 13th Jo Aldag, 16th Elaine Rose

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Today is the last Sunday that we will be collecting items for our Christmas Hampers. The hampers will be organised this week so if you are aware of anyone needing a hamper please see Lisa.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Matti Van Der Harst will be selling her beautiful home made Christmas cards over the next two Sundays. Proceeds from the sale of the cards will go to missions.

A BRAND NEW HOLIDAY SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

Over the last few Christmas holiday seasons, our kids have had the pleasure of earning their 'crazy money' on Sunday mornings, so that they could go shopping at the Promised Land Plaza. In 2024 the kids will get to enjoy a whole new shopping experience at Bethlehem Bargains. This will all happen on the last Sunday of the school holidays, so kids make sure you come each week to earn as many points as you can.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Sunday 24th December is going to be an amazing day of worship. It begins with our worship service at 9am and it will conclude with our Christmas Eve celebration and supper, starting at 6pm. Please keep that date in your calendars and it would be great if you could bring along a plate to share for supper. There are flyers and tracts in the foyer if you would like to take some to invite your neighbours, family and friends.

AGM HIGHLIGHTS

Our 2023 AGM was a great time of celebration and joy as we looked back on the year that was and as we looked forward to 2024. Our ministry and financial reports all reflected how God has continued to bless us with passionate and gifted volunteers, numerical growth, generous giving and stronger community connections. We welcomed Barrie, Robyn and Alle Cassidy into church membership and voted the following people into leadership positions – David Eden and Phil Roberts (Elders), Kaden Thorne and Steve McReight (Deacons), Nikki Goatley (Secretary), Lisa Blair (Church Administrator), Kristy Elford (Worship and Music Leader), Sue Wust (Missions Co-Ordinator), Shauna Gallagher (Women's Ministry), Greg Blunden (Property Committee Convenor) and Chris and Judy Hampton (QB Delegates).