

Notes

Prayer Points

- Prayer is one of the most important activities in our church and in our lives as Christians — but it is easily overlooked! Here are a few ways you can grow your prayer life:
- Come along to the weekly prayer meeting 9am Wednesday at the church, then come for coffee afterwards.
- Join the CBBC urgent prayer needs WhatsApp group to receive urgent prayer requests anytime during the week. (Contact Bill)
- Pray for Eva, Miki, Riley, Ian, Allie, Jill and Zsofia who are being baptised today
- Pray for those in our extended church family who are unwell or recovering, including Lesley G, Trish F, Jan A, Ruth S, Annette H, Arthur & Gloria, Brian S, Yan P, Lesley A, and others.

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Coolum Beach Baptist Church

To know Christ and make Him known



"Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand."

Genesis 14:19b-20

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March

9AM *Pastor Bill*

Abram, Melchizedek and the Rampaging Kings
Genesis 14:1-24

Thought for the Week

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

What is Baptism? Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.

Baptism is a sign and seal that we have been adopted into the family of God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have loved one another in perfect unity since before creation, before God molded Adam from the dust. At Jesus's baptism we notice all three persons. As Jesus emerges from the water, the Spirit of God descends like a dove and rests on him (Matt 3:16). So that no one will mistake the meaning of the sign, the Father boasts from heaven, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17).

Every time I remember my baptism, I hear these words of blessing. Jesus was plunged beneath the waters of judgment, so that I might drink the waters of everlasting life. Because Jesus calls me brother, I can call God my Father. Because the Spirit descended on him as a dove, I have peace with God, who once regarded me as his enemy.

Once I was outside the people of God, estranged from this family due to my sin. But now I am a brother to all who have been likewise baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The church is our home, the place where, despite our disagreements and disputes, we come together to confess that we have one Lord and one faith (Eph. 4:5). To us has been given the Great to follow in John's footsteps and call others to repentance while we point them to Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). We baptize so they might always know that God loves them, that he is well pleased with them because they now belong to Christ.

A prayer about Baptism: "Cleansing One, we cannot purify our own hearts, but must come to you to wash away our sin. Thank you for water baptism, which does not save us but portrays our salvation and unites us as one people, your adopted sons and daughters. Amen."

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What's on?

MONDAY
5PM Walking Soccer

TUESDAY
9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY
9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY
9AM Quilters/Craft

FRIDAY
8AM Good Friday
Service

Birthdays

31st Nathan Leskinen,
4th Greg Blunden & Luke
Bayley

Easter Services

Easter is a great time to invite someone to come with you to church. We will be remembering the death of Christ at **8am on Good Friday** and celebrating his Resurrection at **9am on Easter Sunday**. Who can you invite?

Update From Jared & Verena Bradley

Last Sunday we heard a video update from Jared & Verena Bradley. You can pick up a prayer card in the church foyer to help you pray for Jared & Verena, and if you would like to investigate financial support or sign up for prayer updates, details are available at ecmaustralia.org/bradley

Opportunities to Serve

As the soccer season continues with home games starting soon on Saturday mornings, there are opportunities to come along and help out in all kinds of ways.

Playgroup on Tuesdays is also still in need of help for set up, as some of the commitments of our current amazing helpers have changed, or others needed to step away for other ministries. Please consider if this is an area you could help in as it would greatly bless the remaining team on Tuesday.

Please chat to Harrison (for soccer) or Jess (for playgroup) if you are interested in joining in.

New Church Directory

It's not too late to be added to the updated church directory that will be released soon. Putting your name, details and a photo in the directory is practical step to help people to get to know you! Email your details to cbbc@coolumbeachbaptist.com to be added to the directory.