

29TH MARCH
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ISAIAH 46:9-10
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Welcome

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Things are changing so rapidly at the moment! Even some of the measures we were all putting in place that we thought were so radical a week ago seem minor compared to what we're doing this week – and none of us knows what lies ahead. It can feel more than a little overwhelming, and it's only natural at times like this that our focus shrinks in on our own circumstances and challenges – surviving!

Yet we have a God who is Lord of history! He's the Creator God whose loving purposes will be fulfilled. Nothing can thwart his plans.

So how do we lift our eyes above our immediate circumstances to God's bigger picture?

We do it by *remembering* his faithfulness through history as recorded in the scriptures. We do it by *knowing* God's good purposes flow from his unchanging character, not dependent on any changing circumstances. We do it by *seeing* how God's purposes have been fulfilled in Christ.

And we do it by *living* in the light of his resurrection as we look forward to that time when we will experience God's loving purposes in all their fullness.

God is not surprised or overwhelmed by this current Covid 19 crisis. Let's see all that's taking place with God's eyes, knowing we can trust him regardless of the circumstances.

Isaiah 46:9-10 (NIV) Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'

Grace and Peace
Steve

Join us for our Sunday Services online:

Access via our website
www.carlingford-baptist.org
English at 10am
Mandarin at 10am
Korean at 12noon.

Mission Spot-

Today our overseas mission fields are challenged by the issues around the Covid 19 virus. I have received letters from many of the organisations as they continue to serve the Lord as best they can. Their genuine care opens hearts and creates opportunities to show God's love keeping in mind the safety of their workers. Please pray for them.

You can show God's love to people you know. Someone who needs shopping done, a phone call when they are isolated, an email or a thoughtful deed (use your imagination). There are many ways we can be active followers of Jesus on Mission without compromising our own or others personal safety.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 also Luke 21:13 *"This will be your opportunity to bear witness."*

Church News

PRAYER TIPS:

Pray in every situation and pray about every situation

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Don't be intimidated by prayer. Whether you are doing it right.

GOD WANTS INTIMACY.

HOPESTREET Collections



A BIG THANK YOU to all those who have contributed so generously! BaptistCare are planning on making up 300 hampers for the poor and homeless in the area.

CAN YOU HELP or DO YOU NEED SOME HELP...???

Hi all I'm compiling a list of those in our church community that might be feeling isolated or in need of a chat. We the care team will call or if groceries are needed will endeavour to pick up and deliver. If anyone would like to help us with this please contact the Church Office, Steve or myself, Dianne Copelin. We will put you in Contact with those in need. Thanks for your prayers for our community during this time... Cheers Dianne

CBC Offerings:

Dear fellow CBC members/believers,
We acknowledge that there will be a lot of uncertainty in the next few months, but we trust that Our Heavenly Father is still in control and He will carry us through this difficult time. Therefore, we encourage all church members/fellow believers to continue to give at this time.

We understand that not everyone is IT savvy and have complete trust on the internet to do their offerings, so if you prefer to make a manual offering to CBC, please contact any of the following church staff to find a time to drop off an envelope at church.

either **Kim Poon** - businessmanager@carlingford-baptist.org or 0426 581 932
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Direct Deposit:
Account held with Baptist Financial Services-
Account Name: Carlingford Baptist Church,
BSB No: 704-922, No: 100016526
OR Giveway Link: bit.ly/CBCgiveway

UPDATE COVID-19—RESTRICTIONS

As restrictions continue to tighten in response to the spread of COVID-19, we now need to ensure we as a Church are complying with the following measures in, in addition to previous guidelines around hygiene & social distancing:

- no public worship of any size
- no gatherings on our property such as youth groups, children's ministries, playtime groups, ESL classes, Bible Study Groups, band practice, etc
- even gatherings in people's homes such as Connect Groups are unable to continue at this time (I understand our Prime Minister has said only immediate family gatherings should be considered)
- staff are encouraged to work at home wherever possible, though they can come to the office to pick things up
- moving our gatherings outside is not an option
- we are allowed to have those couple of people on the property required to make the online service live-stream possible if the number is minimal and we follow the social distancing requirement
- if need arises be aware that weddings are currently limited to 5 people, funerals to 10

Let's have care for the vulnerable front and centre as we navigate our way through this current crisis with the virus.

One really important way we can be distinctive as followers of Jesus is to look for ways to practically love others, even at personal cost. Instead of hoarding an extra toilet roll, maybe we can give one away?

Do you know someone who would be better off staying away from public places if you were able to offer to pick up some groceries for them?

Keep an eye out for each other and seek to bring the light of Jesus into these times.



National Call to Prayer

Many church movements including Australian Baptists have joined in endorsing a National Call To Prayer in response to COVID19.

This initiative has 2 components:

1. An invitation to be praying at 7.00pm every day between now and Easter, and
2. Making Sunday 29th March a specific day of prayer focus across the Australian Christian community for our world amidst Covid19

Consider joining other Christians in this way at this time!



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