

Thought for the Week

Variety is the spice of life – and Bible reading

Every Christian needs to read the Bible regularly. Some people prefer a steady routine that never changes. However, other people find it helpful to vary the way they read the Bible. Mixing things up can keep Bible reading fresher and more interesting.

Fortunately, there are lots of useful ways to engage with the Scriptures, so variety is not that hard to achieve. Why not ask some of your friends from church to share with you any creative methods they use that you could also try?

Here are some suggestions:

The "Swedish Method" for Bible reading brings a useful structure and process to your reading, either with other people or on your own. Here it is: 1. Pray to start, 2. Read the passage, 3. Ask these questions: a) What got my attention? b) What don't I understand? c) What can I apply? d) Who can I tell about what I've read? 4. Pray to finish.

Listening to larger sections of Scripture being read (while on a walk or doing the ironing) helps you observe things you don't always notice when reading smaller sections. Most Bible Apps for smart phones are free and include Audio Bibles.

Use a devotional book or Bible Reading notes. Ask your pastor for recommendations if you need to.

For slightly deeper personal study, there is no reason why you can't use small group study guides on your own. Again, ask your pastor for recommendations.

You can use all of the above ideas in conjunction with a Bible reading plan so that over time you are engaging with every part of God's word (without necessarily feeling bound to follow the plan's strict schedule).

There's also nothing wrong with taking a day or two each week to pause your normal regime and take the time to read the passage you'll be studying in your home group or that will be preached on by your pastor on Sunday.

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What's on?

TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

9AM Quilters/Craft

FRIDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

BIRTHDAYS

June 1 Brendan J

June 3 Marolyn J

Jun 4 Rod B

June 5 Jeanie P



Bi-Annual members meeting – TODAY

This will be held after the service. We will have updates on the building plans and our ministries, plus the budget to approve and quite a few new members to welcome, so please stay around.

Soccer Home Games

Sign up sheets are now up in the hall at church for soccer home games, and additional volunteers are needed. With parents taking over next year, this is the last season that the church will be volunteering at home games, so if you are able to come along and help once or twice this would be a great help.

Alpha Evangelistic Course – Term 3

We will be running our Alpha course again in Term 3, which is designed to communicate the gospel to non-believers in a welcoming environment where they will have a chance to make friends and ask questions. Please be thinking about who you can invite to come along.

Bill & Kathy away next week

Bill and Kathy will be away Monday-Thursday next week (June 1-4) but will be back for church on Sunday. Please contact the elders if you have any urgent pastoral needs from Monday-Thursday.

Prayer Points:

- Praise God that he is a just God, that no injustice or evil is unnoticed in his sight, and that one day he will bring every action to judgement,
- Thank God for John & Margaret Beaumont's successful Bible Translation PNG trip and their safe return.
- Thank God for the many people requesting church membership at the upcoming church meeting.
- Pray for God's provision of the right man to serve as our new Associate Pastor.
- Pray for those in our extended church family who are unwell or recovering, including Trish F, Arthur & Gloria, Jeff Byrnes, Brian S, and quite a few who have a nasty flu.

Would you like to listen to past sermons?

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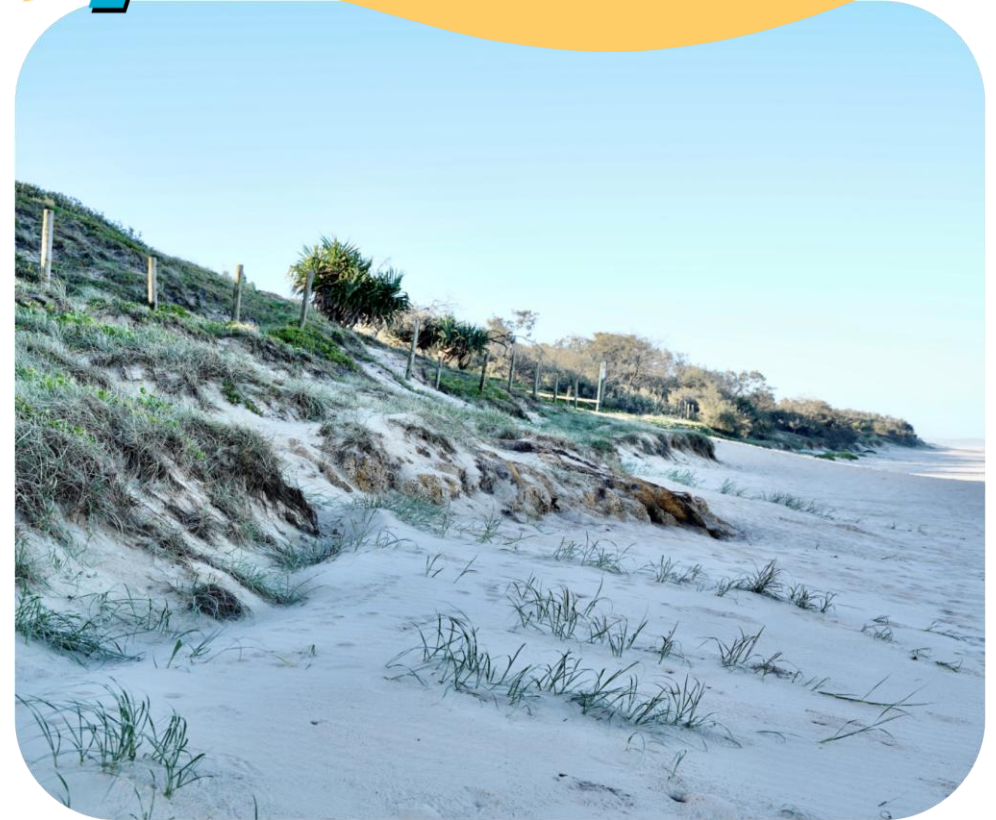
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'To know Christ and make Him known'



"Now return the man's wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live." Gen 20:7a (NIV)

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May

9AM Ben Cumerford

When We Are Faithless, God Remains Faithful

Genesis 20:1-18