

Notes

"The Prince Of Peace" (Micah 5:2-5, Luke 2:8-20)

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Coolum Beach Baptist Church

'To know Christ and make Him known'



"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

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December

9AM Pastor John

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Thought for the Week

WHY JESUS IS BETTER THAN SANTA CLAUS

- Santa lives at the North Pole - JESUS is everywhere (Jeremiah 23:24).□
- Santa rides in a sleigh - JESUS rides on the wind (Psalm 104:3, Revelation 1:7-8) and walks on the water (Matthew 14:24-26).
- Santa comes but once a year - JESUS is an ever present help (Psalm 46:1).
- Santa fills your stockings with goodies - JESUS supplies all your needs (Philippians 4:19).
- Santa comes down your chimney uninvited and then tries to leave without you knowing - JESUS stands at your door and knocks, and He wants to come in to be your friend (Revelation 3:20).
- You have to wait in line to see Santa - JESUS promises to be with you always (Matthew 28:20).
- Santa lets you sit on his lap - JESUS holds you in his gentle and mighty hands (John 10:28-30).
- Santa asks you, "What's your name?" - JESUS knew your name even before you were born. He also knows your past and your future. He even knows how many hairs are on our head (Psalm 139:1-16, Luke 12:7, John 10:30).
- Santa gives you gifts if you've been good... JESUS loved you even when you were a sinner and His enemy (Romans 5:8-10).
- Santa lives at the North Pole and doesn't want people there - JESUS is preparing a mansion for you so that you can live with him forever (John 14:3).
- Santa says, "You better not cry" - JESUS says "Cast all your cares on me for I care for you." (1 Peter 5:7)
- Santa knows if you've been sleeping or awake - JESUS not only knows when you've been sleeping or awake, He watches over you and protects you at all times (Psalms 121:5, 8).
- Santa's little helpers make toys - JESUS makes new life and mends wounded hearts (2 Corinthians 5:17, Psalm 147:3, Luke 4:18)
- Santa may make you chuckle - JESUS gives you joy that is your strength (Nehemiah 8:10).
- Santa puts gifts under your tree - JESUS became our gift and died on a tree (the cross) to save us (John 3:16).

As you celebrate this joyous season, may I encourage you to find time to remember Christ this CHRISTmas and "Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

God bless, Pastor John

Prayer Points

- Help us to celebrate this Christmas with the worship of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and generous heart of the wise men.
- Give thanks for God's love that brought Jesus to us and for the hope that His birth brings to the world.
- Help us to allow your peace to reign in our lives and strengthen us as we seek to live in the light of your mercy and grace.
- Bless those who are serving and caring for the poor, homeless and isolated this Christmas. May their presence bring the hope and joy of Christ into their lives at this time.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

What a great way to get ready for Christmas Day. It starts at 6pm tonight and will be followed by a free supper at 7pm. Kids will get a glowstick and a free gift bag. Please bring a plate of food to share for the supper. We will also need some volunteers to help in the kitchen and to usher people to their seats. If you can help please see Jenny Claven (kitchen) or Pastor John.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Get ready to party next Sunday night. It all starts.... We are having a party at CBBC to help us see in 2024. It all starts at 7pm and will go to 12.15pm (or anytime in between depending on your stamina). Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a plate of food to share for snacking and supper, and a board game to play with. We will also be setting up the table tennis tables and turning on the aircons to make sure we have a great time.



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

BIRTHDAYS: Today Sue Wust

GIFT OF JESUS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters

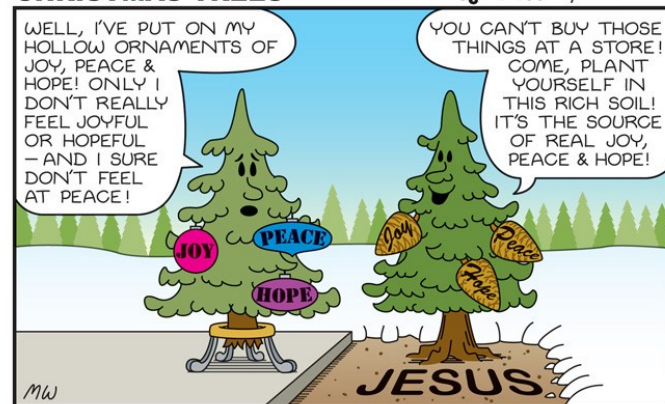


Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

— PSALM 107: 8-9 NIV

CHRISTMAS TREES

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

— ROMANS 15:13 NIV