

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Nine Questions to Help Us Worship (Part 1)

Corporate worship is not, and must not become, a spectator event. Scripture calls believers to "offer a sacrifice of praise" (Heb. 13:15), "sing to the Lord" (Ps. 98:1), "attend to the public reading of Scripture" (1 Tim. 4:13), and "receive with meekness the implanted word" (Jas. 1:21). Here are nine questions to help Christians assess how fully they engage during public worship.

5. As worship begins, do I listen attentively to the call to worship, recognizing the privilege of being summoned by God himself?

Worship begins with God's initiative, not ours. He calls us to listen to his voice and to respond in faith and obedience. Are we freshly amazed at such authority and mercy?

6. Do I actively fight distraction by resisting intrusive thoughts about responsibilities, worries, and upcoming tasks?

Attention to God and his Word is an act of love. May we give him the reverence and awe he deserves.

7. Do I resist cultivating a critical spirit about things I find distracting, distasteful, or personally undesirable?

A critical, judgmental spirit is a worship killer. We must labour to make sure small (non-essential) matters remain as small matters.

8. During corporate prayers, do I track with the flow of thought, adding my "Amen" as I pray along with the person who is leading?

Corporate prayer is not intended to be a performance by a single church leader. Rather, it is an invitation to every member to pray along with the church as a whole, as together we enter into the joys, burdens, and petitions that are voiced.

(To be continued)

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WHAT'S ON?

WEDNESDAY
9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY
9AM Quilters/Craft

BIRTHDAYS

Jul 5th Robyn
Jul 5th Christina
Jul 7th Lorei
Jul 8th Eva
Jul 11th Clair



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SOS update:

Last Thursday 25 people had a great time playing Mini Golf at the Maroochy Golf Club. The rain held off until mid-afternoon, but the wind nearly blew us away. The oldest player, Annette Harper, had the lowest score of 40 with 3 holes in 1, so should be congratulated for her effort. (The new hip held up well!) Highest score was Chris Blunden. A further 4 people joined the players for a sausage sizzle afterwards.

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.

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 Hymn Sings. The Bible teaching is by Simon Manchester from Sydney, focusing 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.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for the soccer club as preparations continue to hand the club over to community leadership for next season, and for the remaining home games this season.
- Pray that CBBC will be a welcoming church and we will each make the effort to get to know newcomers.
- 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, 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"



" May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thess 5:23)

5th
July

9AM

Greg Blunden

Live in Peace with each other