"The Skies and the Scriptures" (Psalm 19)

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# **Coolum Beach Baptist Church**

'To know Christ and make Him known'



"The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." (Psalm 19:7)

00 September

9AM Pastor Harrison

(Psalm 19)

"The Skies and the Scriptures"

Thought for the Week

THE WATCHFUL CARE OF CHRIST

Christ is always with His people, acting as a shield and deliverer. Our understanding of this truth depends on our ability to recognize the extent and strength of our adversaries, as well as the value of the treasure divinely safeguarded.

We face various assaults that only Christ can shield us from. These adversaries, both countless and unseen, are perpetually active and powerful, constantly scheming to harm us. They are the spiritual enemies of our soul and the sworn foes of our faith. The world, its alluring attractions, Satan and his cunning strategies, our own sinful tendencies, and the deceitful masks of falsehood join forces against those who follow God, hindering their pursuit of holiness.

However, Christ is always by our side, ready to protect us in times of attack and skillfully deflecting and disarming threats. Just as the words "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield!" were spoken to Abraham, they apply to all who share his precious faith. Indeed, the Lord surrounds us. Despite the dangers that encircle us, we are also enveloped by Jesus' constant protection. As Isaiah 41:10 reminds us, He assures us, "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

With unwavering watchfulness, divine power, and unfailing love, the Lord Jesus safeguards the work of grace within the souls of His people. He keeps the flame of faith alive, prevents love from growing cold, and preserves hope from fading. He strengthens the work of grace when it weakens, raises it when it falters, restores it when it stumbles, and sustains it through the harshest seasons. Just as Jesus surrounds us with His protective shield, He guards the work of grace that His sacrifice achieved and His Spirit continues to nurture.

Believer, even in times of doubt, the work of grace in your heart will never perish. The kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy within your soul is indestructible. "They shall never perish!" declares the Shepherd who redeemed you with His blood. You are under the watchful care of Christ and the preserving power of God. So run to Christ your great Shepherd! – Octavius Winslow

Prayer Points

- Pray for the Beaumonts that they would be rested and strong in health after their mission trip. Praise God for their safe return and success of their work
- Continue to pray our pastoral search committee, as we seek out the right man to lead God's church here.
- Praise God for the sufficiency of His Word, and that it is a sure, firm, true foundation
- Praise God for His faithfulness. That what He has said what He will do, and so we know we can come boldly to the throne of grace, knowing that all of God's promises find their 'yes' in Christ, who has redeemed us and sanctifies us

What's on?

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

BIRTHDAYS: 9th Sue Roberts & Yan Perumal, 10th Brian

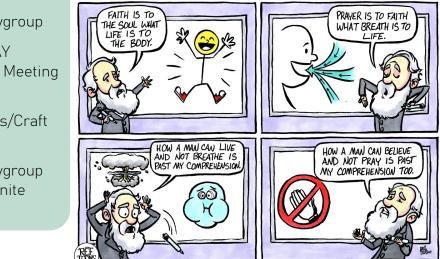
MONDAY 5PM Walking Soccer

TUESDAY 9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY 9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY 9AM Quilters/Craft

FRIDAY 9:30AM Playgroup 4PM Kids Ignite & Youth



### CRECHE HELPERS

We are needing some more helpers to assist in our creche that runs during our church service over the next 3 months (October, November, December). If you are interested please see Anneli for more information.

Scales

## **KITCHEN ROSTER**

The new kitchen roster has been put together and pinned up on the notice board located in the kitchen. So if you are on that roster please make sure you go and have a look so you can see when you are on.

#### NEW PEOPLE

If you are new to our church (or been here a while, this may still apply to you), and are not on our email distribution list, you may be missing out. In our emails we send out prayer and praise points, important updates, rosters, opportunities to serve, and just general church news. So if you would like to be added to our email distribution list, please see Lisa and she can give you a form to fill in

## SPS REVEAL

Our secret prayer sister reveal will be happening on Saturday October 26th so keep that date in your diary!