

"Creation Of The World" (Genesis 1:3-2:3)

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'To know Christ and make Him known'



"Then God looked over all that He had created and saw that it was very good." (Genesis 1:31)

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February

9AM Greg Blunden

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Thought for the Week

ONE DAY EVERY KNEE WILL BOW

Stephen Hawking, the celebrated physicist who died in 2018 believed that death is final and there is no such thing as God or an afterlife. "I regard the brain as a computer which will stop working when its components fail. There is no heaven or afterlife for broken down computers. That is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark. There is no such thing as a personal God who can offer us anything after we die." While there is no doubt that Stephen Hawking was a brilliant man, he has sadly now discovered how wrong he was with his theory about God. The Bible gives us a very different truth regarding life, death and what is to come. "And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment." (Hebrews 9:27) "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance to God." (Romans 14:11) Stephen Hawking, like everyone else who has died, would have had to bow down and declare that God is our creator and judge. For those of us still living we will all face the same reality – either when we die or when Christ comes again. For some it will hit like a ton of bricks and for others it will be joyfully welcomed.

The reality is we don't like to talk about judgment these days. We live in a world that is becoming increasingly desensitised to evil. Sin is relative. If it makes you happy then do it. Who are you to judge me? Bad doesn't always get what it deserves and good doesn't always amount to success. But that all ends when we come face to face with Jesus. There will be no more mocking Jesus, dismissing the cross or scoffing at sin. Selfishness, antagonism, hatred, greed and injustice will no longer exist. On that day, many will come to find out money, reputation, good works, going to church and moral behaviour won't save them. The only salvation there will be for anyone, will be in the life and work of Jesus (Acts 4:12). Make no mistake, God does exist and we will all see Christ one day and bow down and acknowledge Him as King. So how are you living today? Have you truly surrendered your life to Christ or are you putting your hope for salvation in who you are and what you have done? If you have put your faith in Him, are you living in joy filled confidence each day? If you claim Christ as your Saviour do you have a passion and boldness to share the gospel with those who don't? If you don't know Christ, then it's not too late to bow down to Him and ask Him into your life. If you do know Christ, then boldly, joyfully and confidently live for Him each day.

God bless, Pastor John.

Prayer Points

- Give thanks to God for the wonder and beauty of His creation – the oceans, beaches, mountains, forests and seasons.
- Thank God that we can trust in His promises, rejoice in His faithfulness, hope in His Word and rest in His grace.
- That we will find our identity and satisfaction in Christ rather than anything else.
- That we would fully surrender our lives to the lordship of Jesus Christ.

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: 12th Allie Cassidy, 13th Steve Howland

MENTORING/DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Week 2 is on tonight at the church at 7pm. The third and final class will be next week the 18th February.

COOLUM CRUSADERS WORKING BEE

Next Saturday 17th February from 8-10am. We will be needing some help to clean out the soccer shed and to get all the gear ready (pump up balls, put our name on the equipment and bag everything) for the first practice of the season on Wednesday. Morning tea will be provided.

FREE MISSION'S LUNCH

After church next Sunday 18th February, Trisha (Homes Of Hope) will be hosting a free lunch in the church hall. It will be a Sri Lankan curry (chicken or vegetable), with pumpkin dahl, coconut sambal and pilau rice. All gluten free, with chilli on the side. For dessert there will be ice cream and mango.

SOS OUTING

On Thursday 29th February at the Botanical Gardens at Stonebridge Gardens at Palmwoods,. Arriving at 11am for a walk around the gardens and an A La Carte lunch (pay for your own). If you able to come, or want more information, please contact Anneli on 0427 795 112.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

After the worship service on Sunday 25th February. At the meeting we will be welcoming some new members (hopefully) as well as considering some issues relating to the impending departure of Pastor John. These issues include the approval of a pastoral search committee, the extension of Harrison's call and the outline of the process the leadership is planning to follow. Everyone in our church family is invited to attend (although only members will be allowed to vote).