

Notes

"A Christian's Happiness" (Romans 8:15-30)

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Coolum Beach Baptist Church

'To know Christ and make Him known'

2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Proverbs
19:21

MANY ARE THE PLANS IN A MAN'S
HEART, BUT IT IS THE LORD'S
PURPOSE THAT PREVAILS.

"And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." (Romans 8:28)

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January

9AM Pastor John

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Thought for the Week

FEAR NOT

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

It doesn't take much to look around us and get a sense that the spirit of fear seems to be working overtime. Wars, weather, financial insecurity, immorality, violence and persecution seem to give us every reason to be fearful for 2024. But the spirit of fear does not come from God and it can be crippling to anyone who holds on to it. The devil wants us to be afraid. He wants us to be so overwhelmed that we cannot accomplish the things we need to do. Remember, if God is for us, no one can be against us. We are overcomers! We are to hold fast to God and stand strong. Even though our nation seems to be intent on silencing and suppressing those who want to share the gospel, we can't let that frighten us. Believers have faced that challenge throughout history and God has always had the same advice. *"Don't be afraid! Speak out! Don't be silent! For I am with you, and no one will attack and harm you, for many people in this city belong to me."* (Acts 18:9-10) Be comforted by the promise that God that is sovereign and be at peace in knowing that we are never alone. Praise the Lord that we are in God's hands and that He wants us to continue doing what He has called us all to do – to always follow Him and boldly share the gospel. It doesn't matter what everyone else thinks about that. It only matters what God has asked us to do. We must refuse to worry about what "may" happen or "how" we will ever be able to overcome what seem to be insurmountable obstacles. God is going to see us through. His Spirit and His angels are with us and we have many Christian friends standing with us too. Greater still, we have God's Word and His peace with us 24 hours a day. Even in the middle of the night while everyone else is sleeping, God is awake. He is waiting for us to call out to Him. He is there. He loves us so much. We don't need to be afraid for God is there.

"Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you. He will make your innocence as clear as the dawn and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun. Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes. Stop your anger! Turn from your rage! Do not envy others – it only leads to harm. For the wicked will be destroyed, but those who trust in the LORD will possess the land." (Psalm 37:5-9) Wise words for us to remember as we head into a new year. God bless, Pastor John.

CHURCH EMAIL GROUP

If you are new to our church family and have decided to make us your new spiritual home, then we would encourage you to fill out an information form. These are available from the church office (see Lisa, our church administrator). Once we have your details we can then add you to our email list so that you will receive all the latest church news.

COMING SOON

2024 is going to be an exciting year. Some of the highlights coming soon this year are –

- Preaching and Bible Study series on Genesis 1-11 (starting February).
- Christian mentoring series by Colin Lituri.
- Preaching on Woman in Ministry and an introduction to Believer Baptism
- 2024 soccer season

**NEVER BE AFRAID
TO TRUST AN
UNKNOWN FUTURE
TO A KNOWN GOD.**

CORRIE TEN BOOM



Prayer Points

- Pray for Judith and Steve Howland as they wait for further details regarding Judith's recent cancer diagnosis.
- As we stand at the beginning of a new year, may we confess our need for God's presence and guidance as we face an unknown future.
- Give thanks for God's promise to be our light, guide, comforter, strength, courage and salvation.
- Pray for protection over all who serve in our armed forces—both in Australia and overseas.
- Pray for those families and communities who have been devastated by cyclones, storms and floods.
- Pray for those who serve in our Emergency Services as they risk their lives to help those in need.