



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

5th April 2020

The Seasons of Life

There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn to not judge things too quickly, so he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away.

The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son in autumn.

When they had all gone and come back, he called them together to describe what they had seen.

The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted.

The second son said no – it was covered with green buds and full of promise.

The third son disagreed, he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen.

The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfilment.

The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen but one season in the tree's life.

He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season, and that the essence of who they are – and the pleasure, joy, and love that come from that life – can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are up.

If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, fulfilment of your autumn.



Welcome to Our Service

We pray God's blessing on you as you participate in our service by video or audio. If you have any needs please contact John or one of the deacons.



Happy birthday to Troy Krueger and
Maisy Buchanan on Saturday

God's blessings on your special day.



PRAYER Requests

- ★ John & Joylene Penna's daughter Sophie who is recovering from an operation on her hand.
- ★ Bob & Desley's daughter Monica and the family as Monica continues her treatment.
- ★ That we will continue to see a reduction in the number of Covid-19 cases in Australia.
- ★ Those in our congregation who feel isolated and alone.



"Prayer is the raising of the mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God."

This definition encompasses the four main kinds of prayer:
adoration, contrition, thanksgiving and supplication.

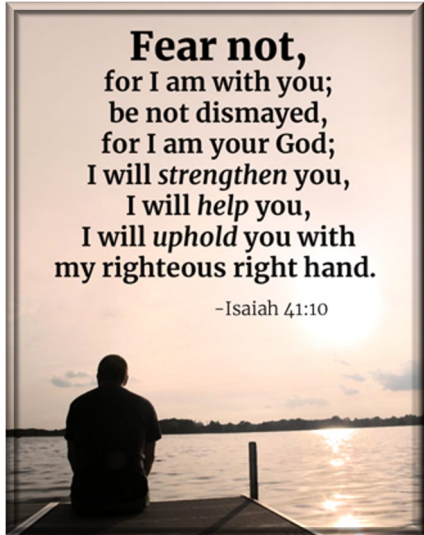
- John Damascene



Nick &
Christine
Davies on
Tuesday

Fear not,
for I am with you;
be not dismayed,
for I am your God;
I will *strengthen* you,
I will *help* you,
I will *uphold* you with
my righteous right hand.

-Isaiah 41:10





A CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, healer and friend, come and care for all of us through the danger and uncertainty of the coronavirus pandemic.

To people who are sick, bring healing. To people who are displaced, isolated, or cut off from family, friends or work, bring comfort and companionship.

Work with medical staff as they care for the sick, and protect them from harm. Give skill and fruitful research to scientists as they work on treatments and a vaccine. To public health authorities, give wisdom to decide the best ways to manage both this crisis and our anxieties.

When communities are fearful, give a calm spirit and kindness to neighbours and strangers.

Through this testing time, and through all the risks we face together, teach us once again how we can love one another as you have loved us. Amen.

**God sometimes takes us into troubled waters —
not to drown us but to cleanse us.**

**Church
News**

Aside from the link to an electronic copy of the Newsletter emailed to you, some hard copies of the newsletter are available at—

- Centrelink Office
- Post Office
- Glenn & Julie-Anne Batchelor's

Sermons and Bulletins

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



The Bulletin will be uploaded to the church web-site as well:

www.tincanbaycommunitychurch.com.au



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If you have any items for the bulletin, including prayer requests you'd like the church to pray for, please let Glenn Batchelor know by



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