

The Corner Post



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Welcome to Cornerstone!

Good morning, today I will be preaching from Matthew 20:29-34. It is purely coincidence that both Paul and I chose to preach on the healing of the blind this fortnight, however I trust that our insights will complement one another!

Campbell and the Cambodia crew return tomorrow, so we look forward to seeing them all back at Church next Sunday.

Dan

Matthew 20:29-34

Two Blind Men Receive Sight

²⁹ As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. ³⁰ Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

³¹ The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

³² Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

³³ "Lord," they answered, "we want our sight."

³⁴ Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

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Treasury Matters

Our Treasurer, Libby Dilinger, will be travelling overseas will be travelling overseas for seven weeks, from 3rd May to 24th June (seven weeks). During this period, please refer any urgent treasury matters to either David van Emmerik or Heinz Maarseveen.

This will also necessitate a change of venue for the Ladies' Growth Group (see below).

Please keep Libby in your prayers whilst she is away, that God may bring her safely back to us.

Systematic Theology Course, 2018-19

Unit 2 – The Person of God

Six weeks, commencing 8 May, 2018



7-9PM Tuesday Nights

More info: Contact course administrator Cristiane Baker on 0404 392 812 or c9baker@gmail.com.

Notice of Ordination

The Session of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, following the election of Mr James Baker to the eldership on Sunday 25 May, and having resolved to proceed to his ordination and induction to the office of the eldership, has directed an edict to be published accordingly. Notice is now given that, if any person has any objection to offer against the life or doctrine of James Baker, the same may be lodged in writing with the Session Clerk Des Richardson on or before the 4th day of May 2018. If no relevant objection is lodged, the Session will proceed to the ordination and induction of James Baker here at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church on with the worship service Sunday 13th May.

Soli Deo Gloria!



Quarry Youth Group

Gr 6-12 welcome. See Elya for more info or email

quarryyouth@cornerstonehobart.com

Giving at Cornerstone

At Cornerstone you can give by putting your offering in the Blue Box at the back of church, or electronically.

BSB: 037001, Account: 586161

Budget 2018, \$15,500 per month.

January \$21,423, February \$15,278, March \$15,699

Men's Ministry Event

For our next Men's Ministry event, we will be holding a barbecue breakfast from 8:30 a.m. till 10:00 on Saturday the 5th of May.

Elder Des Richardson will be giving a devotional, and Scott Haas will be sharing his experiences from the recent mission trip with the group.

RSVP to Dan (dan.probert.00@gmail.com) by COB Thursday if you would like to attend, noting any dietary requirements.



Growth Groups



Study the Bible in a small midweek group!

Wednesday Night in Kingston 7.30pm at the Vonk's, 48 Corlacus Drive, Kingston. 6267 1113

Ladies' Group Wednesdays 10:00am for coffee & chat, study starts @10.30am, at Dawn Hague's, 29 Stanfield Drive, Old Beach. Phone 0400 050 594.

Thursday Night 7.30 PM in Kingston, 6 Tanina Mews, Contact Ian and Kym Headley on 0419 525 292.

Thursday night in Lindisfarne 7.30pm at James and Cristiane Bakers'. 164 Derwent Avenue. Contact leader Matt Delphin 0478 769 009.

Thursday Night 7:30pm-8:30pm in West Hobart with the Bartlett Family. Starting 8/2/2018, following school terms. Studying Luke. For teenagers and older. Contact Paul Bartlett 0406 605 419

Women's Bible Study, Thursday 1:30 - 3pm at Annie Bartlett, West Hobart. Led by Melanie Muggeridge. Contact Annie Bartlett: 62319493, 0466 980 887.

Bible study for Mums with young children. Thursday 9.30 a.m. at Elodie McCausland's, 101 Norma Street, Howrah. Led by Anna Gee, 6247 8976.

Book Club



We are meeting again on Saturday 26th May at 8.30am for breakfast and to discuss the thought provoking book 'Secret thoughts of an unlikely convert' by Rosaria Butterfield.

It's a true story about an unlikely friendship between a pastor and a lesbian professor.

Want to find out what happens next? Buy the book from John at the bookstall and come along to 5/17 Manor Gardens, Kingston on the 26th May.

EVERYONE welcome!

For more information contact Amy on 0425715541.

Roster	29 April	6 May
MC	David Gee	Campbell
Music	Team 2	Team 2
Data	Sam M	Sam M
Welcome/Info	Raph B and Gail	Trish S and Gerald C
Kitchen	Alex and Richard	Webb family
M/ Tea	Raylee, Libby, Alex and Richard	Kim, Katrina, Raylee
Creche	Tessa and Brigitta	Elondie and Vienna
Setup	Vonks	Headleys
Communion	N/A	Rex and Marriane



THE CALL TO WORSHIP

An extract from *Worshipping in the Spirit of Holiness: Rediscovering the Beauty of Reformed Worship for the 21st Century* by Jon D. Payne

Every Christian worship service ought to have a definite beginning, that is, when the gathered assembly is called by God into the sacred and appointed time of worship on the Lord's Day. Historically, the call to worship has been read by the minister alone, or responsively by the congregation and minister. During this sacred commencement to corporate worship, God Himself is calling His redeemed people to glorify His holy Name.

There are many pertinent Scriptures which may be used to call God's covenant people to worship. For example, Psalm 95 states:

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

(Psalm 95:1-7a)

Notice within this call to worship the references made to God's infinite greatness and royal majesty. God is also exalted and glorified as sovereign creator, the One who made the seas and formed the dry land. Because He is our God, and we are the sheep of His pasture, our response to Him must be one of singing and rejoicing, coming into His presence (His special presence within the context of corporate worship) with overflowing hearts of gratitude and praise.

The Psalms are abundant with appropriate texts to use for a call to worship (i.e. 84; 92;

96-100; 108; 111; 113; 115; 117-119; 145-150, etc.). God also calls us to worship in other parts of Scripture. For instance, Hebrews state:

Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

(Hebrews 12:28-29)

Here we are called to offer worship that is acceptable and pleasing to God, specifically, worship that is expressed with gratitude, reverence, and awe. Worship that is devoid of these characteristics is unacceptable in the eyes of our heavenly Father.

A proper call to worship, then, taken straight from Scripture, not only provides the congregation with an orderly start to the worship service (see 1 Cor. 14:40); more importantly, it clearly sets forth God's call to His people, His call to worship in the Spirit and according to His truth.

Commentary on the Gospel of John

By James Boice

Have you ever prayed to know God's will, surrendering yourself to him as best you know how, had his answer, but then have a heavy feeling as you set out to do as he directed? If so, isn't it true that you are acting like the little girl who wrote to her grandmother to thank her for her Christmas present? She wrote, "Dear Grandma, thank you for the pincushion. I have always wanted a pincushion, but not very much."

We are all like that. We say, "Thank you Lord for having a will for my life. I have always wanted your will for my life." Yet if we are honest, we are forced to admit, "... but not very much". Thus, it is that for many people one of the great steps in their spiritual growth comes when their will is first surrendered to God's will and they are enabled to say, as Jesus did, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me."