

7TH AUGUST 2022

# NAVIGATE

Official Newsletter of New Peninsula Baptist Church

Welcome

## A MESSAGE FROM ANDREW TAYLOR

I was reading an intriguing parable, *The Sheep and the Goats* (Matt 25:31-46) and it challenges our understanding of what it means to have an intimate relationship in fellowship with Jesus. It infers that not only must we love Jesus, but we must respond as He has responded to all who are truly in need. The consequence for not doing so is separation from God. When questioned by the Pharisees "which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:36-37)



Couple this with the understanding that, "God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female He created them" (Gen 1:27) then you begin to get a clearer picture and understanding of *The Sheep and the Goats* parable.

In being reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, we as Christians are commanded to love God, and to love God in the way He commanded is to love His image. You see where I'm heading?

To truly love God, we must love the image of God in all of us. To reject the needs of people is to reject the image of God, to reject Jesus, and to reject the greatest commandment for Christians.

You've heard it said, to say or do nothing when you see injustice, is to be complicit with the injustice. Likewise, not responding in love to human suffering and need is to be complicit with its occurrence.

Love, grace, and mercy to all,

Andrew

## SERVICES

MT MARTHA  
SUNDAY 9.30AM

ROSEBUD  
SUNDAY 9.30AM

REAL FOOD  
SUNDAY 5.00PM



Services are also  
available to view on  
**YOUTUBE**

To help  
reduce waste  
please consider  
bringing your own  
reusable cup for a  
cuppa after the  
service.



# What's On

## Upcoming Events

August 6th - Crow's Nest (see flier attached)

August 21st - Families Netball Match  
(see flier on the following page)

## Weekly Events

<b>Monday</b>	9.30am Walking/Cycling Group (McCrae Yacht Club)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9am-1pm New Pen Men's Shed (Mount Martha campus) 10.00am Prayer in the Upper Room (Mount Martha campus) 10.30am Rosebud Prayer (Activity Centre)
<b>Wednesday</b>	6.30am NP Prayer (Online) 10-11.30am Open Door (Kids Church, Mount Martha) 10.30am Cafe Connexions (Blue Mini Cafe - Colchester Rd Rosebud)
<b>Thursday</b>	9am-1pm New Pen Men's Shed (Mount Martha campus) 1.30pm Prime Time Every 2nd & 4th weeks (Kid's Church, Mount Martha)
<b>Friday</b>	7-9pm Youth
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	8.30-9.30am Prayer (Mount Martha campus Rm 4) Worship Services



Welcome to  
**The Crow's Nest**  
for men:  
Sat Aug 6  
7:30am – 9:00am  
Breakfast served

### New Peninsula Baptist Church, Foyer 1

Hot breakfast provided.  
All donations are appreciated  
and go to the Men's Shed.

**On the theme of "Serving the  
Community," come hear from:**

- Former Mayor Sam Hearn
- Paramedic Peter Collins
- Prisons Security Officer Peter Harris

*To assist with catering, please RSVP to:*

**Rob Jenkins via:**  
**SMS 0419 567 176 or**  
**email: [robsjenkins@bigpond.com](mailto:robsjenkins@bigpond.com)**



Our sympathies  
and prayers go  
out to Jennie and  
David Champion,  
as Jennie's father  
went to be with  
the Lord last  
Monday.

When I thought, "My foot slips," Your steadfast love, O LORD, helped me up. When the cares of my heart are many, Your consolations cheer my soul.

-Psalm 94:18-19

**PAUL'S Panthers** **Joss's JAGUARS**

*Families*  
**NETBALL MATCH**

Open to all those in  
Grade 5, 6 & 7  
**1-4pm**  
**Sunday 21 August**  
Civic Reserve Rec Centre  
350 Dunns Rd Mornington

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**FAMILIES**

Register via the  
QR code by  
August 15th

## Covid 19 Update

Victorian health guidelines encourage all who attend large gatherings to be wearing a mask until the end of winter. To provide a safe environment at our onsite gatherings please:

- Wear a mask
- Social distance (mezzanine seating available) and
- Stay home and watch online if unwell.



# GIVE

As an expression of worship for Jesus, many give to our church through a regular tithe. The is best done through direct deposit via these details:

### NPBC General Offerings

Please indicate whether it is for Mt Martha (MM) or Rosebud (RB).  
**BSB 063 539 Acc No. 1038 8044**

OR

### NPBC Donation Fund

Tax deductible, please include your name for an annual receipt.  
**BSB 063 539 Acc No. 1060 5168**

Physical offerings can be placed in a box at the back of the worship centre on Sunday.

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Community Caring Inc. is the welfare arm of our church. It provides care and affirms faith in those who are in need or at risk of experiencing crisis. We encourage you to consider a regular above and beyond tithe giving to CCI. All gifts to CCI are tax deductible.

### NP Community Caring (NPCCI)

Tax deductible, please include your name for an annual receipt.  
**BSB 063 539 Acc No. 1031 4088**



# Missions Updates

## FOOD CRISIS GRIPS MYANMAR

Written by Kerry Bolger, Church Board

With relentless offensives against the Pro Democratic Forces, the military junta has been accused of bringing the population of Myanmar to the brink of starvation. A recent United Nations report stated that more than 50% of Myanmar's 54 million population are living in poverty. Relentless waves of Covid 19 and political and socioeconomic turbulence caused by the military coup has led to rapidly escalating food prices and food shortages across the country. With reports of price increases in food (41%), transport (81%) and energy/electricity (51%), millions face starvation.

