



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**



**Queensland
Baptists**
following Jesus

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

16th May 2021

Old, Wise, and Desperately in Need of God

(by Rebecca Van Noord - Connect the Testaments Daily Devotional)

Sometimes we expect that we'll naturally grow in faith as we grow older. We tend to see elderly people as those who have been molded and shaped by life—rock-solid in their faith and untapped sources of wisdom. That, or we speed around them in the grocery aisle, blissfully disengaged with the reality that our bodies, too, will slow down and endure pain.

While the psalmist seems to express a shadow of both these perspectives in Psalm 71, neither of them is complete. Adopting the point of view of an elderly person, he reflects on his life. His prayer to God shows us that maturing in faith isn't automatic.

The elderly man is respected by others, but he doesn't trust in the honor that some ascribe to him. He knows that Yahweh is the source of his strength, and he praises Him continually: *"I have become a wonder to many, but you are my strong refuge. My mouth is filled with your praise, with your glory all the day"* (Psa 71:7).

Perhaps forsaken or looked down on by others, he makes a request for God's presence: *"Do not cast me away in the time of old age"* and *"even when I am old and gray, O God, do not abandon me"* (Psa 71:9, 19). He continues to request God's nearness: *"O God, do not be far from me. My God, hurry to help me"* (Psa 71:12).

Perhaps most poignant is the intensity of the psalmist's trust in God. Even in his old age, though he has *"leaned from birth"* upon God, he can't place his trust in his past years of faithfulness (Psa 71:6). His *"praise is of [God] continually"* (Psa 71:6). He also feels a responsibility to pass on the testimony of God's works: *"I will come in to tell the mighty deeds of Lord Yahweh. I will make known your righteousness, yours only"* (Psa 71:16).

Maturity in faith isn't awarded like a badge after we have put in our time. It's not an achievement. The elderly man's prayer acts as a testimony of God's faithfulness—past and present. Maturity of faith is something you continue to *"be"* and *"do"* and *"seek."*

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.



Happy Birthday to Russell Love celebrating his birthday today, and to Michaela Harries and Margaret Hart on Wednesday.
God's blessings on your special day.

Prayer Points



- Pray for baby Sage who remains seriously ill but is responding to treatment better than expected. Her parents are grateful for our prayers.
- Continue to pray for Leighton Grantley undergoing treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukaemia. He has responded well to treatment to date but long-term treatment will continue.
- Trevor Flor's father, Allan, is suffering from Dementia and recently had two falls while having his first lot of respite in an Aged Care Facility in Mackay. This required hospitalisation where he was treated for a bleed on the brain. Last week he was given a permanent placement in an Aged Care Facility as he is no longer able to be cared for at home. Pray that he settles in well and for his wife, Iris, to adjust to Allan not being at home any longer.
- 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

Church Quarterly Business Meeting

Following the service on Sunday 30th May will be our next Quarterly Business Meeting. If anyone has anything for the agenda then this needs to be submitted to



John by next Sunday 23rd. All members and regular attenders are welcome to join us.

Hollywood's Attack on Jesus

Netflix are continuing their assault on Christians around the world. Their most recent attack on Jesus comes in season three of cartoon Paradise P.D. with an episode that features a gun-wielding Jesus that turns into nothing short of pornography. It portrays Jesus as an anti-gun trope to demonstrate how "guns make a better world" and shows Jesus coming down from the cross to kill his persecutors with machine guns before having sex with two women.

We cannot continue to stand idly by as Jesus is mocked openly on Netflix. If you are alarmed at this then please sign this online petition to let Netflix know you are appalled by their decision to host sickening and offensive depictions of Jesus Christ on their platform and urge them to remove the episodes.

<https://citizengo.org/en-au/fm/202311-tell-netflix-pull-offensive-depictions-jesus>

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 bible lessons and follow-up 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).



Name Tags

We haven't been using name tags for quite a while because of COVID requirements. Name tags are great to help the newer folk (and not so newer who don't have very good memories) get to know people's names, so the Name Tag board is at the back of the auditorium for you to collect yours and wear it. We ask you to take it home with you and bring it each week so we don't have to worry about sanitising.

World News

Somaliland a region of tension

A Christian couple in Somaliland were arrested when police, acting on a tip-off, found Christian materials in their home. The couple were accused of being 'apostates from Islam and spreading Christianity.' But after being held in custody for six weeks, they were unexpectedly released, enabling them to travel with their youngest child to a safe country and be reunited with their two older children.

The self-proclaimed Republic of Somaliland broke away from the rest of Somalia twenty years ago and is still not recognised internationally. Its tiny Christian community need our prayers as they seek to survive in a strictly Islamic society. The Al Shabaab terrorist group, based in Somalia, hunts down and kills Somali converts to Christianity, its stated aim being to establish a 'pure' Islamic caliphate across Somalia and north-eastern Kenya.

Uzbekistan

Fifteen years ago the Uzbek authorities cancelled the registration of a church in the city of Nukus, evidently hoping that if there was no registration, the church would cease to exist. But the church, which was mostly converts from Islam, continued to function underground and in fact grew, despite hundreds of arrests and frequent bullying, torture and fines. Then, a few months ago, the authorities granted the church's registration again. The prayers of God's people were answered and their faithful endurance rewarded.



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

Website Administrator - Brad Battaglene, Email: bbattagl@gmail.com

Church Library

The Church Library is open each week after the service. It's located at the back of the Auditorium so take time to have a browse of what's on offer.



This Week In Our Church



Sunday 16th May	9.00 am	Church Service Lighthouse Kids
Monday 17th May	9.30 am	KYB at Jan Murfet's home
Tuesday 18th May	9.00 am	KYB at Jan Hughes' home
Sunday 23rd May	9.00 am	Church Service Lighthouse Kids

Rosters

Date	Worship Leader	Singers	Data	Welcoming	Offering Counters	Sanitiser Team	Chair Setup 7am start
16 May	Heather	Karen	Nick	Lynelle Trevor U	Kelly Tony	Kaitlyn Michele	Rob, Phil & Sheryl
23 May	Simon	Heather	Linda	Jim Sheila	Nick Jed	Kathy S John F	Rob, Bruce & Heather

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