



Thank you
to all those
special
women in
our lives.

Proverbs 31:10



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Mother's Day - a day where we celebrate our mothers, but really are we too narrow in our view if we stop there. Yes our mothers have been influential in our lives (not always for good) but there are also so many other women who have been an influence in our lives.

For me I can think of many women who have influenced me, and I also have my 'God -mothers' and 'God-sisters'. A great aunt, a Sunday School teacher, who was so patient despite my persistent questioning, the neighbour who challenged me to 'research' Jesus, women who have prayed for, and with me, those who have never given up on me, those who have challenged me to dig deeper in my faith and so the list continues.

Some of you may recognize your self, I thank God for you, others have passed away, others I no longer have contact with but know I will meet again in Heaven, some are still young. Yes there is the full age gambit of my 'God-women'.

And so I think of two challenges these thoughts bring: the first and easy part is for us to think of the 'God-women in our lives and consider how they have and are shaping us to be the man or woman that God wants us to be today.

The other much more difficult part, for me at least, is that yes I am a mother and a grandmother, but there are also many others that I have regular contact with. How do I influence these men, women, boys and girls?

Do I encourage? Do I challenge? Do I pray with and for them? Most importantly how often do I point them to God? I am challenged by Proverbs 31:10-31 especially verse 31 '*Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.*'

Consider the 'God-women' in your life and thank God. Be the 'God-woman or man' in someone's life. (LS)



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Sunday services at 9:30am

MOUNT MARTHA (MM)
370 Craigie Rd Mount Martha

ROSEBUD (RB)
Cnr Boneo Rd & The Drive Rosebud

Youth/Family Service Sunday at 5:00pm

MOUNT MARTHA 370 Craigie Rd Mount Martha

Join our services in person!

The 9:30am Mount Martha service is also streamed through
our YouTube channel.

(Find this via the media tab on our website,
or by searching for 'New Peninsula Baptist Church' in YouTube)



If you are new or visiting please come to the Welcome area after the service to connect with someone from the Welcome team.

Let us praise God:

- ◆ For the team who maintain the Church Library.
- ◆ For the Men's Shed and their outreach to the community.
- ◆ For all of the special women who have been an influence in our lives.
- ◆ For the many blessings we have received.
- ◆ For our Life Group leaders.
- ◆ For the extra Life Groups which are now running through 'Jesus The Game Changer'.
- ◆ For our families.
- ◆ For the legacy of Godly family & friends.
- ◆ For the unexpected 'surprises' that God provides for us.
- ◆ For our Christian brothers and sisters.
- ◆ For the wonderful witness of those in Myanmar who took the public step of baptism and that they are holding firm in the face of great opposition.

Let us continue to pray:

- ◆ Paul, Kate, Maria, Tom & Bridget Crothers, our incoming Senior Pastor and his family.
- ◆ For those who are suffering from Mental Health issues.
- ◆ For those who are lonely.
- ◆ For those who are feeling overwhelmed.
- ◆ For our Pastors.
- ◆ For those who are facing/recovering from surgery.
- ◆ For those who are facing life-changing situations.
- ◆ For those who are grieving.
- ◆ For the Kids programs and the leaders who faithfully serve each week.
- ◆ For the teams in Myanmar and their families.
- ◆ For those in India, Brazil and other countries where Covid is



Don't forget to pray for our regular groups:

SUNDAYS

9am Prayer time for all in Mtg. Rm 4 at Mt Martha.

Bookshop & Library after service Mt Martha.

Kids Programs: (Mt Martha)

0-3 year 9:30am in Pre-school room.

Kinder-Year 7 go to church & leave when directed.



Kids Programs: (Rosebud)

Kinder-Year 10 go to church & leave after the announcements.

TUESDAYS

Men's Shed MM

9:00am - 1pm

ALL WELCOME



WEDNESDAYS

Playgroup MM



Rosebud

Community Group

RB 5pm

THURSDAYS

Men's Shed MM

9:00am - 1pm

Prime Time MM

2nd & 4th Thurs.

