



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

3rd May 2020



A Carrot an Egg and the Coffee-Beans

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed that, as one problem was solved, a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to a boil. In the first, she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil without saying a word. In about twenty minutes, she turned off the burners.

She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?"

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," the young woman replied.

The mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft.

She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma.

The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity - boiling water - but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak.

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Welcome to Our Service

We pray God's blessing on you and your family as we worship on-line.



Happy birthday to Eric Venz on Thursday, and Simon Hughes and Therese Skuthorpe on Saturday.

God's blessings on your special day.



PRAYER Requests

Bob & Desley's daughter Monica and her family, and Bob and Desley as they all work through Monica's health situation.



1. Pray that the church will be a light — A scared world needs a fearless church.
2. Pray for world leaders — that they will have wisdom, strength and guidance from God.
3. Pray for our economy — both present and future.
4. Pray for Psalm 91 protection.
5. Pray that people will come to Christ. In difficult times, many people seek answers.



But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:3

Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:23

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5:5

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

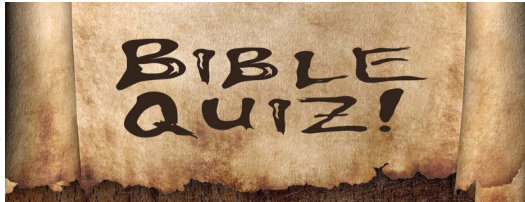
Jeremiah 29:11

WATCH AT HOME
ONLINE SERVICE



Click on the YouTube link emailed each Saturday

A big THANKYOU to Brad Battaglione who videos and uploads the message each week. Great job — thanks Brad!



1. How many books are in the New Testament?
2. What type of insect did John the Baptist eat in the desert?
3. Who were the first apostles called to follow Jesus?
4. Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented at the Temple as a baby?
5. Who asked Pilate for Jesus' body after the crucifixion?
6. Paul was shipwrecked on what island?
7. What is the shortest book in the New Testament?
8. Who is the author of the Book of Revelation?
9. Matthew was a _____.
10. After Jesus fed 5,000+ people with two fish and five loaves of bread, how many baskets were left over?

Answers

1. 29
2. Locust
3. Peter and Andrew
4. Simeon
5. Joseph of Arimathea
6. Malta
7. 2nd John
8. John
9. Tax Collector
10. 12



Sermons and Bulletins



Sermons and Church bulletins are available by email link sent by John on Saturdays.



The Bulletin will also be uploaded to the church
Web-site: www.tincanbaycommunitychurch.com.au

Carrot, egg and coffee bean continued...

The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened! The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" the mother asked her daughter.

"When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?" Think of this. Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong but, with pain and adversity, do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit but, after a death, a breakup or a financial hardship, does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain.

When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavour. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you.

When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate to another level? How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean? Trust in the Lord to carry us through hard times.

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