In addition to this crisis, the local people are devastated by the recent execution of 4 pro-democracy, anti-coup activists. Many in Myanmar have been reduced to a state of depression fearing they are being "ground into submission". With little or no meaningful support from the Global Community our partners in Myanmar are at their lowest point and talking of worse to come. This fear was recently confirmed by new military reprisals including the torture and killing of 40 civilians in Sagaing District.

In addition to what is a humanitarian crisis, many people are facing a food crisis as rice farmers are being forced to flee as their villages and crops are being destroyed, resulting in the rapidly escalating rice prices and food shortages.



## DONATIONS TO OZBURMA

Donations can be made to:  
OzBurma Association Inc.  
BSB: 063-539  
Acc No.: 10540931



That our partners, Thai Vang (Children and Charity), Pastor Steven (Grace of God Church), Pastor Haupi (Able Life Worship Centre) and the Operation Mobilization Myanmar team remain strong in their faith is inspirational. These people and their countrymen desperately need our support. They need to know that they are not forgotten and that they are in our prayers daily. Our prayers sustain them and they continually tell us how much knowing that we are praying for them helps to strengthen them.

Our partners also need financial support as they plan for the worsening of food shortages. Perhaps you can spare a few dollars or are able to make a larger donation as we seek to raise funds to help them purchase and store rice and oil, so they have rice to distribute during this impending disaster. Do you have friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues who you can encourage to join our campaign to continue to feed families. Despite all the challenges we face in our own country, we are indeed blessed, in comparison to what our brothers and sisters in Myanmar have gone through in the past two and a half years and are facing going forward.

Please help if you can. No amount is too small. Hopefully together we will be able to provide an answer to their prayers and encouragement for them knowing that they are not on their own.

We thank you all for your continued prayers for our partners and generous financial support.

# More Missions Updates



## FLOODING IN UGANDA

Last weekend in Uganda, torrential rains lashed the mountains and countryside around Mbale, (where our sister church, Bethel Baptist is located), leading to widespread devastation. There are reports of 3 rivers overflowing, multiple landslides in the mountains, 23 confirmed fatalities so far (including 10 people in a vehicle that was swept away) with many more expected, 14 important bridges washed away, 5000 acres of crops destroyed, hundreds of cattle and thousands of poultry lost, and the city's water infrastructure damaged.

Very many families have had their homes and possessions washed away, along with their crops and livelihoods: their prospects are very bleak for at least the next couple of years. Employment, food and clean water will all be very hard to come by for many people, and many



*"Many people in my home village near Emmanuel church have lost houses and property. Bethany church members are the most affected people as most of the houses were swept away by the floods. In partnership with 'Jenga', Bethel is doing the best we can do. At the moment we are constructing mud houses for widow families." - Pastor Vinnie*

diseases like cholera, diarrhoea and malaria could become rampant.

Please pray for:

- Protection from diseases and from injuries as they try to get around the damaged countryside and repair their homes.
- Provision of basic shelter and food and other essentials in the short term, and through the next 13 months as they struggle without their own source of food and income until next year's harvest.
- Aid and relief agencies like Jenga as they aim to support and help as many as they can, and for Bethel as they endeavour to help each other while also giving support to their communities.

If you would like to donate, we recommend the Jenga website [jengauganda.org/give](http://jengauganda.org/give) and click the Australian Donors link, using "flood relief" for the description of your donation.



## AN UPDATE ON CAROL

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for the last few weeks for Carol in Uganda. She is a key person at Bethel, in her 30s, and has a heart condition. She collapsed recently and was rushed via ambulance to a hospital in Kampala. She had many tests and was prescribed Warfarin and sent home. She is still feeling dizzy much of the time and continues experiencing some weakness on her right side. Her INR levels are too low, so her medication dosages need to be adjusted. Pray for her correct treatment and physical recovery. Along with many others, their home was also flooded and all their crops and top-soil completely washed away.

# Prayer @ New Pen

## NP MISSION PRAYER POINT

Pray for a refreshing time for the White family (UAE) as they spend time with family and friends here.

## PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer need there is a group of active pray-ers at New Peninsula who are available to pray into whatever needs you have. Simply email your prayer request to [prayerchain@newpeninsula.com.au](mailto:prayerchain@newpeninsula.com.au). All prayer requests will be treated as confidential.

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## CORPORATE PRAYER MEETINGS @ NEWPEN

### Online

Every Wednesday morning at 6.30am via Facebook.  
Click on this link to join:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/npprayer>.

### Mount Martha Campus

Every Tuesday at 10-11am in the Church Office.  
Every Sunday morning at 8.30-9.30am in Room 4.

### Rosebud Campus

Tuesday at 10.30-11.15am in the Activity Centre.



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## WHAT IS HOMELESSNESS ON THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA?

Homelessness effects us all.  
Join us in this 1st of 3 free public  
community forums to empower and drive  
solutions.

Date:	Wednesday 24th August, 2022
Venue:	Peninsula Community Theatre Cnr Wilsons Rd and Nepean Hwy, Mornington
Time:	6.30pm
Close:	8.30 pm
Refreshments at conclusion	

[REGISTER HERE](#)



FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO  
[WWW.PENINSULAVOICE.ORG.AU](http://WWW.PENINSULAVOICE.ORG.AU)  
OR CALL  
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New Peninsula Baptist Church has a fundamental approach to nurturing, supporting and developing young people in our care. We place our highest priority on their wellbeing, growth and safety. Our Leaders are committed to pass on all concerns of abuse, of all people, all the time and in difficult situations our approach will be completely survivor centred. If you have any concerns or reports of abuse please contact our pastor on call on 0407 311 185.



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