1:30 - 3pm

FRIDAYS

Youth Mount Martha

May 14 at 7pm

'Good Sport'

May 21 at 7pm

'Check in'

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Myanmar Update & prayer needs:

First of all, a “Very big Thank you” for your generosity; over \$22,000 was raised from our Good Friday offering in support of the “Emergency Food Relief Appeal”. Even more amazing was the fact that the internet remained open in Myanmar over the week following Easter and all the money given was able to be transferred across and our partners were able to purchase and distribute food relief.



Despite more than 4000 citizens having been arrested and 738 reported as having been killed, the people of Myanmar remain strong in their opposition to the actions of the military junta and have formed a parallel government – the National Unity Government made up of remnants of the democratically elected government, supporters of Aung San Suu Kyi and representatives of a number of the ethnic group armies. In response the military has continued their crackdown including bombing in eastern Karen State, issuing arrest warrants for 26 members of the new NUG, ordering internet providers to shut the internet down and charging Aung San Suu Kyi with having broken the Official Secrets Law; a crime which could incur her a penalty of life imprisonment.

In their response to this growing crisis the United Nations has issued sanctions on 10 military leaders and sanctions on two military conglomerates which earn considerable funds used to finance military activity. Most recently an “emergency summit of ASEAN leaders” met with the military coup leader, General Min Aung Hlaing in Jakarta to discuss the crisis. Following the meeting a statement was released demanding the immediate cessation of the violence, the release of political prisoners and the restoration of the democratically elected government. Whilst the NUG leaders welcomed this initiative as this represents a “ray of hope” they did qualify their optimism by saying that they welcome ASEAN’s initiative in agreeing to facilitate a dialogue process and look forward to “firm action” from ASEAN leaders to help stop the military violence, release political prisoners and restore the democratically



elected government.

In the midst of all that has happened over the last three months our Christian brothers and sisters remain strong in their faith and continue to share the Christian message of love and hope in the belief that God has plans “to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” Jeremiah 29:11. We were greatly encouraged recently to learn that this message is being heard and that some locals have accepted Christ as their saviour and taken the step of becoming baptised and are reminded that “dark clouds do have silver linings”.



In conclusion, we give thanks for:

- The courage of our partners and their teams in the organisation and distribution of food relief.
- Your ongoing generosity that makes it possible for us to finance the continuing urgent need for emergency food relief.
- The fact that the internet has remained open and the OzBurma team has been able to transfer funds and to meet with our partners on a weekly basis, via Zoom, for prayer and encouragement.
- The courage of those protesting against the overthrow of the democratically elected government.
- The beginnings of an international response calling on the military to cease its violence and intimidation, to release.



Annual Church Meeting next week.

The Church Secretary John Williamson wishes to advise the congregation that the Annual Church Meeting (ACM) for 2021 will be held at 12 noon Sunday May 16 in the Auditorium at Mount Martha. The proposed Agenda, along with minutes from the Special Church Meeting (SCM) on December 6 2020, and the Church Planning Meeting (CPM) on November 15 2020 are on the Notice Boards at both campuses. Members will receive the Annual Report by email, if you require a hard copy please let Lesley know 5973 8888.



\$2.50

(GF option available)

Toasties are back!

Toasties will be available after the service on May 16 (prior to the ACM). Pre-booking is preferred, orders taken during the week (ring 5973 8888) or before the service.

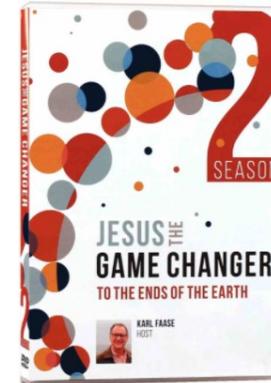
Save the date

INDUCTION OF OUR NEW SENIOR PASTOR

Paul Crothers our new Senior Pastor will be inducted at a combined service for Mount Martha & Rosebud on Sunday May 23 @ 9:30am.



Jesus The Game Changer



If you still need a discussion guide, please place your order, for delivery on May 23, at the bookshop on Sunday or email inklings@newpeninsula.com.au (There is a free app which can be used if necessary.)

For Life Groups or individuals using the Booklets the following studies relate to the sermon.

