

ULVERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

14th March, 2020

Hello UBC family,

Over the last 24 hours, there have been several developments and updates in relation to the management of COVID-19 in Australia and around the world. Here at UBC, we each have a responsibility to keep you informed. I thought I'd update you on our church's response to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic. We ask that you don't become fearful or worried unnecessarily. God is in control and He watches over you! However, we do have a responsibility to heed the warning of the Government and to do everything we can to keep the UBC family gatherings safe.

The health and safety of every person who attends any of our meetings or groups continues to be a top priority for UBC. We are carefully monitoring the pandemic as information is provided through the Australian Government Department of Health website: www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert and we will continue to take a proactive approach to keep our community healthy. While we are not currently making any changes to our Sunday ministry or schedule, we will be reviewing this day to day, and I would encourage you to use wisdom and love to guide your decisions about your church attendance.

As a church, we are taking the following precautions to mitigate risk.

In support of your personal health we will have somebody dispersing sanitiser as you enter, and placing hand sanitiser bottles just inside the Church entry area and at the entrance of our large Hall.

We prefer if you have your own sanitiser to please use.

- ◆ If you are a volunteer serving on one of our teams and you are experiencing flu-like symptoms or feel unwell in any way, please let your Team Leader know as soon as possible so that they can organise a replacement and ensure that you are prayed for and cared for in your absence. We encourage that you take steps to self-isolate.
- ◆ Please listen to your Doctor and follow the health guidelines outlined by the Tasmanian Government Health Department website link that I have included above.
- ◆ If you are feeling unwell, we encourage you to stay home and rest, and to take care not to expose yourself to the public.
- ◆ For now our Sunday service will remain the same—We will be full of faith and worship and know that we will be posting a sermon on our website. ub.church/podcast/
- ◆ If you have travelled recently or are aware you have been in contact with anyone who has travelled to encourage you to self-isolate or see your doctor.
- ◆ To keep germs of any kind at bay, let's put a pause on handshakes and be nice in other ways :)
- ◆ If you are living alone, please ensure you have connection and communication with family, close friends, neighbours to keep in touch. Feel free to reach out to our pastoral care team if you are concerned or in need of help.
- ◆ If you are in the vulnerable age group (60+) and have any underlying health risk, we advise you stay home until further notice.

We will continue to inform you of any further updates as they become available.

Church family, even though we are implementing the above changes, there is absolutely no reason to worry. We have never been a church that operates in fear and we are not about to start now!

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."
(2 Timothy 1:7).

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FOR OUR KID'S CHURCH:

We will have hand sanitizer available at the door. We will increase cleansing and disinfecting toys and touch surfaces.

No kids will be allowed to enter if they have or had sneezing, coughing, runny noses, fever or diarrhoea.

PRAY:

Join us in praying for the people and regions affected, and for the protection of our nation, community, and church. We believe in miracles!!!

As a church family we would all be believing that we would do everything we can to make this as please and safe for you and your family. Our care response is to help you feel we have taken every precaution possible.

If you have any Questions please feel free to contact the Elders and or Pastor Louis

God Bless
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