

Notes

"How To Really Love Your Enemies" (Matthew 5:38-48)

Prayer Points:

- Pray for Allie Cassidy, that she would improve quickly and continue to pray for Barry and Robyn
- Praise God for the answered prayers in regards to Dot Wynd and Lesley Gallagher
- Pray for the Soccer Camp which will happen in about a month. That God would be preparing the hearts and minds of every single person who is coming along, and that some may receive the gospel and enter into a relationship with Jesus Christ

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Coolumb Beach Baptist Church

'To know Christ and make Him known'



"But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!"
(Matthew 5:44)

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June

9AM

Greg Blunden

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Thought for the Week

HOW SHOULD WE LOVE OUR ENEMIES?

Extracts from the Enough Rope interview between Andrew Denton and Johnny Lee Clary
- December 31, 2012

Johnny Lee Clary was a violent white supremacist who had become the Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma at the age of 21. He eventually went on to become the Grand Imperial Wizard for the KKK for all of the USA.

He was pitted against a black Oklahoma pastor, Reverend Wade Watts, in a TV debate. Johnny was humiliated on TV by this humble man. Later on, to get back at him, they showed up in their sheets and hoods and threw trash all over the lawn of the manse. They called out, "Get on out here, boy, we got something for you." Pastor Watts came out and said, "Boys, Halloween's four more months away. I got no trick or treat in here for you. Come back in October." And turned and went back in the house.

A week later they burned a cross across the street from the manse. Pastor Watts came outside and asked them if they needed hotdogs or marshmallows for their BBQ! Johnny got tired of this so next they tried to burn the church down. Johnny then tried to disguise his voice and he called up Pastor Watts and said, "Hey, boy, you'd better be afraid. We're coming to get you, boy. You don't know who we are but we know who you are." And the pastor replied, "Hello, Johnny, a man like you takes the time to call me, I'm so honoured." Then he said, "Let me do something to you. Dear Lord, please forgive Johnny for being so stupid. He doesn't mean to be so ornery, he's a good boy trying to get out somewhere in there." Johnny hung up the phone.

On another day they watched him go into a restaurant, Johnny went in with 30 KKK members. The pastor had a chicken dinner in front of him so Johnny said "Hey, boy, this restaurant's for white people only, we don't want you here. So, I'm gonna make you a promise, I promise you we're gonna do the same thing to you that you do to that chicken. So you think real hard before you touch that chicken." So he looked at the Klan, then he picked up the chicken and he kissed it. And when he kissed the chicken, the whole restaurant broke out laughing, even the Klan were laughing. They never bothered the pastor again.

Johnny Lee Clary soon started to realise that the KKK did not hold the answers to his inner turmoil. He left the Klan in a violent way. He was shattered and at 30 he felt he now had nothing. He picked up his gun and was going to commit suicide. As he did, he noticed a Bible on the table and decided he should see if there was a prayer in there he could read. God spoke to him through the Word and he broke down and committed his life to God.

He then spoke to Pastor Watts and asked him for forgiveness. The Pastor asked if Johnny would give his testimony at church, his church, a black community church – and he did. Since then, Johnny Lee Clary has campaigned to help radicalised youth to know the love of Jesus.

How do we love those who we feel are unlovable? We need to see them as God sees them, as souls who desperately need the love of God in their life.

May God teach us and humble us in this matter

- Greg Blunden

What's on?

MONDAY

5PM Walking Soccer

TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

9AM Quilters/Craft

FRIDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

4PM Kids Ignite

& Youth



If you would like to know more about our Home Groups, contact Beth Pfeffer 0449 584 284

BIRTHDAYS: 4th Rod Brett, 5th Jeanie Priestly,
7th John Mayes & Lisa Blair



MEN'S MINISTRY

Our next men's breakfast is coming up in one week. It will be on Saturday 8th June, beginning at 9am, and we have invited Frans Bothma to come along and show us how he put the mural up on the church wall in the hall. Come along for a great time of fellowship. Make sure to put your name down on the list and for more information please see Richard van Eck

WEDNESDAY SOCCER HELP

Once again, we are looking for some help to come along and set up some soccer goals for training on this Wednesday afternoon (5th June), from 2:30pm-3:30pm, as Kaden is currently in Europe. If you are available and would like to help please let Harrison know.

EMAILING LIST

If you are new to our church family or have been coming but would like to receive email updates from us about things happening in the church, please see Lisa where you can fill out a form to also be in our church directory, or give her your email to be added to the emailing list.