



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

1st January 2023

**Happy
New Year
2023**

New Year Prayer

Lord, in this new year help me to remember your promises and who you are. It is because of you that I can have hope because you are faithful. Let your faithfulness be the thing I remember and rely on. Let that be the source of my hope and joy. Amen.

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 Laylaa Baker
celebrating her birthday on Wednesday.
God's blessings on your special day.

Prayer Points



- 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 Mick, Ann and family to be refreshed leading up to their commencement of ministry in mid February.
- Pray for all members of our church family who are experiencing ongoing treatment for cancer and other chronic illnesses, and for those experiencing bereavement with the loss of their husbands/wives.
- Pray for Tony Davies' sister, Paddy, in Wales. She is in intensive care following a hip replacement and then peritonitis resulting in other problems. Her condition has worsened so pray for healing and skills for the treating specialists.

Pastor John is currently on holidays until 16th January. Please contact John Finger or Bruce Goodall for all pastoral or administration matters.

MEN'S Breakfast



This Saturday 7th January join us for our first Men's Breakfast for the year. We meet at 7am at Crab Creek for food and fellowship. All men are welcome. Please see Greg Willmann for more information.



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.



You Need Not Worry About This Year

(By Sam Allberry, www.desiringgod.org)

“We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28). Whenever I read those familiar words, I find myself asking myself, Do I know this? Do I live from it? The new year gives each of us an opportunity to test the anchor of our souls, especially inside the waves of fear and anxiety about the future.

It’s important to see that Paul says, “All things work together for good.” Not, “all things are good.” Becoming a Christian does not mean that we are now immune from awful things happening to us. That may be the teaching of some leaders in the world today, but you will not hear it from God himself in Scripture. We suffer the same illnesses, financial challenges, bereavements, work stresses, relational heartaches, accidents, and challenges as anyone else in this damaged world we live in. We suffer like anyone else. In some places in the world, we even suffer more because of our faith in Jesus. As we faithfully follow Christ, something awful may happen in the next twelve months.

Paul is not saying nothing bad will come our way in the Christian life; he is saying that God can take whatever comes and make it serve our good. He is not responsible for evil, but even evil and suffering cannot escape his perfect purposes for us.

This verse has been given to us because it is going to be exactly what we need to hear. Paul has already outlined the basic shape of the Christian life — sufferings now, glory to come (Romans 8:17) — a shape derived from the ministry of Christ himself. In a world full of painful waiting, this verse is an indispensable resource for us to take into this new year. We’re going to need to know that God is able to take everything that happens to us and use it for our ultimate good.

“All things” means everything that happens to us, including the very worst things that might happen. Even those things are not outside the scope of God’s loving purpose for our lives. In the Old Testament, Joseph could look back on the unspeakable evil his brothers did to him and say, “You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good” (Genesis 50:20). Worry tells us they meant it for evil — that it happened while God was distracted. Faith reassures us that God means it for good.

This “working all for good” is most clearly seen in the death of Jesus (Acts 4:27–28). It was the very worst thing ever to happen on earth. Yet through it God was able to bring about incalculable and eternal good.

So what does this mean in practice? However the last year has been for you, God could not have been more good to you than he has been. It may have been a very painful year for you. That may be so. But this is God’s word to us about this past year. It will be no less true of the year to come. This next year will be one moment after another of God working things out for your ultimate good.

Perhaps aware that it will be hard for some of us to believe, Paul shows how this truth is backed up by the verse that follows it: “For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers” (Romans 8:29).

This is the good to which all things in your life are working — that you become like Jesus. We struggle with seeing the goodness of God because we struggle to understand what ultimate goodness looks like. Our view of what is good falls so far short of God’s. Verses like this remind us that God knows far, far more about what is ultimately best for us than we do. God is not working all things so that this life will be one of financial riches, good health, or popularity. God is working all things so that we will become more and more like his Son.

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As Christians, we are those who love God and who have been called according to his purpose. It is not that we first loved God and, in response, he called us to be blessed by him; it is precisely the other way around. The call of God is how we have come to know him and are able to love him. Not perfectly, but truly. We have a new heart and affection for God. We do love him. However deep your sinful impulses go, a Spirit-given love for God is found deeper still. And this promise is for you: God is working all things for your good — for your conformity to his Son.

That is what God wants most for me. That is what I ought to want most for myself. Nothing in my life could be greater than this. There is not a single thing in all of creation, history, and reality that God will allow to get in the way of it.

Which must mean, there is not a single thing I need to worry about. If all things are being worked by God for my good, then God has ordered all things in my reality in the way I most need them to be. Worry on my part will only indicate that there are greater depths in my heart to which I need to apply this truth. But if we are in Christ, we need not worry about this year. There is not one moment we need to fear. Every second of it, God will be working to make us more like Christ. What could be better than that?

This Week In Our Church



Sunday 1st January	8.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Lorikeet Room
	9.00 am	Worship Service
Saturday 7th January	7.00 am	Men's Breakfast at Crab Creek
Sunday 8th January	8.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Lorikeet Room
	9.00 am	Worship Service

Most ministries are in recess until the end of January.

Rosters							
Date	Speaker	Worship Leader	Singers	Data	Welcoming	Chair Setup 7am start	Computer Programmer
1 Jan	Angelo	Bruce	Heather	Brendan	Katie Trevor U	Jim, Phil & Sheryl	Trevor F
8 Jan	Angelo	Trevor F	Carmel	Linda B	Jim & Sheila	Rob Jim	Trevor F

Contact Numbers			Did you know you can give your offering electronically? Bank details are - Account Name: Tin Can Bay Community Church BSB: 084-952 Account No: 01-500-4389	
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	Bruce Goodall	0413 920 987		
	Julie-Anne Batchelor	0414 677 421		
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	Jim Menteith	0457 203 348		
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