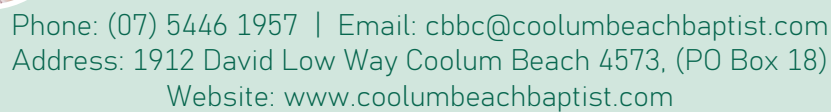


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Thought for the Week

WHEN TRADITION TURNS TOXIC

There's a lot that can be said for tradition. Tradition helps us know what to expect, helps us know our roles. Tradition can mark special events like weddings, funerals, and holidays. Tradition is good because it is respectful of the wisdom of those who have gone before us. It connects us with the past.

I'm a big fan of tradition. But Jesus wasn't always. "Tradition is the living faith of the dead," to quote Jaroslav Pelikan. "But traditionalism," he went on to say, "is the dead faith of the living." Tradition can be horribly abused. It is a wonderful servant and a terrible master. Some of the dumbest and most hurtful things we do in life are owing to unthinking allegiance to tradition. Tradition sometimes turns toxic.

In Mark 7:1-13, Jesus rails against tradition. He cites two problems with the traditions of the Pharisees. Tradition turns toxic when (1) we enforce man-made traditions as God-made commandments, and (2) when we use man-made traditions to nullify God-made principles. Sometimes as conservatives we forget that adding to Scripture is just as deadly as subtracting from it.

-By Kevin DeYoung, from The Gospel Coalition Website

Prayer Points

- Praise God that Jesus sees us in our struggles and is with us (Mark 6:48), and that he has given us new hearts to know, love, and obey him (Ezekiel 36:36)
- Pray for anyone connected to our church who has not been convicted of their hard heart and repented and asked God to give them a new heart
- Pray for those in our extended church family who are unwell: For Trish F, Lesley G, Ruth S, who continue to wait for results and diagnoses. Continue to pray for Elaine Rose's grandson Matt, and for the family with Matt's treatment not going well
- Pray for Matt and Uli in Vietnam, for health, safety, and travel logistics. Pray that the seeds they sow will fall on fruitful soil
- Pray for Uni Impact and their Coolum Beach Summer Beach project, starting at CBBC on Monday

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



Kaden and Lizzie are expecting the arrival of Baby Thorne in May 2026. So a big congratulations, and we look forward to celebrating and meeting the baby next year.

Birthdays

Today Pam Lever,
24th Nikki Goatley,
25th Kristy Elford,
27th Julie Elford,
28th Jenny Jensen,
29th Frank Van Der Harst



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

AGM 7th DECEMBER

Our AGM is on Sunday 7th December. Please put this in your calendars and diaries, and plan to be there. We encourage all to come along and hear what's happening in the life of the church

CAROLS 7th DECEMBER

Christmas is quickly approaching which means our carols are quickly approaching. Please take some flyers and invite friends and family to come. If you are able to help in anyway, the sign-up sheet is in the foyer, and if you would like more information please see Kathy.

THANKS FOR CARE OUTREACH - CHRISTMAS IN THE BUSH

Thank you to all those who gave so generously. During the month of November, 75 volunteers will be travelling west. They will be covering the area from Darling Downs west to Windorah, north to Tambo and south to Bourke. Garry & Chris Blunden and Nev & Linda Humphries from CBBC will be on the Injune team. The volunteers will take with them 1750 Christmas Cakes, 85 Hampers, 800+ Christmas Gifts, 230+ Toiletry Packs, 50 Pre-Paid Visa cards to be given to farming families. Please pray for safety, good weather, friendly welcomes, and positive conversations.

ACCOMODATION FOR TARA AND STEVE

Steve and Tara Carroll are returning to the Coast from Bamaga. They are currently looking to buy a property but in the interim are looking for short term accommodation. If you need a house/pet sitter from December 28th onwards, or know of someone else who does, please contact Tara on 0404 114 382.