

From our Associate Pastor - Glenda Holbrook

Hello Everyone,

How are you going? Are you like me and experiencing days of being 'up' and days of being 'down' and days of being just 'in-between'? Well, I think that's pretty normal at the moment.

This past week I have heard from some in our church family whose thoughts are being negatively influenced by what is being said on social media and even from what their own thoughts are telling them. If that is you - and, believe me, you are not on your own - then I want to encourage you to be aware of your thoughts and to test them. Are they bringing you peace and joy? Do they line up with who Jesus is and what He says in the bible? If they don't, then here some examples of what you can do:

- Replace the false thoughts with favourite scriptures.
- Listen to worship music.
- Make a list of all the things you have to thank God for.
- Reach out to Christian friends and ask them to pray with you and for you.
- Go for walks with another person.
- Only listen to and read positive social media.

I'm sure there are other things you could put in place as well - ask God and your support people to show you what these are.

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from Me, or seen in Me - put into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4:8-9)

With love & blessings, Glenda

If you are struggling and need support, please contact the church office 5973 8888 or Lifeline 131114



NP MYANMAR PARTNERSHIP

'D' Day declared.

After months of oppression, imprisonment and the killing of Myanmar citizens by the military junta, the previously democratically elected government has declared war against the military junta. Ethnic armies from around the country have combined to form a national civilian army which intends to attack the military in all major cities and in many rural areas. Having come to the conclusion that there is "no other way", many young Myanmarese have joined this civilian army and will fight for their democratically elected government. Sadly, this could be a "bloody war" with significant loss of life and major destruction of homes and infrastructure.

This comes on top of the rampant spread of Covid 19 and the death of many thousands of citizens due to the lack of Covid tests, the closure of public hospitals and the absence of a national vaccination program. With major loss of life and the destruction of many rural villages, countless families have fled to live in the jungle, to forage for food and live under tarpaulins.

Our friends in Myanmar say they feel abandoned by the rest of the world, for there has been no discernible support. Many live without hope and in fear that they will die one way or the other - what tragedy. In this situation it would be easy to be totally overwhelmed but.....

Praise God the NP Myanmar Partnership Group (MPG) continues to provide encouragement and give them hope:

MPG have been able to maintain regular contact via 'Zoom' with all benefiting and looking forward to this time of fellowship and prayer.

They have also been able to purchase and organize the safe delivery of 11 Oxygen Concentrator machines and medical supplies, to pay for Covid 19 vaccines for all our partners and their family and team members over 18 years of age. (A local was able to source the vaccines from India and organize for them to be administered by a doctor despite the considerable risk from the military intervention.)

The MPG have been able to fund the purchase of 8 laptop computers which have been distributed to our 4 partners for their children to use for their online education. (They have not been at school for more than 18 months. This was like Christmas coming early this year).

Prayers for healing have been answered with some of our partners suspected of having Covid now fully recovered.



Moving forward: Whilst the task ahead seems insurmountable, nothing is impossible for God and we ask for your continued prayers for the safety of the citizens of Myanmar and the provision of their basic needs. In particular we ask you to pray for continued safety and good health for our partners and their families. We thank you for your most generous financial support which has enabled us to continue to fund our partners in their work, ministering to the needs of the communities they support.



We encourage you to continue your prayers and provide your financial support where possible.

To make a tax deductible donation via bank transfer:

Oz Burma Association Inc.

BSB 063 539

Acc # 1054 0931

Please reference 'Emergency Relief'

Let us praise God:

- ◆ For the miracle of the starting funds being provided for the Rosebud redevelopment, and for the positive affirmation from the Special Church Meeting.
- ◆ For all of those who have been a part of the Rosebud Building Team.
- ◆ For the opportunities God is providing for us to be Christ to our family, neighbours and friends.
- ◆ For the many dedicated health workers who continue to serve us.
- ◆ That we, as a church, have been able to meet the financial commitments made to our mission partnerships and individual missionaries on time. God is good ...all the time!
- ◆ For God's people encouraging each other.
- ◆ For the Church Board.
- ◆ For His many blessings.
- ◆ That we are free to worship Him.
- ◆ That He loves us unconditionally.

How are you caring for yourself?

In these times it is so easy to ignore ourselves. Practicing self-care and keeping focused on God, His presence and His leading is so important, and yet so easy to neglect. How are you caring?

If you need to speak to some one please either email ann@newpeninsula.com.au) or leave a message for our Pastoral Care Coordinator Ann Harding on 5973 8888

Or contact LifeLine 131114

Confidential prayer requests can be sent to the prayer chain prayerchain@newpeninsula.com.au.

God of all life...

May your love and light shine in and through me today
In a way that no mask can hide.
May my eyes dance with laughter and joy
Replacing my hidden smile.
May my actions of care and concern
Speak louder than my muffled voice ever could.
And may the generosity of my heart
Radiate out through who I am
And how I respond to the world around me
So that others may not see my mask
But your image shining out
Moving in and through me today.
Amen

Br Michael Herry fms

Let us continue to pray:

- ◆ For our families.
- ◆ For our Year 12 & Year 6 students who are experiencing a very different year from what they were anticipating.
- ◆ For both those considering the marriage course and the facilitators as they prepare to facilitate.
- ◆ For those who are facing major, life changing decisions.
- ◆ For those who are grieving.
- ◆ For our state and federal leaders.
- ◆ For those who have had planned surgery cancelled.
- ◆ For those who are feeling isolated and alone.
- ◆ For the Rosebud and Mount Martha Community Hubs currently in lockdown. Pray for excellent communication with Hub members so they will feel nurtured and loved in readiness to resume weekly fellowship meals and worship.



