

18th Oct 2020

Pastor's Desk

A kind welcome to you!

Jesus is our hope, our God, our friend, our eternal life, our victory, our peace, our King and Lord!

Praise God for His great victory on the Cross for us.

God bless and praying lots for you for strength, wisdom, and miracle supply.

This month our theme is The Victory of the Cross. Blessings. *Greg*

The emotional impact of this COVID season is significant and if you are reading this and struggling within yourself please don't hesitate to contact us. We can't do this alone.

Here to help! info@newlifeonline.org.au

This week's online sermon notes below. *Redemption - bought with a great price*

Please see at the end of this news sheet for our response to the (COVID -19) International crisis.

Check out our website: www.newlifeonline.org.au

SUNDAY SERVICES

Home Church online 10am Sundays on NLCC TV You Tube channel and fb. Also, via our Web site.

CYC – Children and Youth Church: A special brief message in our service online each week



Sunday live services. 10am and 5:30pm. Covid restrictions apply. **No children's church at this stage.** Parents/Carers care for them during the services.

Book in (for non-regulars) by texting Pr Greg or email info@newlifeonline.org.au

Stay 1.5m from others, follow rules on social gatherings, wash hands, stay home if sick.

Connect groups

A great time of fellowship, Bible, and prayer.

Wednesdays TBA

ZOOM Thursdays 7pm – Pr Greg and others lead

Congregation members: text pastor Greg if you would like to join



Looking forward to home groups again. Won't be long! (pre-covid pic – great looking bunch)



Joy Odi preaching to youth (pre-covid)



Pic of the week: Ken and Pat Durrant

I called in and shared communion with these wonderful people last week. Pray for them, as they can't come to church on Sundays. Both served for decades in our church. Pr Greg



Theme this month: The Victory of the Cross

Let us meditate on the wonder of the Cross; the great victory won for us all through Jesus loving sacrifice.

We all appreciate the many hours Brad, Roger, and Brenda have put in recently in Recording, IT, and policy updates (I mean lots and lots of hours). *We have dedicated and gracious people who gladly volunteer their time to serve the Lord (pre-covid pic)*



Supporting local people through the Salvation Army

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/noarlunga/>



<https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/red-shield-appeal/>

Click on the links above and connect with them to send your gift.

Giving

Go to our online giving page: <https://www.newlifeonline.org.au/giving/>

Please mark your offering clearly. E.G 'tithes' or 'missions as needed' or 'Vanuatu cyclone relief', etc

World Missions Giving

Our goal this year for our giving is \$300 per week to reach our World Missions goal.

Please see our **Above and Beyond** brochure in the foyer.

The total giving for 19/20 financial year \$14,543.66. We sent off \$18,813.

Let's give to reach our goal of \$15,500 for 20/21.

Our giving supports missionaries, funds training, assists the poor, recues women from slavery, and brings Christ to lost people in other lands.

Please also see our monthly world missions envelops and Monthly Missions report

*** **Bank Details: New Life Christian Centre, World Missions Ac.**

*** **BSB: 035-053, Account No : 381-804 Note: NEW ACCOUNT NUMBER.**

Each month a Missions update is given out at church.

Tithes & Offerings

The Bible teaches us to give tithes & offerings as an act of worship to our Saviour Jesus Christ

❖ Cheques made out to New Life Christian Centre Inc

❖ **Bank Details: NLCC Inc**

BSB: 035-053

Account No.: 127-021

"Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back" *The words of Jesus!*

-Luke 6:38

Our Vision

To be a thriving local Church fulfilling the Great Commission of Christ.

5 Actions: **Reach out Connect Skill up! Volunteer give.**

Our desire is that every person will come to know the love and saving grace of Jesus!

*Our catch cry: **Live it - share it!***

Pray that this will be a year of new believers and baptisms!

