

"Faith that Works" (James 2:14-26)

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Coolum Beach Baptist Church

'To know Christ and make Him known'



"So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (James 2:17)

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November

9AM Pastor Harrison

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Thought for the Week

A RIGHT TO LEAD

We should follow our Lord as unhesitatingly as sheep follow their shepherd, for He has a right to lead us wherever He pleases. We are not our own, we are bought with a price—let us recognize the rights of the redeeming blood. The soldier follows his captain, the servant obeys his master, and so we must follow our Redeemer, to whom we are a purchased possession. We are not true to our profession of being Christians if we question the summons of our Leader and Commander.

Submission is our duty; quibbling is our folly. Our Lord may say to us what he said to Peter, "What is that to you? You follow Me!"¹ Wherever Jesus may lead us, He goes before us. If we do not know where we go, we know with whom we go. With such a companion, who will dread the dangers of the journey? The road may be long, but His everlasting arms will carry us to the end. The presence of Jesus is the assurance of eternal salvation; because He lives, we will live also. We should follow Christ in simplicity and faith, because the paths in which He leads us all end in glory and immortality. It is true that they may not be smooth paths—they may be covered with sharp, flinty trials; but they lead to "the city that has foundations, whose designer and maker is God."² All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth to those who keep His covenant.

Let us put our complete trust in our Leader, since we know that in prosperity or adversity, sickness or health, popularity or contempt, His purpose will be worked out, and that purpose will be pure, unmingled good to every heir of mercy. We will find it sweet to go up the bleak side of the hill with Christ; and when rain and snow blow into our faces, His dear love will make us far more blessed than those who sit at home and warm their hands at the world's fire. When Jesus draws us, we will run after Him. No matter where He leads us, we follow the Shepherd.

Charles Spurgeon

Prayer Points

- Pray for all our ministries. That all the volunteers involved would be bold in taking the opportunities that God brings their way to present the gospel, and also that God would be softening the hearts of all those who attend
- Continue to pray for our pastoral search committee as we review the candidates who apply for the pastoral position
- Praise God for the continued growth in the church with new people still coming in
- "But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the Lord!" As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer do not delay, O my God!" (Psalm 40:16-17)

What's on?

MONDAY
5PM Walking Soccer

TUESDAY
9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY
9AM Prayer Meeting

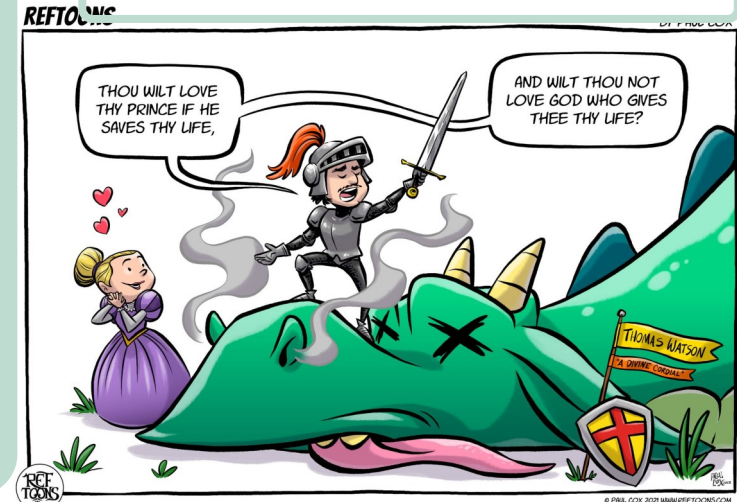
THURSDAY
9AM Quilters/Craft

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

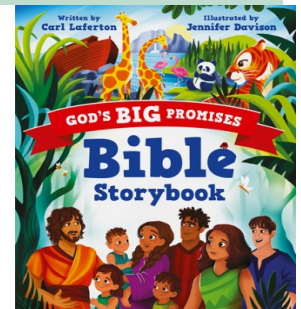
BIRTHDAYS: 11th Tania Bousfield, 12th Harris Mathewson



PLAYGROUP BIBLE FUNDRAISER

Today, out in the hall we have some baked goods available for a donation that will go towards buying each playgroup family a children's bible as a Christmas gift this year.

The bibles are \$22.80 each and we will need to buy about 70 bibles. Any donations welcome



UPCOMING AGM

Just a reminder our AGM is coming up very soon on Sunday 1st December.

ABBY PENGLASE

A big welcome to Abby today as she gives a brief update from the mission field in Ecuador. She will also be available for discussion at morning tea time

UNI IMPACT

Once again we have Uni Impact using our facilities and coming along to church while they are here. They will also be taking the service on the 24th of November

MCU APPLICATION

Our MCU application is back before the council and there is a notification sign attached to our front fence seeking any community input or concerns