

Notes

"Patience in Suffering" (James 5:7-12)

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Coolumb Beach Baptist Church

'To know Christ and make Him known'



"Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and late rains." (James 5:7)

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March

9AM

Pastor Harrison

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Thought for the Week

DO NOT SWEAR (JAMES 5:12)

"But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation." (James 5:12)

"But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath." In the context that James is writing, it seems, that he is addressing a habitual sin. Any sin that is habitual needs to be dealt with immediately. To swear by anything, is essentially a daring of God, for who we are to take an oath by anything in heaven or earth. Is it not God who has created and sustained all things?

"But let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation." The first "yes" is the promise, and the second "yes" is the performance. James is essentially saying when you say you will do something, follow through on it in your actions and in your life. As Christians we ought to be known for our truthfulness, for we are saved and are in Christ who is the way the TRUTH and the life. Throughout the letter of James, James has been big on condemning the double-minded person, the person who goes up and down, and left and right, being tossed around in this chaotic world, with the doctrines of the culture. Do not be people of division in your speech, who are internally divided, who say one thing, and do the opposite. We are a people who preach the truth, who read the truth, and practise the truth, because the truth now dwells in us and leads us in to all matters pertaining to truth. But if we are a people who swear by things of heaven and earth, then we will fall under the judgement of God. Thomas Manton says this, "Certainly there is no sin that does more weary the patience of God, because there is no sin that does more banish the fear of God out of our hearts".

Let it be known that we keep our word, and are firm to it, for then we will find there is no need to swear by what we say.

Blessings, Harrison

Prayer Points

- Pray for Matt and Uli Hosang as they work in Vietnam. For safety and gospel sharing opportunities
- Pray that we would grow closer to God and be true ambassadors for Him this year
- Praise God that both Alan and Ruth are doing better
- Praise God for the new Home Group commencing soon
- "Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your rules are good. Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life" (Psalm 119:39-40)

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

Birthdays

3rd Aaliyah Wibrow,
4th Terry Elford



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

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Ministry are meeting at church on Saturday 8th March from 8am-11am.

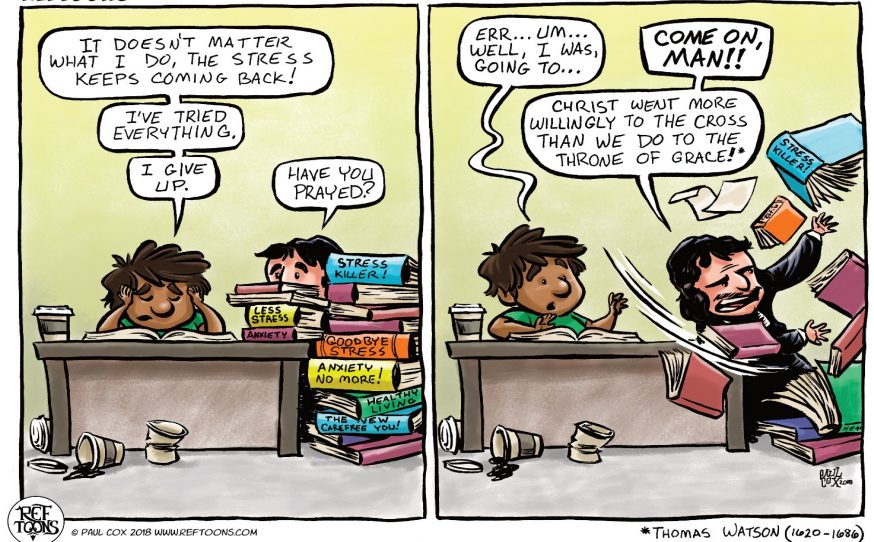
HELP FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are looking for a couple (Male and Female) to go on the roster for Sunday School. The curriculum is easy to follow along with, and the kids are great fun. It is great way to lead the kids in this crucial time of their lives, and continue to point them back to Jesus and to the Word of God, reminding them of its timeless truth and relevance. If you join this roster you will be on 2 times out of 10 weeks, and maybe every second term 3 times out of 10 weeks. If you are interested and would like more information (you will need to have or be able to get a blue card), please see Harrison.

NEWCOMER'S LUNCH

There is a newcomer's lunch next Sunday (9th March). If you have been coming within the last 12 months (will include 14 months), you are welcome for a get together at the church starting at 12

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