

# Notes

"A Golden Promise and The Golden Rule" (Matthew 7:7-12)

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**Coolum Beach Baptist Church**

*'To know Christ and make Him known'*



"For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened." (Matt 7:8)

28  
July

9AM *Greg Blunden*

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## Thought for the Week

### EFFECTIVE PRAYER

James 5:16,17 " Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently."

What does Elijah have to do with our praying? Does it mean that Elijah was righteous and his prayers worked, so we should be like Elijah for our prayers to work too? Is that what he is saying?

James says that Elijah was a man with a nature like ours. He was just a man. He was like us. And being just a man, being like us, having a nature like ours, he prayed fervently and God heard. The point is not that we should be righteous at the extraordinary level of an Elijah, but that he was normal like you and me. James doesn't say for us to be like Elijah for our prayers to be answered, but that Elijah was like us and his prayers were answered — therefore, pray.

This means that the location of effective prayer is not us, but God. Prayer has less to do with the specifics of how we say what we say, and more to do with the one to whom we are saying it. Elijah believed God and he passionately prayed to God. We need to passionately come before God in prayer, trusting Him for answers.

We pray as ordinary people who have an extraordinary God. We're just normal like Elijah. Prayer is effective, not because of great men who pray, but because of a great God who in Christ graciously hears his people.

He's the main ingredient. So, let us pray.

Greg Blunden

## Prayer Points

- Pray for our pastoral search committee, as they seek out God's man for the Senior Pastor role here
- Pray for the Beaumonts as they return to PNG (27th July), pray for the translation work, for their health and for safe travel for them and their co-workers
- Pray for RI in all our school across Sunshine Coast (for Lisa and Lynne from our church), that as they go in and talk to the kids about Jesus Christ, that we would see kids believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour
- Praise God for His goodness, that we know that He hears our prayers, that Christ is forever interceding for his bride
- Praise God that in this dark chaotic world, that we can stand firm on His Word, which is a firm foundation

## 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: Today Leslie Gallagher & Jackie Olsen,  
30th Margaret Beaumont, 2nd Pam Scales



### PRAYER MEETING

We will be holding a special prayer meeting on the 11th of August to seek God's will for the current needs of CBBC. We are planning to have a session of prayer after morning tea, to have lunch together (church to provide) and then more sessions of prayer after lunch. We have much to praise God for and we have much to seek His blessing on for the future. Would you join us as we meet together with God.

### SOCCER HOME GAMES:

We have soccer home games coming up in the next couple weeks on the 3rd of August and the 10th August. Please see roster out in the gallery if you are able to help and put your name down.

### THANKSGIVING SOCCER SERVICE:

On the 18th August we will be having our Thanksgiving Soccer Service, where we give thanks to God for the soccer season we have had, invite everyone from the club to come along to church, because after our soccer service we have our break-up for the year as well. Please put this date in your diaries, it is always a great service. We will also be asking people from the church family to bring a plate of food to share which will be taken over to the fields for everyone to enjoy, and there will be other roles for people to get involved with, so stay tuned for more information.