



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



23rd May 2021

Using Time Wisely

(by Jerry Rankin - In The Secret Place Devotional)

"So teach us to number our days, that we may present to Thee a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12)

My self-image has never been consistent with my age. My concept of "middle age" used to be an adult thirty-five to fifty years old, and anyone beyond fifty years of age was old. However, I now consider middle age forty-five to sixty, and one cannot be considered old prior to age seventy! The length of time between birthdays for a child is long, but time seems to accelerate with the pace of activities and studies once you are in school. That, however, is only a precursor to the frequency at which the pages of the calendar whiz by as an adult. The responsibilities of family and career intermingled with all the pressures and demands of life eliminate any semblance of margin. We find ourselves looking back, wondering where the year has gone and, indeed, wondering how our life has passed so quickly.

Time is an element of creation and belongs only in this world. For a timeless and eternal God, there is little difference between a thousand years and a day. But He who is everlasting created the world as our dwelling place, and we have a stewardship to the One who gave us life to use the time we are given appropriately. We no longer have the nine hundred plus years of a Methuselah; typical longevity is only seventy to eighty years. Though life may be extended for some, we need to recognize that the years of productivity and influence are limited. One with a heart of wisdom will understand this and realize how important it is to use each day in serving the Lord and living for Him.

We need to have the wisdom to use each day to the maximum, living in obedience to God's will, serving others and seizing every opportunity to make an impact on our world.

In *The Screwtape Letters*, C. S. Lewis alerts us to the fact that one of Satan's most effective tactics is to get us to procrastinate. He lets us have plans for what we are going to do sometime in the future and good intentions for serving the Lord as long as we never get around to them. We are reminded that it is only in the present that time touches eternity, for the future is not yet reality and the past is simply a lost opportunity. God sweeps away each day like a flood in the night, but the marvelous thing is that He gives us a new one each morning! *"It flourishes and sprouts anew"* (v. 6) with fresh opportunities. We need to have the wisdom and foresight to use each day to the maximum, living in obedience to God's will, serving others and seizing every opportunity to make an impact on our world.

How sad if our days are the object of God's wrath and are consumed by His anger in His having to deal with our iniquities and secret sins. We need to pray that His favor would be upon us and that He would confirm our work. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 5:15-16 that we are to *"be careful how [we] walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of [our] time, because the days are evil."* Our desire should be that all our days would be filled with gladness and joy because we experience God's loving-kindness.

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 Rebecca Emery celebrating her birthday on Thursday.

God's blessings on your special day.

Prayer Points



- Praise God that Bruce Goodall is home and recovering steadily. His recovery has been much quicker than the doctors expected.
- Christine Davies is currently facing investigation and treatment for her recently diagnosed bowel cancer. Pray for healing and for wisdom for the doctors treating her. Also pray for Nick, Tony and Sue and Christine's family, Tiffany and Hadyn as they all wait for the outcome.
- Pray for Ken Salmon who is currently in Sunshine Coast University Private Hospital for several weeks. Pray for his swift recovery.
- Pray as the Euthanasia Bill is coming up to be debated in the Queensland Parliament.
- Pray for John and the Elders as they share the oversight of the spiritual growth within our fellowship.
- Pray for the Deacons and Ministry Leaders who together form the Church Council.
- Pray for the ministry of Reach Beyond and, in particular, their partners in India at this time (refer article on next page).

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 today.



All members and regular attenders are welcome to join us.

Morning Tea

We are still seeking a coordinator for our morning teas. At this stage we are only having them once a month with the next one being on 6th June. If you are interesting in taking on this role then please see John V who can tell you everything that is involved.

SALT Conference

Mount Tamborine Conference Centre will be holding their SALT Conference from 20th to 22nd August. The theme for this conference is "Seeking Answers, Living Truth". Sharing at the event will be a team of Apologists and Bible Teachers - Dan Paterson, Rev Dr Peter Jensen, Dr Justine Toh and Simon Smart.

Registrations are now open with Early Bird discounts of 10% of all packages until 31st May. Student discount of \$15 applies to all packages.

For bookings or enquiries phone 5545 1419, email bookings@mtcc.org.au or go to the website <https://saltconference.com.au/>

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).



"Come near to the radio and let's pray together"

We recently heard of the passing of our friend, radio listener and pastor, Rajesh. He did not die of Covid. He got sick and could not be treated due to Covid-created conditions. He was born into an orthodox Hindu family, grew up in poverty, and became addicted to drugs and alcohol. His parents had him marry a kind girl, although life was no less than hell on earth for her.

One day, someone told her of a radio program. She became a listener, and heard the pastor say, "If you believe God can change your life, just believe and I will pray with you. In faith reach out, come near to the radio and let's pray together". And she did. Rajesh was healed from his addiction and began to share Jesus with the marginalised in Delhi.

I am moved by this incredible story, of a life transformed that began with a friend introducing Rajesh's wife to listen to a pastor share the Good News through one of our programs.

Please continue to pray for Rajesh's wife, and for our many friends and partners in India who are struggling with sickness and with the deaths of so many friends and family.



The above message was received from Dale Stagg, CEO of Reach Beyond. As a church, we support the ministry of Reach Beyond so please uphold them in your prayers.



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 23rd May	9.00 am	Church Service Lighthouse Kids
Monday 24th May	9.30 am	KYB at Jan Murfet's home
Tuesday 25th May	9.00 am	KYB at Jan Hughes' home
	9.00 am	KYB at Mandy Willmann's home
Wednesday 26th May	3.00 pm	Homegroup at Trevor & Michele Flor's home
Sunday 30th May	9.00 am	Church Service Lighthouse Kids
	10.30 am	Church Quarterly Business Meeting



Rosters

Date	Worship Leader	Singers	Data	Welcoming	Offering Counters	Sanitiser Team	Chair Setup 7am start
23 May	Simon	Heather	Linda	Jim Sheila	Nick Jed	Kathy S John F	Rob, Bruce & Heather
30 May	Kelly	Carmel	Nick	Diane Katie	Christine Rob	Trevor U Sheryl	Rob Trevor U

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