

Thought for the Week

Four Questions to Prepare for Sunday

Preparing for church begins long before we walk in the door. Scripture repeatedly urges God's people to "prepare your hearts" (1 Sam. 7:3, KJV), "set your mind on things above" (Col. 3:2), and "consider how to stir up one another" (Heb. 10:24). Yet preparation is often the most neglected part of worship. Here are four questions to help us see how intentionally we approach the privilege of gathered praise.

1. **Prior to Sunday morning, do I orient my heart and my schedule so that I am as prepared as possible—mentally, spiritually, emotionally—to worship with God's people?**

True worship requires intentional recalibration. Preparation is not accidental; it is deliberate, reflecting love for God and his people.

2. **Do my Saturday evening activities compromise my ability to worship well on the Lord's Day?**

Careless Saturday nights can lead to careless Sunday mornings. When it's within our power, we should try to be rested and fully engaged on Sunday morning.

3. **Before Sunday, do I make an effort to read the sermon text, familiarize myself with the church song list, and plan my giving so that my heart is prepared to worship?**

Being well acquainted with the sermon text, songs, and other elements of worship can help truths encountered in the service go deeper into our hearts and minds than they would otherwise.

4. **Do I pray for an undistracted mind and a focused heart in anticipation of corporate worship?**

Because we live in an age of distraction, intentional prayer is needed for our minds and hearts to stay focused on the Lord.

These questions expose an important reality: worship is not something we merely attend but something we must prepare for.

By Rich Penix, from 9Marks.org

What's on?

WEDNESDAY
9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY
9AM Quilters/Craft

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Seniors Plus Conference

Seniors Plus Encore is a two-day event for retirees at the Sunshine Coast, held on the 18-19th of August. This conference features 4 Bible teaching sessions, 3 electives, and 2 HymnSings. The Bible teaching is by Simon Manchester from Sydney, focussing on the theme, "Deep People in a Shallow World", with studies taken from 2 Corinthians 2:12-7:7. See <https://www.mtcc.org.au/events/>, or talk to Pam Scales or Ros Mayes to find out more.

Alpha Course

Our next Alpha Course is starting Thursday July 30, 7:00-8:30pm at the church for coffee & dessert. Who can you invite? Flyers available in the church foyer.

Pastor Bill on leave

Bill will be on leave from Tuesday June 23 until Sunday July 5. Please contact our elders Greg Blunden or John Curtis during this time with any pastoral needs.

BIRTHDAYS

Jun 29th Tom S.
Jun 29th Jack C
Jul 3rd Frans



PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that people will accept invitations to attend the next Alpha course, and that we will be bold with opportunities to invite people.
- Pray for Riley O'Keefe who is in Fiji for his school mission trip to St Christopher's Children's Home from June 19-29.
- Pray for God's provision in the search process for a new Associate Pastor, with the position currently being advertised.
- Pray for those in our extended church family who are unwell or recovering, including Trish F, Arthur & Gloria, Jeff Byrne, Judy T, John B, and others, including many who are managing long term health conditions.

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Coolum Beach Baptist Church

'To know Christ and make Him known'



"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." (2 Pet 1:3)

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June

9AM *Mark Varidel*

Everything We Need for Life and Godliness

2 Peter 1:1-11