Social Media Policy: Due to the privacy to the church & its members, also copyright policies, it is asked that ANY media content used at the church (including photos) not be posted on any social media sites such as Facebook, YouTube etc. This includes music, video clips, copyrighted publications & all logos or other images that are property of New Life Christian Centre. For more info, please refer to the New Life Christian Centre Social Media Policy.

Ambulance Cover: As a matter of Duty of Care, our church policy is that during church events and services, an ambulance will be called for people who present with a serious, or suspected serious health incident. But the liability for the cost rests on the person receiving Ambulance assistance, & not the church. This is because the church cannot take out such cover. Thank You. Pastor Greg

MINISTRIES IN RECESS

To return soon!

LADIES MINISTRY:

Evening gathering: Starting to gather again

Ladies' Coffee Fellowship coming soon. Please see Gail Pounsett or Margie Fitton for more info about our ladies' ministry.

MEN'S MINISTRY:

Men's brekkie: re-booting now!

Youth ministry



A great Friday programme Y6 to Y10.

CYC - Children's and Youth

Church! IN RECESS. Lets pray it won't be long and we'll be back full swing. All our workers are properly trained and screened.

Please pray for our families, children and youth. Pray that God will bless our CYC ministry and that more families will come into the joy of knowing Christ and following Him.

NLCC response to the (COVID -19) Crisis. (As of July 2020)

Please read the following carefully and please know we are standing in faith for you that God will protect and provide miraculously. Our response is not fear based but upon sensible precaution and a hope-filled expectation in our loving and Great God. These are difficult times but we aim to be creative, innovative, and positive. Please be patient with us and others as the days progress. ***We will adapt and modify as the need arises.***

Heed the advice of Government and Health authorities. Dismiss hearsay.

Please study the Gov. sites to know the risks and facts.

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-resources>

Weekly updates will be sent to your mobile phone from Pr Greg.

All church groups, (except Sunday services), and official physical gatherings are in recess until further notice.

We will continue to connect online for those who cannot come to our services. Sunday 10am HOME CHURCH online - streaming. fb and YouTube New Life Christian Centre TV. This service will be shorter but include all the elements of worship: Praise, Communion, offering, news, teaching, and prayer. Our special and newly formed production team will organise this. *If you have difficulty working out how to connect online please call me and our team will try to help.*

Plus other online resources in the coming days. *Thanks again to our tech team who are working tirelessly, Brad, Roger, Junior.*

We are also having mid-week connect Groups via a simple video conferencing app. Zoom.

Our Web site is new so please be patient while it is developed. It will take a while to get things up online, and at this stage there are a number of things to adjust and correct. Thanks to Junior for all his hard work at a very busy time for him. www.newlifeonline.org.au

Some have asked how they can continue to worship the Lord with their tithes and offerings. Can I encourage you to use online banking and set up a regular debit. Soon we will have a facility on our Web page which will enable people to give through that facility. But if people do not have access to an 'IT' and or e-banking platform to give, then please contact elder Roger Fitton to make other arrangements. I am sorry to bring up finance at this time, but people have been asking and it is an important part of our worship. ****If you find yourself in financial hardship please contact me and we will do all we can to get the best help possible for you.**

Friends, as difficult as it is, we must look to the Lord, and look to new ways of doing things, seek out opportunities to bless others as well as connect people into our new online environment. This can present new opportunities to reach out to lost people.

Some people who are not able to be online will not be left out. We are addressing how we can serve them and include them as much as possible through other means.

Physical church doors are closed in many places, but the ministry is open. Australian Christians are committed to supporting and prospering the mission and ministry of Christ through their local church. Let's stand together and pray for an end to the current International Crisis and above all let us pray that hearts will be turned to the Lord. Our circumstances have changed but the mission hasn't.

Blessings and prayers

Pr Greg. **Coronavirus Aus Gov msg: To stop the spread, stay 1.5m from others, follow rules on social gatherings, wash hands, stay home if sick. aus.gov.au**