

ULVERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

UBC FAMILY UPDATE JUNE 15 2020

Hello UBC family and friends,

We trust you and all your family are well during this challenging season.

This is just a short update to share with you some exciting news. Yes, at this stage we are planning for services to commence on Sunday the 26th of July.

We will provide more updates as time goes by, but for now, let's get ready! The new service structure will need us to all be flexible. We ask that if you are planning to join us when our service commences that for your safety and the safety of others you adhere to the safety recommendations and regulations. More information on this next week.

We are all very much anticipating with excitement the service start-up.

UBC SERVICE START UP JULY 26TH

Psalm 20 is a great psalm of preparation before battle. Ministry and life can feel like a battle. As I read many years ago, 'we never live opposition free.' It is a never-ending spiritual pursuit of abiding in all that God has called the church to become. And, like David, "may we shout for joy over our victory and lift banners in the name of our God." (Psalm 20:5)

In verse one, "May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you." (Psalm 20:1)

The first indication we can see is God's people are praying in preparation for the pending battle. As restrictive as our season has been, as uncomfortable and as inconvenient, what remains; our faith and our prayers. God's people are known for their prayers. And second the focus is on God, our deliverer and redeemer. In Verse eight, "they are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm."

May I encourage you to begin to rise up, stand firm and stay in communication in lead up to our start up service. Reach out, call and visit each other where it is safe and adhere to the safety requirements. Stay in connection with your ministry leader and team leader as we prepare. We will be back together in no time!

Let us all be praying. If you can safely meet together then do so. If you know of someone alone, reach out call them. Mark this in your diaries, Monday the 20th of July will be our Pre-service prayer meeting at this stage I am planning to hold this at UBC.

God bless Louis

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