



# High Times

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

## JUDGEMENT

*There is no judgment awaiting those who trust him. But those who do not trust him have already been judged for not believing in the only Son of God. - John 3:18*

Judgement is a huge word. In many contexts it can be seen negatively. We are condemned if we are seen to be judging anyone because it is placing ourselves at a higher level. But, then when studying I used to really look forward to receiving my mark. I appreciated the judgement of my work by my lecturer. I appreciated it even more when I got a good mark.

What John is saying in this passage is that through Christ we are not held accountable for our sinfulness because the price was paid in Him. Without Christ we didn't even come close to God. Through Christ we are able to draw close to God. Those who choose not to believe will be judged also. The outcome is that they will remain far away from God. Without Christ there is no way that they can draw near.

When I think about all the things that God could judge me for I feel an enormous sense of relief knowing that because of Christ it's all sorted. Today I stand as a freed person. Totally absolved of any guilt. And, all this simply because I choose to trust. - **Chris Gribble**

## SUNDAY @ 9:30AM

Speaker: Chris Gribble

Message: "A Conversation with Titus"

Please stay for fellowship and morning tea after the service.

## TODDLERS PLAY AREA

There is a playground available outside. If you take your toddler out to the playground during or after the service, **please be responsible for his/her supervision**, rather than putting another parent under pressure to mind your child as well.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

*Meeting for prayer* will take a break over New Year.

**We have to pack-up again from today.**

## Welcome

*If you are visiting today, welcome! Please stay for morning tea & fellowship after the service so we can meet you.*

Our vision is to connect with people in our region and world, to build passionate followers of Jesus.

- There is a petition at the back to sign, drawing attention to the plight of Christians being persecuted in the Middle East. **Please pray for our brothers in sisters in that region, and others being persecuted worldwide.**

## FINAL DAY DIRECTORY CHECKING - 2015

**Today is the final day** we will have directory proofs ready for you to check. If you already have changes to your details, could you please indicate on your communication card and place in the offering bucket, or email [admin@highfieldschurch.org](mailto:admin@highfieldschurch.org)

## CAR PARKING AT GEHAM

For the next month TRC will be rebuilding the car park at Geham School. We are able to park on the oval at the Eastern end of the hall. To get there, please drive up the northern side of the property between the fences and trees and onto the oval. If it is wet, please park closer to the front fence of the school.

## POSITION VACANT - OUT OF OUR MINDS BANNERS

**Out of Our Minds Banners** is looking for part-time staff and volunteers to grow the ministry in 2015. Applications close THIS WEEK. For more information contact **David** on 0417 636 747.

## REPORT - YOUTH LEADER

## TRAINING WEEKEND

Last Friday 16th January, the Highfields Church Youth Team (**Doug, Ben, Amy and Phil**), travelled down to Coolum to attend the Annual QLD Churches of Christ Youth Leadership Weekend. We shared this weekend with over 100 other Youth Leaders from as far south as Tweed Heads, as far west as Chinchilla and as far north as Cairns.

The weekend was based on encouraging our youth to not only become followers, but to become disciples for Jesus. The basis question asked was *"What has God the Father left us here on Earth to do?"* The keynote speaker was **Jossy Chacko**, who is the founder and President of **Empart**, an organisation whose goal is to plant 100,000 new churches by the year 2020 in Asia and they are with God's provision on track to achieve this result.

Finally, the leaders who attended wish to thank the Church Leadership Team for fully sponsoring this weekend of training and blessing. - **Phil Albury**

## REVOLVE @ MACCAS - SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEB

**Revolve** is officially kicking off on the 6th of February...But before then, on Sunday 1st of February Revolve is going to Macca's! All Revolve-age teens (Grade 7-12) are welcome to Maccas after Church this Sunday @11:45 to hear the big plans for this term and how they can be a part of 2015's new phase. It's going to be a big year and we're eager to see what new things God will do!

## CHURCH PLANNING DAY AT CHURCH HOUSE (LUNCH INCLUDED)

February 7th, 2015 - 9am to 2pm

2015 looks to be an exciting year for the Highfields Church of Christ. To start off the new year I would like to invite all interested people to our planning day in February at the Church House (6 Highfields Rd).

The passage from Jeremiah reminds me that God is in control of our future. He knows what he is doing. At the right time he will give us the future that we hope for. The planning day will be a time to discuss the things that we want to do this coming year. It will help to ensure that we attend to the details of moving forward to a hopeful future.

### Planning Day Outline

"Planning is where ideas and convictions take on substance".

**9 - 9.15am** - Tea and Coffee

**9.15 - 9.30am** - Introduction - **Chris**

**9.30 - 10.00am** - Prayer - **Chris** to lead

**10 - 10.45am** - Strategic Planning -

**Tim McMenamin**

**10.45 - 11.00am** - Break

**11.00 - 12.00pm** - Open discussion

**12.00 - 12.30pm** - Introduction to ministries (Luke, Doug, Men's, Ladies')

**12.30 - 1.00pm** - Review - Where have we got to and where are we going

**1.00 - 2.00pm** - Shared Lunch - Platters from Coles

Where it is: Church House

RSVP for catering by **NEXT SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY**

Child minding will be provided.

I look forward to catching up. I am sure as we focus on God's plans for us that as Jeremiah says, "we won't be disappointed". – **Chris Gribble**

*Jeremiah 29:10-14*

*10-11 This is God's Word on the subject: "As soon as Babylon's seventy years are up and not a day before, I'll show up and take care of you as I promised and bring you back home. I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.*

*12 "When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I'll listen.*

*13-14 "When you come looking for me, you'll find me.*

*"Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I'll make sure you won't be disappointed."*

## SUNDAY SERVING DUTIES 101

Over the next few weeks, we'll list instructions for different Sunday serving duties for your information. Please be aware morning tea and Communion prep instructions are in their respective plastic boxes.

### Communion Serving/Offering Collection

This involves serving the communion, and also collecting the offering & communication cards in the red buckets provided.

### Communion Preparation & Wash up

Those on Communion Preparation at 8:30am need to bring 4 slices of bread cut up into small squares; directions, juice and plastic cups are in the kitchen at Geham.

# HIGHFIELDS CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Sunday Services held at:

Geham School, 9625 New England Hwy,  
Geham at 9.30am

### Please pray for these churches and missions this week:

#### Highfields district churches:

Highfields Baptist Church

#### Other churches & ministries:

Christian Reformed Church

#### Missions / others:

Arjay Bagasbas (Philippines) -  
Compassion

#### Birthdays:

*Carol Doherty* 28/1

# CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

## Tuesday & Thursday - 9am to 2pm

**Senior Pastor** Chris Gribble 0409 757 436

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### Admin Officer/

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### Deadline: Wednesday PM

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### *How to give conveniently to God's work at Highfields Church of Christ:*

General Giving: BSB 064 433 Acc. 10590774

Missions Giving: BSB 064 433 Acc. 10590782

\*If you wish to give extra to support re-developing 6 Highfields Rd, please use the **General Account** & mark as **NEW CHURCH** in online reference or on envelope.

## CREDIT CARD GIVING – Please fill in, fold, then place in the offering bucket

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date /

NUMBER

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OFFERING  ONE-OFF EVENT (specify) \_\_\_\_\_