



Tin Can Bay Community Church

A Baptist Ministry

*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 March 2021

What Does Freedom Really Mean?

(by Shilo Taylor - Brand New: A 40 Day Guide to Life in Christ)

"You are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir." (Galatians 4:7)

Have you ever said, "It's my life. I'm free to do whatever makes me happy"? After a while, whatever you choose to pursue—popularity, alcohol, relationships, living selfishly, or trying hard to be perfect—becomes something that controls you instead of you controlling it. Soon the choice doesn't feel like a choice at all. Instead of being free, you're a slave.

Before we commit our lives to Jesus we are slaves to sin. Even if we try to be good, we still aren't free. Freedom is an illusion. We are tangled up in our sin, and it is impossible to set ourselves free. When we commit our lives to Jesus, we are freed from our slavery. Only God brings real freedom. He frees us from everything we've been controlled by. Only God—who is absolutely perfect and all-powerful—can make us his children and save us.

Jesus forgives us. Jesus heals us. Jesus makes us whole. Don't be discouraged if you don't see instant change. The more you know God, the more you will become the person God created you to be. He knows what your purpose is, what is best for you, what you are good at, and how your experiences will be used in the future. He will help you get past what holds you back. He will make you whole.

Prayer from John 8:31-36

Heavenly Father, you have set me free from sin. Thank you for revealing the truth of the gospel to me and making me your child. Please teach me what it means to have freedom in you. In Jesus' name, amen.

Welcome to Our Family 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 is titled "A Summary of the Life of Jesus" from John 13:1-17.



Happy Birthday to Lisa Bull celebrating her birthday on Wednesday, and to Steve Petterson on Friday.
God's blessings on your special day.

Prayer Points



- Praise God for positive results for Beth Calderwood and the prognosis for her future recovery following her surgery. Continue to pray for her ongoing healing, and for her rehabilitation as she continues to learn to speak and swallow again.
- Continue to pray for Frith Krueger for healing from her thyroid cancer.
- Continue to pray for Bob & Desley's daughter, Mon, for strength and comfort for the whole family during this time. Pray that Mon will get adequate pain relief.
- Pray for the outreach to our community of the gospel message at our planned open air Easter Sunday service.
- Praise God for answered prayer with widespread rain being received in dry western and southern areas. Pray for those experiencing floods.
- Pray for the work of the mission outreach organisations who are supported by our church:
 - » Compassion - our sponsor child, Marvin
 - » Baptist World Aid - regular support for Nepal and emergency aid as required
 - » Global Interaction - supporting Tim & Melanie Downes in Malawi (refer article on next page)
 - » Reach Beyond (formerly HCJB)
 - » Wycliffe Bible Translators - supporting Max & Helen Sahl

Easter Sunday Service

We are having our Easter Sunday Service at 9am in the park adjacent to the RSL Hall. Please note everyone must bring a chair.

In the event of wet weather the service will be at the Community Complex. Good Friday Service will be as usual in the hall but at 8am.

We will need **three** volunteers to stand near the sign-in tables for the Easter Service. This will involve directing people to the tables as they arrive. Sign-in will be by electronic barcode scanning on your smartphone. If you haven't used barcode scanning before and you have an iPhone then the phone will automatically handle it. If you have an Android phone then you will need to install a barcode scanning app. Paper sign-in will also be available for those who aren't able to do it electronically.



Please let Glenn know if you can help.

Church Directories

The new Church Directory is now available. There is **one** copy per family so please make sure you get yours.



Baptism

On Wednesday, a small group gathered together to witness the baptism of Kay Cox. Kay has been a believer for a number of years but has recently come to the understanding that she needed to undergo a believers baptism in obedience to the Word of God.



Church Library

The Church Library will be reopening this week after the service. We will be following COVID safe guidelines with each book and DVD being sanitised on return to the library. The library has had a donation of many new novels for those who have read through all of the library books to date. Take time to have a browse of what's on offer.

Local Leaders Empowered in Malawi

As a church, we support Tim & Melanie Downes who are missionaries in Malawi through Global Interaction. The following message was received recently from Scott Pilgrim, Executive Director of Global Interaction:

Your intercultural workers have the heart of Jesus. They go to live among communities where most people don't know a follower of Jesus. Like the Yawo of Malawi. They go to sit with local people. To share God's love. And disciple them. Helping them reach their own people.

Intercultural workers Tim and Melanie recently told me about how God is working in Malawi. After years of sharing the Gospel and discipling believers, **now God's Holy Spirit is leading local people to share God's Word. In their own language. With their own people.**

Melanie and Tim have known Doabu* for a couple of years now. Two years ago, they baptised him. Thanks to the partnership of people like you, they've been able to spend time discipling him.

It recently came to the point where Doabu was ready to lead a Bible Study. He was nervous to do this. Because God's Word is important to him. So, the week before the study, he chose a passage of Scripture. From Ezekiel! Every night that week he read it. Praying that God would give him something to share.

And God did give Doabu something to share. Doabu sat with his wife beside him. And 20 other Yawo believers and seekers listening to him! **This is such a milestone. Doabu was sharing God's Word. In his village. In his language. In his culture.**

Tim told me, "I'd been feeding this group for so long. Now I was being fed the Word of God. And in front of everyone, I told him that I couldn't have been prouder."

This is the goal of your partnership with intercultural workers. This is the vision. God's used your generosity and prayers to meet the vision. And as Tim says, "That's what's happening here in Malawi. Local believers rising up. Doing what they believe God has called them to do. Sharing the Kingdom in their culture."

*For the protection of local believers and Global Interaction's ongoing ministry, Doabu is not his real name.



Church Website

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 March	9.00 am	Family Service
Monday 29th March	9.30 am	KYB at Jan Murfet's home
	2.00 pm	Prayer Meeting at Warren & Chris Woodland's home
Tuesday 30th March	9.00 am	KYB at Jan Hughes' home
	9.00 am	KYB at Kim Petterson's home
Wednesday 31st March	3.00 pm	Homegroup at Kay Cox's home
Friday 2nd April	8.00 pm	Good Friday Service
Sunday 4th April	9.00 am	Easter Sunday Service in the Park

Rosters

Date	Singers	Data	Welcoming	Offering Counters	Sanitiser Team	Chair Setup 7am start
28 Mar	Hayley Karen	Nick	Carmel Katie	Rob Julie-Anne	Julie-Anne Kaitlyn	Rob Jim
Good Friday 2 Apr	Carmel	Brendan	Jan H Diane	Christine Rob	Jan H John F	Rob Jim
Easter Sunday 4 Apr	Hayley Karen		Jim Sheila	Christine Kaitlyn		

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