



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update - 1st May 2020

Hello Everyone

Overcoming Worry (2)

One of the reasons I worry is because I look at life through human eyes. What will I possibly do if that happens ! We soon see ourselves in deep trouble. We are in way over our heads. Fear takes over and worry reduces us to a blob of anxiety.

Now last week I said most things we worry about never actually happen and that's often the case. But if what we fear most does occur- then we need to defeat worry by leaving it to God. He is actually able to do much more than we can ask or even imagine. The character of God – His faithfulness and His power - is the means by which we defeat worry. Jesus tells us not to worry because “Abba Father” has got it covered.

I don't have the capacity to fully understand God. He is so much greater than the boundaries of my mind. But by faith I can believe that He has it covered – He has my back. By faith I can stop worrying because God has the answer- even if in my limited thinking I cannot see it.

Ephesians 3:20 - Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us

This Sundays Interview : Nat Campbell

Nat is a member of our mission team Horizons. Her role is to head up the church's short term mission ministry. Nat will share with us a little about missions in the church in general and also share with us about May Mission Month. I'm sure you'll enjoy her encouragement to develop a mission heart.

Update : Pastoral Care “Ring Around”

Last week we shared how the pastoral team was hoping to call every family within the church over the next 2-3 weeks. That's around 800 people in total.

This has been a real blessing for us this past week as we connect with our family. However, we may have been a little ambitious in our goal. We may need 3-4 weeks to achieve our goal. If we race through it - its effectiveness is reduced - so we have decided to take a little more time and be available as needed. Thanks for your patience.

If you are new to the church in recent months or we may not have your details, please contact the website and we would love to add your family to our list.

Testimony: Sandra Hill

As part of this church update I have included some personal insights from Sandra. These have been difficult days for her and her husband Alan. I'm sure you will be encouraged by the way God has covered them both in His peace.

Alpha Online

This series will help you understand more about God and his plan for your life. The first introductory section runs over 4 weeks. Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? How can I have faith? We watch a short video presentation and then chat together, answering any questions that arise. We can now enjoy this from the comfort of our own homes. This can be done one on one or within a small group environment. Send me an email, call or text to register your interest or for more information. Maybe you know someone who would benefit from this course. Why not offer to do it with them ?

Letterbox Drop

We are preparing a hand out which you can drop off in your neighbourhood. We will let people know about our Online Church as well as other resources that may be helpful to them. If you are able to print these out and distribute, that would be a huge blessing. If you want us to print them and collect from church we can do that too. Contact us via the website. As we have been saying now for some time – Lets Pray and then Proclaim. God will bless your obedience.

Take care, stay safe and God bless -

Pastor Paul (paulcurtis@vpbc.com.au mobile 0410427842)