- WEEK 1 (April 25 RB, May 2 MM) - Study 1
- WEEK 2 (May 9 RB, May 16 MM) - Study 2
- WEEK 3 (May 31 RB, June 6 MM) - Study 3
- WEEK 4 (June 6 RB, June 13 MM) - Study 8
- WEEK 5 (June 13 RB, June 20 MM) - Study 10
- WEEK 6 (June 20 RB, June 27 MM) - Study 13

Thank you to our 'Covid team'.

Thank you to all of those who have been on the 'Covid team' at Mount Martha, since January.

What a wonderful job you all have done! And an extra special thank you to those who are unable to continue.

Latest advise is that the requirements for cleaning etc. remain the same.



Can you help?

We need more folk to come on the cleaning roster/greeting roster.

If you can assist for the next 3 months, (either monthly or fortnightly) please email Lesley@newpeninsula.com.au or phone 5973 8888

COVIDSafe Guidelines 9 April

The BUV (Baptist Union of Victoria), in line with the VicGov website, recommends that:

Religious ceremonies and gatherings

- ◆ Density of 1 person per 2sqm applies.
- ◆ Venues must use electronic record keeping.

Food & Drinks

- ◆ Single use items are recommended.
- ◆ One person serves.
- ◆ There is to be no sharing of utensils or food.

Masks

- ◆ Are highly recommended when singing indoors.
- ◆ Must be carried at all times.

Thank you Steve.

Steve Carr, who has been actively involved in leadership and service to New Peninsula as an Elder since 2014, has announced his decision to step back at this time from being an Elder. He remains an active member of New Peninsula Rosebud Campus, and continues to serve in various roles within our church.



The Eldership wishes to express their tremendous gratitude to Steve for his wisdom and contribution to the life and health of the church over the years, not just as an Elder, and pray every blessing for Steve and Lyn in their future journey.

Matt Evans.

In the Family

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS:

To Rick MacDonald celebrating a special birthday on May 15 and Paul Mason celebrating a special birthday on May 16.

What a wonderful excuse to celebrate the Lord's guidance and provision - have a special day!

Thought for the week:

“Call to me, and I will answer you, and will show you great and difficult things, which you don't know.”

(Jeremiah 33:3)

How to stay connected:

- ◆ 'Like' our Facebook page @newpeninsula
- ◆ Follow our Instagram account newpen_bc
- ◆ Subscribe to our YouTube channel New Peninsula Baptist Church
- ◆ Listen to Podcasts? You can subscribe to New Peninsula Baptist Church to listen to the sermons.

Pop onto our website - our 'church online' button on the home screen will take you straight to our YouTube account.

Alternatively, click on the 'media' tab on the website to access the podcasts, YouTube channel for sermons and our weekly Navigate.

For more information:

Our offices remain closed to the public, except by appointment, for the time being, however you can continue to contact us through the following means:

Website: www.newpeninsula.com.au

Email: office@newpeninsula.com.au

Phone: Mount Martha 5973 8888 (Mon-Thurs 9am - 4pm)

Phone: Rosebud 5982 0889 (please leave a message)

To contact a pastor urgently: 0407 311 185 (After Hours only)

PRAYER CHAIN email:

prayerchain@newpeninsula.com.au

DVD or CD's of the messages

can be ordered through the church offices.

Regular tithes & offerings:

Thank you to everyone who supports New Peninsula with your tithes and offerings.

For online giving the details are listed below.

For those who prefer to bring their offerings we will now be resuming the collection of offerings during the service.

GIVING TO NEW PENINSULA & BEYOND:

NPBC General offerings

(Please indicate whether it is for Mt Martha (MM) or Rosebud (RB))

BSB 063 539 Acc. # 1038 8044

NPBC Donation Fund

(Tax deductible, please include your name for an annual receipt)

BSB 063 539 Acc. # 1060 5168

NPBC School Building Fund

(Tax deductible, please include your name for an annual receipt)

BSB 063 539 Acc. # 1060 5272

NP Community Caring (NPCCI)

(Tax deductible, please include your name for an annual receipt)

BSB 063 539 Acc. # 1031 4088

These accounts can be used for internet banking or local branch deposits.