The Marriage Course

7 WEEKLY ONLINE SESSIONS

REGISTER: office@newpeninsula.com.au
Starts Wednesday 6 October 7:30pm

- FREE BUT WILL NEED TO PURCHASE A \$10 JOURNAL EACH
- NO GROUP DISCUSSIONS
- FOR MORE INFO EMAIL CHURCH OFFICE

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Book early to enable us to post your journal in time

ACCOMODATION & VEHICLE NEEDED



Michael and Karen Penn, members of New Peninsula, are serving with MAF in Mareeba, Nth Qld. Together with their son Daniel, they will be on home assignment from November 23, 2021 until after Christmas, and are looking for opportunities to reconnect with the church family.

During this time they will be in need of a 2 bedroom home base, and also the loan of a vehicle. If you know of anything that might be available, please contact the church office email: office@newpeninsula.com.au or phone 5973 8888.



NEW PENINSULA FAMILY CAMP



Postponed

**New Date:
4-6th March 2022**

put it in the diary!

MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE
RUBBISH DUMP TICKETS EXPIRY
DATE HAS BEEN EXT'D!!
SO SEPT TKTS NOW EXPIRE END
OF DEC.



DONT LET YOUR TIP TICKETS GO TO WASTE!

IF YOU HAVE ANY SPARE??
PLEASE DONATE THEM TO THE
CCI OP SHOP via post
TO: Carolyn Taylor, NPCCI Op Shop
c/ 370 Craigie Rd, Mt Martha, VIC, 3934



SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING RESULTS



Praise God the great news is that more than 99% of our members voted to go ahead with the re-development of the Rosebud Campus, including adding a new light-filled foyer and outdoor courtyard, along with linking the activity centre to the worship centre and modernising both the internal and external church building.

Renovations are anticipated to commence in January 2022 with occupancy anticipated early 3rd quarter 2022.

Please **continue to pray** for the team as they now begin planning for works to commence and for a successful loan application with Baptist Financial Services.

STARTING SEP 26

COLOSSIANS

THE SUPREMACY OF CHRIST

CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS 2/9/21

A roadmap is to be announced 19/9/21

A curfew is in place from 9pm until 5am, outside of these times you cannot leave your home other than for one of the five following reasons:

- Shopping for necessary goods and services
- Care and caregiving, including medical care and getting a COVID-19 test
- Exercise
- Authorised work and permitted study
- To get a COVID-19 vaccination

You must stay within 5km of your home for shopping and exercise. This limit does not apply to authorised work, when giving or receiving care, getting a COVID-19 vaccination or visiting an intimate partner or your single social bubble buddy. Exercise is limited to two people. Masks must be worn both inside and outside except in your own home.



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FAMILIES@HOME

Wanting some ideas for some God-moments with your kids or Grandkids this week? Head to our webpage for resources and ideas to use as a family throughout the week: www.newpeninsula.com.au/familiesathome

Contact joss@newpeninsula.com.au or chris@newpeninsula.com.au for more info or if you need support.



Would you like to be part of a 'hands-on' way to bless children in need across the world?

Why not fill a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child? The boxes are collected and distributed in the name of Jesus to children living in vulnerable situations.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a project of Samaritan's Purse, which partners with local churches in developing nations to reach out to children by providing gift-filled shoeboxes and bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ. After receiving the shoebox gifts, many children are also invited back to participate in 'The Greatest Journey' an evangelism and discipleship program. It is so much more than a box, it is a Gospel opportunity!

Shoe boxes due by November 12th

If you do not have a shoebox, use your own (the lid is no bigger than an A4 page). Or just still keep collecting and just use a bag, until we can advise where boxes can be collected from.

Delivery points will be announced as restrictions allow. Even during lockdown the Reject shop, newsagents and supermarkets have a range of suitable items. *Watch this space!*

OR

Pack a Shoebox!
ONLINE

Follow this link and a shoebox will be packed for you. You can even include a letter.

<https://samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/packonline/>



SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, erasers and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Colouring and picture books
- Solar calculators



TOYS

- Toy car
- Skipping rope
- Yo-yo
- Toy that lights up and makes noise (with extra batteries)



NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Bar soap
- Washcloths
- Combs



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewellery or watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

ITEMS THAT MELT OR LEAK: liquid paint; toothpaste; shampoo; aerosol cans; bubbles; crayons; plasticine/playdough **FOOD OR LOLLIES:** including medicine; vitamins **USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS:** used clothes; old toys **BREAKABLE ITEMS:** glass; porcelain; mirrors **SCARY OR GAMBLING ITEMS:** war-related items; toy guns, knives; military figures; skull and crossbones; Halloween items; play money; playing cards; dominoes **RELIGIOUS LITERATURE:** tracts and Bibles (children are given an Operation Christmas Child evangelistic book at an outreach event).

Psalm 37:5-6

COMMIT YOUR WAY TO THE
LORD. TRUST ALSO IN HIM, AND
HE WILL DO THIS: HE WILL MAKE
YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS SHINE
OUT LIKE LIGHT, AND YOUR
JUSTICE AS THE NOON DAY SUN.

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:

Website: www.newpeninsula.com.au

Email: office@newpeninsula.com.au

Phone: Mount Martha 5973 8888 (please leave a message)

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



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.