



Being the family of God, Bringing others into the family of God...

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010

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**PASTOR'S PONDERINGS**

**Future - Proofing**

I distinctly remember the 10<sup>th</sup> of March 1982. I was in year 9 of high school. As I left home to catch the school bus that day, my mother was particularly emotional and teary. As she hugged my brothers and I she said, "This could be the last day of this earth." My parents had been reading a book called the Jupiter Effect and this was apparently the day that all the planets would be aligned. A number of people had predicted that this event would usher in a calamity of cosmic proportions which would result in the end of life on earth as we knew it! I thought, "Great why did I bother doing my maths homework!"

While that day came and went without so much as a hiccup the Bible is plain that this world will one day come to an end. In response to predictions of the end of all things some people have been busy probing prophecies trying to discern signs and set dates for Jesus' return. Others have had a macabre fascination with identifying events, personalities and nations associated with the end times. I knew people who buried, cash, guns and food in the 1970s to prepare for the "great tribulation"! Another person I knew in the 1980s was trying to rack up as much debt as he could because he was convinced that Jesus was coming back soon and he would not have to pay it back!

I think they were all missing the point somehow.

Jesus said, "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch." Mk 13:32-34.

When Jesus spoke about the end times it was not to satisfy morbid curiosity. Nor was it to provide clues so that we could speculate on the timing and progress of His return.

It was to prepare us so that we would not be perplexed, distracted or overwhelmed by ominous events. He wants His people to be future-proofed so that when times get difficult we are focused on what is most important. His priority for us in these days is firstly that we be on guard against crippling fear, compromise and false Christs. Secondly, that we are faithfully carrying out the assigned task that he has given each of us. That is to testify to the life changing power of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again and is coming with power to judge all people.

Jesus doesn't want us to look for signs of His coming; He wants us to look for Him! The only way to be future-proof is through having a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Pastor Stewart**



**WELCOME, please make yourself at home.**

If you are new to our church and want more information about us, or if you desire to make GBC your church home, please fill out a **CARE CARD** which is available in the boxes attached to the back of the pews. **Please join us for a cuppa and a chat after the service, so we can get to know each other.** There is a **VISITOR'S BOOK** in the Entrance Foyer we invite all visitors to sign. May the Lord have a special word for you today as we praise Him together.



**Crèche** is located to the right of the entrance of the Main Auditorium. It is supervised during the sermon.

**Kids Church is on again look for prompt for when to go.**

A **Babies' Room** is available for parents and babies next to Crèche.

