

"A Happy New Year" (Deut 31:1-8, 23)

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'To know Christ and make Him known'



"Then the Lord commissioned Joshua son of Nun with these words: "Be strong and courageous, for you must bring the people of Israel into the land I swore to give them. I will be with you" (Deut 31:23)

January

9AM John Curtis

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Thought for the Week

COMMITMENT

Believing its not enough. You have to make a commitment. J Edwin Orr loved to speak with uni students. He would often pick out some young innocent looking woman and ask her to stand. Then he would ask, "Do you believe in marriage?" When she said, "Yes." he would follow up by asking, "Why?"

The young woman would explain that she believed in marriage because it is an institution that gives stability to a sexual commitment, provides a good context for raising children and provides an assurance of deliverance from loneliness through out the life cycle. He would then declare, "You're married!"

The young woman could be counted on to protest and say, "No, I'm not!" To which Dr. Orr would point out that if she really believed in marriage, then it could be said that she was married.

The answer of the young woman was most often, "I haven't got a man yet, and I haven't made the commitment."

"Exactly!" Dr. Orr would respond. "It's not enough to believe! You have to make a commitment and there has to be somebody to whom you make that commitment."

So it is with being a Christian. Affirming the truth of the Christian faith is not enough. A commitment has to be made.

Blessings
John Curtis

Prayer Points

- Pray that would souls would be saved, and that we would see conversions, that we would see sinners be born again
- Praise God for His mercy, for His goodness, and for His grace to us
- Pray that as a church we would continue to be edified through the preaching of God's Word this year, and we see a boldness in our proclamation of the gospel to our community, and love for the lost like never before
- "O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favour is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning." (Psalm 30:3-5)
- Prayer for Inga as preparations are being made for her to be placed at a nursing home, that she will continue to have peace about no longer living on her own at home.

What's on?

MONDAY
5PM Walking Soccer

WEDNESDAY
9AM Prayer Meeting

SOS OUTING

Thursday 6th February,
Come to a fun trivial pursuit
afternoon here in a the
hall. There's a list in the
foyer to put your name
down as Anneli needs to
know numbers to organise.

STAND FIRM CONFERENCE

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.



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

BIRTHDAYS: 11th 27th Aidan R & Lynne S, 28th Patricia W,
29th Kya T, 30th Rod A & Gay F

SPECIAL MEMBERS MEETING TODAY

A members meeting will be held after
church TODAY 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.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY 25/26

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.