



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



**Queensland
Baptists**
following Jesus

11th December 2022

Christmas in Four Words

(by Ray Pritchard - Christmas Promises: A Daily Advent Journey)

Promises made.

Promises kept.

That's not just a slogan. That's Christmas in four words.

Thousands of years ago God made a promise to send a Savior to the world. Centuries passed, history rolled on, and God repeated his promise many times.

Parents told their children, "One day Messiah will come!"

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The word passed from generation to generation: "Get ready! God is sending a Savior to the world!" Galatians 4:4 tells us that "when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son." The phrase "had fully come" speaks of something that is complete and fully developed, like a pregnant woman feeling labor pains, ready to deliver her baby. It describes the moment in history when all things were in place, when all the pieces were on the board, that one moment when the stage was perfectly set. At that moment, not earlier and not later, God sent forth his Son.

At Bethlehem God kept his promise.

A baby was born who would be the Savior of the world.

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 Dorothy Neale and Linda Buhse
celebrating their birthday on Monday.
God's blessings on your special day.

Prayer Points



- Pray for Michaela Harries as she is to undergo surgery on 13th December to have a kidney stone removed. After surgery a stent will be inserted to drain the kidney for 2 weeks. She currently has a kidney infection so please pray this clears so that surgery can go ahead. Also pray she will be fully recovered by Christmas/New Year so she can get into her wedding preparations.
- Pray for Ken Salmon as he has been in Sunshine Coast University Hospital since 24th November undergoing treatment for a severe infection in his liver. He conditions to undergo tests for the infection and expects to remain in hospital for another week.
- Pray for Christine Davies who is currently undergoing radiation treatment.
- Please pray for our Federal Government – our Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and his cabinet, and for the opposition members for wisdom as they plan, deliberate, and make decisions in their role of government.
- Pray for our State government and our Premier – Anastasia Palaszczuk and her cabinet, and for all opposition members of our state government. Especially pray for ongoing wisdom in the management of the Covid 19 pandemic, the financial and social impact of recent floods and our state's subsequent economic recovery.
- Please pray for our local Gympie Regional Council and Mayor Glen Hartwig - pray for the witness of the Christians amongst

the parliament and council members, for wisdom and strength to vote on legislation according to their ethical and conscience convictions.

- Please remember Christian groups in Australia who actively lobby the government – eg. Australian Christian Lobby, Australian Family Coalition, Australia for Jesus – and other groups that you may be aware of.
- Don't forget to join us for prayer each Sunday at 8.30am in the Lorikeet Room.

Christmas Day Service

Please join us at 8am for our Christmas Day Service. An offering will be taken up during the service to support the work of Australian Baptist World Aid.

TCB Community Christmas Carols



Don't forget our Community Christmas Carols is on today at the Lions Park next to the RSL. The afternoon commences with a sausage sizzle at 5pm followed by the Carols at 6pm.

Pray that God will use the night to impress the true meaning of Christmas on the hearts of those who attend.

Pastor John is going on Holidays

Pastor John & Karen will be on holidays from 26th December for 3 weeks. In their absence please contact John Finger or Bruce Goodall for all pastoral or administration matters.



Family Service

Next Sunday will be a Family Service as we join with the Lighthouse Kids to celebrate what God has done in the past year. We'd like to thank Lisa Bull and Jade Mahaffey for their dedication throughout the year in preparing and taking the lessons.

Jesus Is Our Peace

Two truths can be in conflict, and yet if they are true, we need to affirm them both.

First, our world is filled with genuine pain and trouble. As the Old Testament prophets warned, our rebellion against God has twisted us and our world. To pretend otherwise is to be naive at best or hard-hearted at worst. God doesn't ask us to lie about the hardships of life.

Second, Jesus is our peace—not in a cheap or cheesy way but in an earthy, knowing, cosmos-altering way. He is the only answer to this pain and trouble. Sent by the Father in the power of the Spirit, the Son of God became fully and truly human. This God of peace breaks into our broken world as one of us and starts a renewed world, realizing the ancient prophetic hope. “He himself is our peace,” since “in his flesh” he breaks down the “dividing wall of hostility”—not just between the sinner and God, but also between Jew and Gentile, male and female, rich and poor, heaven and earth (Gal. 3:28; Col. 1:15–22).

And these two truths clash.

Jesus is our peace, not merely in some psychological manner, but also in a concrete, whole-life way. He is our peace, not by numbing us, but by forgiving and healing us and enfolding us into in his love and life. Even in the darkness of night and when confusion, doubt, and chaos swirl, Jesus still says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid,” and “Peace I leave you; my peace I give you” (John 14:27).

We recognize trouble and brokenness as painful and problematic because they don't resemble shalom. Whereas shalom brings harmony, goodness, and a flourishing world, we live amid wars, betrayal, and our own suffocating self-absorption. But in response to our rebellion and chaos Jesus brings his peace, his shalom. “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. ... Take heart! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). By connecting us to God, he is our shalom. He is Israel's hope and thus the hope of the world.

This is how we have peace in a genuinely troubled world: God, from beyond our world, has given us himself as our peace. Christ, the God-man, is our peace: He doesn't depend on our fluctuating emotions and circumstances. God doesn't ask us to lie about pain and problems or about his goodness and presence in Christ. Both are true. Beloved, there is trouble, but Christ is our peace amid trouble, and he gives us refuge, strength, and direction to extend his peace to this hurting world.



By Kelly M Kapic, www.christianitytoday.com



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. See Sharon Beck if you need assistance.



This Week In Our Church

Sunday 11th December

8.30 am

Prayer Meeting in Lorikeet Room

9.00 am

Worship Service

Lighthouse Kids

10.30 am

Carols Practice

5.00 pm

TCB Community Christmas Carols

Monday 12th December

2.00 pm

Prayer Meeting at Warren & Chris Woodland's home

Sunday 18th December

8.30 am

Prayer Meeting in Lorikeet Room

9.00 am

Worship Service (Family Service)



Rosters

Date	Speaker	Worship Leader	Singers	Data	Welcoming	Chair Setup 7am start	Computer Programmer
11 Dec	John V	Karen	Heather	Brendan	Kay Diane	Rob Jim	Glenn
18 Dec	John F	Trevor	Carmel	Brendan	Jan Kay	Rob, Bruce & Heather	Trevor

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BSB: 084-952

Account No: 01-500-4389



If you have any items for the bulletin, including prayer requests you'd like the church to pray for, please email Trevor by Wednesday night -
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