



Coolum Beach Baptist Church
"To know Christ and make Him known"

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"But what about you?" He asked. "Who do you say I am?" (Mt 16:15)

19
January

9AM Greg Blunden

"What Jesus do you follow?"
(Matthew 16:13-17)

Thought for the Week

In WW2 there were hundreds of Australians who volunteered as 'Coastwatchers' in PNG, Rabaul, Solomon Islands and Guadalcanal. These were Australian spies who hid in the jungles and mountain tops and gave radio broadcasts of Japanese movements. These broadcasts saved thousands of Allied lives. But Coastwatchers also picked up and rescued downed Allied pilots and sailors and got them transport back to safety.

On 1 August 1943, a number of American PT boats were sent off to attack four Japanese destroyers. One of these PT boats was sliced in two by a destroyer, killing two but eleven managed to survive by clinging to flotsam. The skipper was a lieutenant who bravely gathered the survivors together and headed them off to a very small but deserted island. With no food or water on the island, the lieutenant swam out daily into the sea to try and attract any passing American ships, but to no avail.

High up on the mountain top of Kolombangara Island, the Australian Coastwatcher, Reg Evans could see the perilous position the sailors were in. He sent help in the form of some nationals way down to the beach area where they paddled canoes across to the small island to rescue the sailors. They were brought back eventually up to the mountain top for treatment before having them rescued. The brave lieutenant's name was Lt Kennedy, John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

From Heaven, God saw the perilous position mankind was in, so He sent His son, Jesus to come down to earth to rescue us. The difference between the stories is that for us to be saved, our rescuer had to sacrifice His own life. JFK only became president; our Saviour is the King of Kings.

Blessings, Greg Blunden

Prayer Points

Praise God for the impact that last Sunday's service had on some people.
Pray for the Christian church that is operating in Gaza, Ukraine and other troubled parts of the world.

Pray for our folk who have ongoing health issues: Ruth Sinclair (heart issues), Inga (critically ill in hospital)

Pray that our people would grow closer to God and be true ambassadors for Him this year.

Pray that God would mightily bless our church in this coming year.

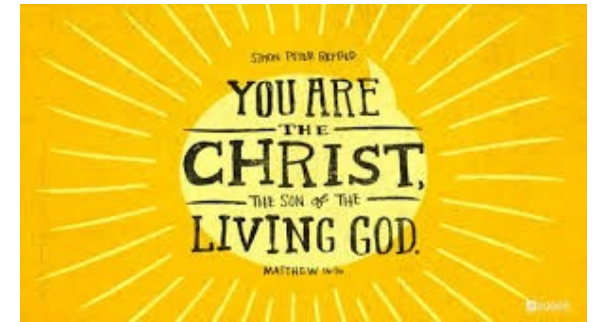
What's on?



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

WEDNESDAY
9AM Prayer Meeting

BIRTHDAYS:
22nd Ian Ratcliffe



HARRISON & JESS ON HOLIDAYS

Harrison and Jess and the family will be taking some time off over the next 2 weeks until the 20th January.

Extraordinary Business Meeting

A members meeting will be held after church on January 26th to decide whether to call Bill Forgeard as our Senior Pastor. This is a very important vote and will require a quorum. Please make an effort to be present for this decision. Non members are more than welcome to attend but cannot vote.

Church Directory 2025/26

Please check the current directory in the gallery to ensure that your details are correct. If they are, then please tick the entry. If not, then please amend it. If you are new to our church and not in the directory, please complete one of the information forms supplied and give it to Lisa. We will also be updating photos of members soon.



If you are interested in attending this teaching conference in Brisbane please go to:
stand-firm.com.au for further information or chat to Harrison.