

Tin Can Bay Community Church

The Purpose Statement of our church is: NOW IS THE TIME TO BE GOD'S LIGHTHOUSE IN TIN CAN BAY



Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

28th February 2021

God Is Sovereign Over The Nations - Psalm 2

(by Jerry Rankin - In The Secret Place Devotional)

Everything going on around us in the world is a distraction that seems to contradict the sovereignty and purpose of the Father. Global conflicts, oppressive government regimes, massive suffering, and the dominance of evil readily create doubts regarding whether or not God is in control. The absence of any moral conviction in our society and the prominence of materialistic self-serving values make us wonder if the gospel is real. Is it capable of bringing change that affirms the power of God and the redemption assured by Christ's death? Where is the evidence of a living Savior who is Lord of the universe?

When people in the early church in Acts 4 found themselves confronted with persecution, imprisonment, and threats and were soon to experience martyrdom, they prayed this Psalm, asking the question, "Why do the nations rage? Why do the kings of earth take their stand . . . against the Lord and His anointed?" We ask ourselves the same question, almost on a daily basis. Why am I confronted with constant conflict, criticism, and stress created by situations and those who seem to have no respect for Christian principles? It is obviously because we live in a rebellious world in which not only individuals but nations and cultures have rejected the lordship of Jesus Christ.

But God, who has established His throne in the heavens and anointed His Son with all power and authority, sees all of this. He looks on at those who in their arrogance and pride will face His judgment and wrath. At a time when I was going through challenges of public criticism and trial, someone wrote a brief note of encouragement that said, "Keep the view from the throne!" What is God's perspective on all that is swirling about us? How does He view the adversity, opposition, and trials we face?

I have often quoted verse 8 as the role of prayer in our task of global evangelization and as a strategy of God being one day exalted among the nations. The nations will become and are His possession. But for the purpose of executing judgment on those who have rejected Him, His wrath will be poured out, and He will "break them with a rod of iron [and] shatter them like earthenware" (v. 9).

This is a reminder of God's sovereignty and power and the certainty of His wrath and justice because of His moral nature. He is a just God who cannot tolerate evil and rebellion in our hearts or among the nations. He has not relinquished His throne regardless of all that is going on in the world. Therefore, we are to worship Him in reverence. Our fear of the Lord should bring us into His presence with trembling but also with rejoicing that the Son has provided us a refuge from His wrath and judgment.

Welcome to Our Service

We pray you will encounter God as we worship together today. If you are visiting please make yourself known to someone and stay behind for a chat.

Today's sermon title is "Grow Up" from Hebrews 5:11 - 6:3.



Happy Birthday to Ellen McDowell celebrating her birthday on Monday, and to Mychaela Mahaffey on Tuesday. God's blessings on your special day.

Prayer Points

• Bob & Desley are settling into their new home at North Lakes. They are praising God for Christian neighbours next † *(*

door who attend a church nearby. Mon's pain is now better controlled with an adjustment of her medication - praise God! Pray for them all as her illness has now been declared as palliative.

- For John & Eleanor's sister-in-law, Beth, for speedy treatment for her tongue cancer. Also for Frith Krueger for a full recovery from her thyroid cancer.
- Pray for all who work in the Centrelink Office, Resource Centre, and those involved with the Op Shop as they outreach into our community with these vital services. Pray we may all be faithful representatives of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for all members of our church who are experiencing anxious and difficult times, that they might know God's peace, wisdom and guidance.
- Give thanks that Maree Uhl's brain scan was clear. Please pray for her as she sees specialists over the next couple of weeks to determine the cause of her medical issues.

Helpers Needed

More helpers are needed for setting up the chairs for our Sunday morning service. Duties include arriving at 7am to set up the chairs and then spraying them with disinfectant. You will be part of a team and rostered to assist once every 4 weeks.

Please see Jim Menteith if you are able to assist.

World Day Of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer this year is this Friday March 5th at 10am at the Anglican Church of the Good Shenhard, Bainbow Beach - **not** the



Shepherd, Rainbow Beach - <u>not</u> the Catholic Church as previously advertised. The service has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu.

World Day of Prayer is a world-wide organisation that focuses on one country each year. Groups from around the world pray for the needs of this country and funds are raised on the day for Bible-based programmes. This is a very worthwhile day as well because people from different denominations get together, one of the few times this happens in our area.

Social distancing and COVID protocols will be observed. For further information or to be a part of car-pooling on the day please see Chris Woodland.

Church Quarterly Business Meeting

Following the service today is our Quarterly Business Meeting. All members and regular attenders are welcome to join us.

Church Service at Dillons

This Wednesday 3rd March will be our next monthly Communion Service at Residency By Dillons commencing at 10.30am. YOU are most welcome to join in with our friends at there as they really like to fellowship with all who come and spend time with them. It will be lovely to see you there.

Children's Ministries



Lighthouse Kids is for children 3 years old to the end of grade 6. It runs each week of the school term during the sermon in our Sunday worship service. Our program includes music, bible lessons and a variety of interesting activities.

Breakfast Club (a ministry of School Chaplaincy) is run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Tin Can Bay State School. This is a fantastic way to minister to those students who are less fortunate



and also a great time to get to know the kids. "If we can give just a handful of children a good start to the day, then it is worth it."

Donations of food items is always needed to allow this ministry to continue - Margarine, Vegemite, Honey, Jam, Cheese Slices (plastic cheese not the real stuff) and Apple Juice Poppers (100% juice).



Beginning on Sunday March 7th, Baptist World Aid Australia are running a weekly four-part devotional of Gospel stories written by Jo Kadlecek, where we learn more about God's heart for the oppressed and how we might best respond.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus intentionally brought those from the margins into a place of belonging and wholeness, giving 'nameless' women and many others new opportunities to flourish. He still does. Christ's radical care for women on the margins set a precedent for his followers that continues to this day.

Sign up to be a part of this at https://baptistworldaid.org.au/jesus-on-the-margins/

<u>Church Website</u> Links to the Sermon and Church Bulletin are emailed out each week but they are also available on our Church Website. In fact, you can listen to sermons from as far back as 2011. To access these and other great resources you need to register online and email Brad so he can confirm your registration. www.tincanbaycommunitychurch.com.au

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This Week In Our Church



Sunday 28th February	9.00 am	Worship Service
		Lighthouse Kids
		Church Quarterly Business Meeting
Monday 1st March	9.30 am	KYB at Jan Murfet's home
Tuesday 2nd March	9.00 am	KYB at Jan Hughes' home
	9.00 am	KYB at Kim Petterson's home
Wednesday 3rd March	10.30 am	Communion Service at Dillons
	3.00 pm	Homegroup at Trevor & Michele Flor's home
Friday 5th March	10.00 am	World Day of Prayer
Sunday 7th March	9.00 am	Worship Service
		Lighthouse Kids

Rosters						
Date	Singers	Data	Welcoming	Offering Counters	Sanitiser Team	Chair Setup 7am start
28 Feb	Katie Scott	Brendan	Jan H Trevor U	Rob Julie-Anne	Jan H John F	Rob Jim
7 Mar	Carmel Hayley	Julie-Anne	Kay Katie	Christine Kaitlyn	Kathy Anne Clark	Rob Phil & Sheryl

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