**The Church Library is open after the morning service 11am till 12 noon.**

**CHURCH NEWS**

CONGRATULATIONS	PLAYGROUND UPDATE	COMBINED CHURCHES PRAYER AND PRAISE
<p>Congratulations to John &amp; Judy Young on the safe arrival of a new granddaughter (Kennedy Kate Jude Schoenfisch) and to David &amp; Alison Young on the safe arrival of a new grandson (Zac Emmett Werder). Also this is an extra 2 great grandchildren for Edna Young. Blessings to all.</p>	<p>Trinity College has arranged for the playground climbing equipment and sandpit to be accessible for use on Sunday. The fencing has been realigned to open up this area</p>	<p>In June the YWAM mercy ship "Pacific Link" will be docking in Gladstone to raise awareness for their medical mission to P.N.G. Before this there will be a combined Churches Prayer and Praise concert on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March here at the church starting at 7.00pm. For further information phone Darren Brunton on 4978 5080.</p>
BILOELA BOOKSTORE	WOMEN'S AGLOW	DATES TO REMEMBER
<p>Ed Green is here this morning with a selection of books, CDs, DVDs, cards and gifts from his Christian Bookstore in Biloela. They will be available for sale after Church.</p>	<p>Ladies you are invited to a Combined Churches Conference to be held at the <b>Gladstone Entertainment Centre</b> on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March. Come and be a part of what God is doing in our district. The <b>cost is \$15 per session</b> or for the two days \$80. Come and hear our International speaker for the event, Rev. Russell Sage. He is a highly challenging speaker who travels world-wide sharing Biblical truths. Register by phone to Lynne on 4978 2688 or Jenny on 4973 8035.</p>	<p>Easter is coming up soon. Here are some dates to remember. <b>Prayer Vigil</b> is to be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Auckland Hill with GBC time slot - 12 midnight to 1.00am. Also the <b>Easter Sunday Evening Service</b> is to be held at Library Square Goondoon Street starting at 6.30pm. This year there will be NO entry in the Harbour Festival parade by the combined churches.</p>
URGENT NEED	LADIES	CHURCH FORUM
<p>Can you help? There is still a desperate need for more RE Teachers in our public schools, the following is a list of vacancies. Each class is half an hour a week plus preparation time. <b>Clinton SS</b> - 2, year 5 classes; 3, year 7 classes; <b>Kin Kora SS</b> - 4, year 4 classes; 1 year 6/7 class; 3 year 7 classes; <b>West SS</b> - 3, year 4 classes, 1 year 4/5 class, 4 year 6 classes; <b>Gladstone Central SS</b> - 1 year 5/6 class; <b>Tannum Sands SS</b> - year 4 &amp; 5 classes; <b>Boyne Island SS</b> - year 2 classes. If God is speaking to you and you can help. Please ring Julie O'Rourke the RE coordinator on 4979 4353.</p>	<p>Come along and enjoy some fellowship with other ladies. Our next Coffee and Dessert Night is at 7.00pm on <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>. Cost is \$10.00. <b>RSVP by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>. For catering purposes please let the office know if you can come. The Girls Brigade will be serving and preparing refreshments. All who have been praying for there secret prayer friend will be revealed on the night. Plus bring a small gift for the person that you have been praying for. Also new coffee clubs will be formed for those who want them.</p>	<p>We are conducting a Church Forum on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March to inform the congregation of progress on filling the associate pastor's position and to update on matters relating to Trinity College.</p>
	LADIES AGLOW	
	<p>Ladies the next meeting is on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. This will be held at <b>1 Buller Street</b>, behind the Women's Health Centre starting at 7.00pm. All ladies welcome.</p>	

## KIDS HOPE STORY OF THE WEEK

### A SPECIAL FRIEND

*Written by a KHAUS Coordinator*

David's mentor was playing football and accidentally kicked it up a tree. The mentor said, "How are we going to get the ball down", as it was impossible to climb the tree. David said, "Maybe we could throw green pine cones and knock it down". David and his mentor tried for about 10 to 15 minutes to get the ball down, but it wouldn't dislodge. The mentor said, "I will have to ask a special friend of mine for help". The very next throw managed to loosen the football. David said, "That is some friend you have" to which mentor replied, "Yes I do have a great friend, don't I".

KIDS HOPE AUS. builds caring relationships....one child, one hour, one church, one school

#### PRAYER POINTS –

- Pray for our fellow Christians in Chile as they come to terms with the aftermath of destructive earth quakes.
- Pray for the city-wide combined churches Easter events.
- Pray for those burdened by illness or hardship.
- Pray for Trinity College.

#### *Calendar Dates*

**7<sup>th</sup> March**

Biloela Bookstore and Newcomers Morning Tea

**15<sup>th</sup> March**

Ladies Coffee and Dessert Night

**26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Aglow "Dawn of a New Era" seminar

**2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Combined Prayer Vigil

**4<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter Sunday Evening Service at Library Square

## Mission Spot – Lyndal Brunner

### **SPOTLIGHT:** Global Discipleship Training Students

Have spent October Sangklaburi with Jit and Jan. Jacki and Rosy are doing their two month overseas experience with us here in Thailand. After having done 4 months of course work in Townsville, Nth QLD, they are here to experience Thailand: the culture, the people and a variety of experiences. They have certainly been busy!!



