

Notes

"Jesus – The Divider of People"  
(John 7:1-15, 25-27, 40-44)

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**Coolum Beach Baptist Church**

*'To know Christ and make Him known'*



"For the Scriptures clearly state that the Messiah will be born of the royal line of David, in Bethlehem, the village where King David was born." "So the crowd was divided about him" (John 7:42-43)

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March

9AM

Greg Blunden

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## Thought for the Week

### THE GULL WAS ONLY THE FIRST MIRACLE

In October, 1942, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker was on a mission in a B-17 to deliver an important message to General Douglas MacArthur in New Guinea. Somewhere over the South Pacific the Flying Fortress became lost and out of radio reach. Fuel ran dangerously low, so the men ditched their plane in the ocean. For nearly a month Captain Eddie and his companions would fight the water, and the weather, and the scorching sun. Sharks, some bigger than their rafts rammed them. Eight days into their journey their rations were destroyed by the salt water. It would take a miracle to survive. Every day John Bartek would read the Bible out loud. One afternoon he ran a service and finished with a prayer for deliverance. After that, Eddie Rickenbacker pulled his hat down over his eyes and dozed off.

Rickenbacker woke as something landed on his head, it was a sea gull! The gull meant food...if he could catch it! Captain Eddie caught the gull, the flesh was eaten and the intestines were used for bait to catch fish. The fishing enabled them to survive until rescued.

But the biggest miracle was not the seagull. One of the crew, James Whittaker was not a believer and complained every day about the Bible readings. But the soil of Whittaker's heart was being ploughed by the Word of God. At the moment the seagull landed on Rickenbacker's head, Whittaker gave his heart to the Lord.

The Word of God divided the despair of doubt from Whittaker's heart and instilled a faith in a Saviour. The angels rejoice at every soul that surrenders to the Lordship of Christ.

Blessings, Greg Blunden

## Prayer Points

- Praise God for the His goodness, for His holiness, for His sovereignty and for His grace
- Pray we would always be relying the Holy Spirit that we might be conformed to the image of Christ, through His Word. For a life lived in Christ is an all consuming faith, that permeates every area of our lives
- Pray for our soccer ministry as it commences, that we would boldly share the gospel with the families
- Pray for Alice's husband Graham who is still suffering from serious medical conditions

## 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

31st Nathan Leskinen

3rd Kay McInnes

4th Greg Blunden & Luke  
Bayley



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

### 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.

### SOS OUTING

The next SOS Seniors Outing is coming up on Thursday the 3rd April. This will be a sausage sizzle lunch, done in the BBQ boats on Noosa River. I'm sure this will be a wonderful time of fellowship. So if you are interested please fill out the form in the foyer

### MEN'S MINISTRY

The next Men's breakfast meeting will be a round of golf at Noosa Hills par 3 course on the 10th May . It will be \$ 40 for the 18 holes. Please put your name on the list or email Richard at [rvaneckaus@gmail.com.au](mailto:rvaneckaus@gmail.com.au)

### CARE OUTREACH MOTHER'S DAY PROJECT

Mother's day is on its way, and Care Outreach are collecting ladies toiletries to take the ladies in the outback. Things like moisturisers, soaps, body washes etc. If you would like to donate, there is a box out in the gallery that you can place these items in. If you would like more information please see Jenny Claven.