



Hello Everyone - Church Update 10

### **Overcoming Worry (5)**

There is no greater blessing from God than the promise of His peace. To be content with life and all that we encounter is such a wonderful existence. The opposite of this of course, is to be overwhelmed with worry. Rather than being relaxed, we are on edge, rather than feeling an inner calm, we are overcome with butterflies invading our stomachs. So it's easy to see why we much prefer living in a state of peace.

In Isaiah we read that if our eyes are on God and we trust Him, then we are blessed with perfect peace. *Perfect* meaning complete, not lacking in anyway. So God is able to bless us with a peace that is beyond all human understanding, a depth of calm and contentment that only He can provide. Overcoming worry means we are to look to God and trust Him, for then we are kept in perfect peace.

*You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD, is the Rock eternal. Isaiah 26:3-4*

### **Prayer for Religious Instruction**

There is a desire within certain organisations to prevent R.I. returning to our state schools. Please pray that God will rule and overcome. Thank you so much to all those who serve God in this ministry. We do pray that God will go before you and prepare the way.

### **Special Week of Prayer June 1-7**

Along with other Baptist churches we would encourage a special prayer focus on a spiritual awakening within our communities. Next week's email will contain information about this opportunity. We will also include a special prayer devotional that will encourage us in this process.

### **Stage 1 Restrictions**

Small groups of 10 people are allowed to meet at the church. If you want to check availability and conditions give Cheryl a call at the office. You need to register your attendance and as a group clean door handles etc and other places where you have used facilities. Obviously we cannot have two groups meeting at the same time so you need to book in.

### **May – Mission Month**

This week we will be hearing from Reid Anderton about his next epic cycling adventure. Reid rides out on July 1 to start a 10,000k challenge. Join with us online Sunday morning and hear why someone would do such a thing and how we can help to make it a really positive and worthwhile experience.

### **Coffee and Cake**

As a pastoral team we are excited about the opportunity to now meet with people in public. However, we don't want to make anyone feel uncomfortable by turning up unannounced. So we would like you to contact the office and we will get back to you and arrange a time. We are hoping that we can meet with people at church and we can share together over a coffee/tea and some cake. So go online and register your interest. Sam, Sean and myself are busily taking baking lessons so we can surprise you with a nice treat.

### **Letterbox Drop**

You would have received a brochure highlighting our services and ministries which you could download and print. Contact the office if you would like us to print them for you. (If you are unable to collect them from the church we will drop them off to you. It would be a great outcome, if as a church family, we take a walk down our street and those close by and deliver this information. It will be sometime until church restarts and some of the challenges people are facing are only beginning. Thank you to those who have delivered in excess of 100 copies in their neighbourhood.

Take care, stay safe and God bless  
Paul