Their main time in Chiang Rai was spent with the CRCSC project and its staff. They visited families and projects out in the community, helped with practical things, taught the staff some more conversational English, helped harvest rice, did home stays, taught English to school students, went on a Thai church camp, sat on a float as part of the Loy Graton procession, helped out with the school camp, and generally kept themselves very busy.

Thank you to so many of you who have prayed for us and shared financially in our support. It really is a partnership and without your help, we wouldn't be able to be here, doing what we're doing.

Blessings,  
*Lyndal and Lukgade*



SERMONS TODAY	OUR FINANCIAL POSITION																											
<p><b>9:30am – Pastor Stewart</b> – Continuing the Mission of Jesus – until Christ comes again. Mk 13: 1-37</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Communion</b></p> <p><b>6:30pm – Andrew Crighton</b> – Real People, Real Problems, Real Grace – Jonah</p>	<p>Weekly Budget \$7,609</p> <p>Offering Last Week 59%</p> <p>Year to Date 80%</p> <p>Shortfall for the Year \$13,771</p> <p>Regular Direct Debits can be set up on request. For Electronic Transfers use BSB 704913, Acct 465, label "Tithe"</p>																											
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<p><b>9:30am – Ray Waghorn</b> – Continuing the Mission of Jesus – by being extravagantly generous. Mk 14: 1-11</p> <p><b>6:30pm – Kerith Roby</b> – Real People, Real Problems, Real Grace – Esther – Anybody can become God's somebody.</p>	<table border="1"> <caption>Offering Records Data</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Offering (YTD) % of Budget</th> <th>Offering (Weekly) % of Budget</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>10/1</td><td>70</td><td>60</td></tr> <tr><td>17/1</td><td>72</td><td>75</td></tr> <tr><td>24/1</td><td>75</td><td>85</td></tr> <tr><td>31/1</td><td>75</td><td>75</td></tr> <tr><td>7/2</td><td>75</td><td>75</td></tr> <tr><td>14/2</td><td>78</td><td>95</td></tr> <tr><td>21/2</td><td>82</td><td>105</td></tr> <tr><td>28/2</td><td>80</td><td>65</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Offering (YTD) % of Budget	Offering (Weekly) % of Budget	10/1	70	60	17/1	72	75	24/1	75	85	31/1	75	75	7/2	75	75	14/2	78	95	21/2	82	105	28/2	80	65
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CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHAT'S UP	
<p><b><u>Children and Youth What's Up</u></b></p> <p><b>The BYG Mess is coming.</b> BYG House Messy Games have the reputation of being one of the most extreme and fun nights of the BYG House year so if you are in grades 8-12 make sure you don't miss out on this awesome event. The BYG Mess is at the church on Saturday 13th March, 6.30-8.45pm. BYO old clothes, towel and goggles. Text the BYG House information line on 0435 037 868 for more info.</p>	<p><b>Trinity College:</b> It has been incredible to hear the reports back from the State Schools Chaplaincy Junior Bike Ride challenge. 18 students in grades 4 to 7 from Trinity supported this event by riding countless laps around the Gladstone Showgrounds last Saturday afternoon. It is great to see the students and families of Trinity College supporting State School Chaplaincy.</p> <p><b>Prayer Meeting:</b> We are looking to start a regular prayer meeting to pray for the children's and youth ministries of our church. All are invited. At this stage I am looking to find a time that best suits as many people as possible. If you are keen to be involved please let me know what times best suit.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Michael Trafford.</p>

ROSTERS [Please check the roster and arrange replacements if necessary.]			
	7 <sup>th</sup> March	14 <sup>th</sup> March	21 <sup>st</sup> March
Welcoming AM	Craig & Sandy Holley	Helen Mann	Bruce & Kerry Mattingley
Welcoming PM	Youth	David & Alison Young	Neil & Jacky Golding
Crèche	Marilyn & David Andrews	Charmaine & Kerrie Suter	Leanne & Nathan Wyer
Morning Teas	Phil & Penny Leyden Richard & Amanda O'Driscoll	Bob & Coral Freeman Richard & Carolyn Morris	Alan & Julie O'Rourke Peter Norman