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Weekly Update 8th December 2022

Hi Everyone

Wow! Christmas is suddenly nearly upon us. For some it is a difficult time as they remember loved ones that have passed away, for some there is family separation and dysfunction and for others there is the concerns around finance and what 2023 will bring. We as a church community want to ensure that during the up and coming Christmas and New Year break that all our people, and those we know in the community around us are looked after and cared for. Maybe it is about making room at your table this Christmas for one or two more. We want to bring hope and love to those around us. Let us be aware of the needs of those we engage with, taking time to listen to their hearts and needs. On the 18th of December we will be celebrating a Christmas event together and afterwards with a bouncy castle, candy floss, sausage sizzle and platters of snacks. Our Kids church will be sharing with worship and a play so bring friends and family to celebrate together.

We celebrate Jesus' birth as He came as the light and hope of the world. Incredible miracles happened at His birth, the shepherds, the wisemen, the angels glorifying God. He came not as a King but in great humility as a baby. I often think about how Father God was so confident that the enemy could not snuff Him out. His prophetic words down through the ages ensured that the Son of man was protected. His Word is always true and as we trust in Him, He does the over and above. He provided a way for Jesus and so He does for us. Great is His faithfulness to us. I never cease to be amazed by His faithfulness and goodness. Let these scriptures encourage you as we approach Christmas:

Numbers 23:19 "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

Lamentations 3:22-23 "The Lord's loving kindnesses indeed never ceases, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."

Romans 4:21 "being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform."

Psalm 145:13 "Your Kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations."

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Love and blessings









All men welcome! Come along to the Thai Orewa Restaurant, 328 Hibiscus Coast Highway on Monday 12 December at 6.30pm. Please RSVP to Matt on (020) 4047 0395 before then.









LAST YOUTH GROUP FOR 2022!





WEEKS SEKWON

9th December:

- Youth/Intermediate's End of Year Car Rally

11th December:

- Daniel Than

12th December:

- Men's New Day Special Dinner

13th December:

- James & Virginia's -Pot Luck Dinner

14th December:

- Julie Thompson & Caryn Potter's Revival Group

18th December:

A Christmas to Believe In - Special Celebration Service









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