

## "Who Can Tame The Tongue" (James 3:1-12)

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# ***Coolum Beach Baptist Church***

'To know Christ and make Him known'



"But no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil,  
full of deadly poison.." (James 3:8)

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November

9AM David Eden

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# Thought for the Week

## A TRUE STORY OF JOHNNY

Johnny is 19 and has Down Syndrome, and attended a business training that was conducted by Ken Blanchard and Barbara Glands for 3,000 front line workers at grocery stores and retail outlets across the USA. They talked about the power of words and how what you say really does make a difference in people's lives. A month later, Barbara, said she got a call from Johnny, who was at the training. I work as a bagger at a grocery store. I went back to the store and I didn't know how to apply your statements.

I went home and talked with my dad and got an idea. So we sat down at the computer and everyday we would come up with a statement that is affirming of people, that's encouraging. We typed up six different quotes. I print off fifty sheets and cut all of them." Equalling three hundred quotes. Then, every night, Johnny signs each one of them personally.

He makes sure he looks everyone in the eye and says, "I put something very special for you in this sack. I hope it will brighten your day."

Barbara said after about a month the manager from the grocery store called. He said, "Barbara something really amazing is beginning to happen. I was walking around the store and I noticed while we had lots of checkers at the checkout line, there was no one there but maybe one or two people. The line where Johnny was doing bagging went all the way back to the frozen food section."

He said, "I would tell people that there were other lines. People would just look at us and say, 'No, we'll wait because we want Johnny's encouraging word for the day.' One woman said, 'I used to only come to the grocery store once a week or once every other week. Now I come by almost every day. I buy something just so I can get Johnny's encouraging word for the day.'"

A month later, the store manager said, "It's changing our entire culture of our store. Even in the floral department when a flower was broken they used to just throw it away. Now on their own initiative, they pin broken onto elderly women or young girls, which brightens their day."

*We can all choose to be a Johnny every single day.*

Blessings, David

## Prayer Points

- Pray for all the people travelling west with Care Outreach. Pray for their safety and opportunities to share the gospel with the farmers they talk to
- Continue to pray for our pastoral search committee as we review the candidates who apply for the pastoral position
- Pray for the work in Ecuador that Abby Penglase is involved in
- Praise God for His Word. Praise that God that is sufficient and is a firm foundation. Pray that churches and particularly pastors would always be in the Word, staying faithful to the Word

## 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



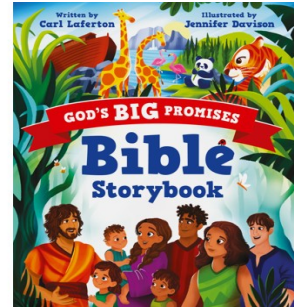
If you would like to know more about our Home Groups, contact Beth Pfeffer 0449 584 284

BIRTHDAYS: Today Barry Cassidy,  
20th Beth Pfeffer & Trish Fleischfresser

### PLAYGROUP BIBLE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone that donated towards the bibles for the playgroup families, we were so blown away with the support of our church. We raised over \$1000 just on Sunday morning!

For those still wanting to donate, see Jess after Church or send via church bank details with the description "Bibles"



### UPCOMING AGM

our AGM is 2 weeks away, absentee voting is available from today, (Sunday). please see nikki if you need to do an absentee vote. All information on the AGM will be emailed out today. please see nikki if you'd like a printed copy.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS SERVICE

This year we are holding our annual Christmas Eve Service a bit earlier on **Sunday December 15th**, it will be a free community carols event for you to invite your friends and family to. Jumping castle, sausage sizzle, fun and food for the kids from 4pm followed by an awesome carols service at 6pm. Please see Kristy or Greg for any more information or if you would like to help out in any way

### 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 and Sam Miller will be preaching (part of Uni Impact)

### 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