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Autumn pastoral letter 2021

To all in New life Christian Centre,

I am writing to share a few things with you and hopefully to encourage you in your journey.

Firstly, I would like to thank all in our church fellowship for their faithfulness and kind service over past months. It is a gradual process coming out of the Covid period, and I very much appreciate that all of our local church ministries, Youth, CYC (Children and youth Church), ladies, Men's, etc are in full swing. Thanks to our leaders and key workers for all their hard work, and to everyone for prayers and support.

Easter is almost here, and you will see in the weekly news upcoming Easter services, including our special Family Service with picnic the week prior on the 28th March. **Easter is a prime time to outreach to neighbours, friends, and family**, to invite them to Easter services and to share the love and gospel of Christ with them. **Let us be in prayer for lost people every day.**

An Easter gift. To that end, next week (**Wed 24th & Thur 25th March 1pm**) some of us are putting together a small basket with some goodies and a gospel message we can present as an Easter gift to people who don't know Jesus saving grace yet. [See the details on the flyer overpage.](#) *If you would like to participate, please let me know.*

As the year has progressed, we have been developing our relationship as a church with **Adelaide Christian Centre**, and it has been a joy to see two combined youth events, a combined men's brekkie, a leader's team building night, and people attending Young Adults groups. Please continue to pray for wisdom for Pr Mike Groom and the ACC team and church, as well as our congregation here, and in Tenant Creek. We are all serving together.

AGM for 19/20 financial year. After a long delay due to waiting for accountants, we are having the AGM on March 28th 12pm in the children's hall. This is for written members, but all the church are welcome. It's goes about 20 mins.

Our support for World Missions has been strong over the past months, with a six-monthly giving amount over \$18,000, which exceeds our normal goal for a whole year. This is very pleasing. Thankyou for your generosity and love for the people of other nations. This money translates into supporting missionaries, training, pastors, churches, women and children in need, and more. PTL for this grace of giving and supporting.

'40 Days of supporting relationships' has been a great series. Pr Mike's daily devotional has been very helpful. The last Sunday focuses on 'overcoming offence'. **"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Col. 3:13).** This is one of the key traps the enemy sets for us: *holding onto offense*. If we do that, he's got us! The end result is that we become isolated from others and God. But when we forgive we let ourselves out of our prison of pain. And what many do not realise is that the fruit of forgiveness is restored fellowship. It's the sign you have truly forgiven. This is the way of our Saviour, and he expects nothing less from us. May God help our hearts and bless our relationships.

The Cross and the empty tomb. Easter is about Jesus paying the price for our offences; forgiving them ALL, reconciling us to the Father, and restoring fellowship – with God – and with each other. This is our common – union in Him. This is NEW life!

God bless and I pray rich blessing upon you and yours this Autumn and Easter time.

Pr Greg

Empowering people for life change

Easter gift

Imagine visiting your neighbour and handing them **a small basket** with some Easter goodies in it, along with an attractive Easter gospel message on a card.

Next week (Wed 24th, Thur 25th March 1pm) @ the church some of us are putting together some small gift baskets.

If you would like to be involved, please call me or text on 0417 857515.

We are looking for people to help put baskets together.

Also, we need to know who wants one to give to someone who doesn't know Jesus yet.

The cost, I am trying to keep to around \$10. I will know that by this weekend.

God bless and I think this is a lovely way to communicate the gift of life Jesus offers.

Greg