

# ULVERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

27th March 2020

## UBC RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS MARCH 27-2020

Hello UBC family,

Changes as to how we do life will mean updates, like this one, will be shared on behalf of UBC and these changes will impact on who we can connect and communicate with. I cannot overstate this, we need to call each other and check in on our UBC family and neighbours more frequently. I sincerely believe we will see the other side of this. There will be life after COVID-19 and we will do our best to keep you in the loop. For those who have family friends in UBC who do not have internet access, it will be imperative for you to communicate our updates and changes and provide reassurance to them.

Points to communicate include;

- ◆ Meetings, groups and leadership teams are encouraged to only meet through conference call meetings. **We are limiting our social interactions.**
- ◆ **Life groups are requested not to have face to face meetings until further notice.** Given the government call for greater social distancing we are asking that all life groups cease any face to face meetings and give consideration to other options as outlined in our recent guidelines. Would you please let Roger know what steps your life group is taking. Roger would be glad to help you consider all options during this period of isolation.
- ◆ We encourage our life groups to have a discussion to ensure that they are conscious of each others care needs and are intentional about ensuring those needs are met. This may mean a simple conversation, praying together, sharing a word or doing something practical – such as shopping for someone who is housebound or sharing some necessities if they are hard to come by. Consider extending your care circle to include others that are not linked into your life group.
- ◆ If you have any life group related questions please call or text Roger.
- ◆ **U-Care** will also seek to identify people not covered by a life group to ensure that they are being properly cared for. If you are caring for someone outside your life group then please ensure that Ken Collyer is aware so that he can make any adjustments for U-Care.

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Our website (ub.church) will have the most recent updates. Please visit our website for updates including the March 23<sup>rd</sup> Pastoral care update. Details of that update include;

**Telecare Follow Up: 'Care Circles'** at the end of this letter is a form for you to use in connecting with others. We are asking that each of us call or make contact with the person/family who is next on your list in your Care Circle in Week 1, then contact the next person down the list in week 2 and so on. We suggest that you keep this list in your church directory so it remains confidential, and for your own record, please tick the box once you have made contact.

For more information contact the Pastoral Care Team/Ken on his mobile or kcollyer@ub.church or the Church Office on 64256306

Care Circle								
People/Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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2.								
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Over the coming days and weeks we will be monitoring the progress of the pandemic and the response that will be required of us. This is an opportunity for the people of God to live a life of faith, hope and love as a powerful demonstration of the Kingdom of God.

God bless you,

Louis & the Leadership team