

# WEEKLY NEWS

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## FORWARD MOVEMENT

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Humans are often busy creatures. Active. And activity leads to movement, which in turn represents progress. We aim to leave the world a better place.

There is an undeniable aspiration towards progress. Be it in medicine – to conquer disease and or eliminate suffering, or in science – to find new technologies that make life easier and more enjoyable, or in morality – to empower the previously marginalised so they can become their best selves. Even footy can be ‘modern’. Progressive politicians and leaders use phrases like: “we now know better”, “moving forwards” or “on the right side of history”.

Is all modern activity movement that represents progress? Are we leaving the world a better place? In some areas – yes. The recent revulsions against abuse, or domestic violence, or racism are to be applauded. Anti-cancer treatments are a welcome development.

In another sphere, the answer is no. COVID 19 is a result of humans sourcing food in worse ways. Are we better at managing the earth’s finite resources? Does all modern art or music represent progress? I think not.

Still, in other spheres, modern activity represents neither progress nor regression. Things are different, if not more complex. Have bigger houses made us happier? Has access to the World Wide Web made us wiser? Is the modern diet healthier?

The idea that all movement represents progress is a myth. Progress only comes when we are moving towards a greater good. Put another way, if the human storyline is “moving forwards”, it only does so as it moves towards God, within the guidelines and principles that govern God’s creation.

Is there activity in your life? Does it result in movement? What (or who) are you moving towards?

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# RUTH HOUSE DINNER

It's time for a Ruth House update! Jill Pearce is taking some leave and instead of having a few weeks without community dinner, we are going to have some mission focused Community Dinners. You'll be able to order your dinner and then watch a mission update video via Facebook.

This coming Wednesday the 19th August our community dinner will have a Ruth House and Indonesia focus. You will be able to pre-order Nasi Goreng (Indonesian fried rice) with chicken satay and a small salad for \$10 per serve. Pick up for dinner 6pm and then, when you get home, watch the Ruth House Update video that will go live at 6:30pm.

**Order your dinner by texting or calling 0478 501 397.**

The following week (the 26th August) will be focused on CMS Chile and we'll receive an update for the Charles' and Haddon's.



# CAFE CHURCH

Café Church has returned to live services this term looking at the Upside Kingdom from Luke's Gospel. It's been exciting to welcome the ladies back after a long time apart.

Our service looks a little different these days. Instead of Lynne welcoming you with a hug, you'll now see Lynne pointing you towards hand sanitiser and reminding you to stay seated during the service but as always, this is done with a smile! We are missing our friends from Hammondcare as they continue to isolate. We pray they all stay well and we look forward to welcoming them back when the time is right. We are still able to have music (no singing) in our services and our activities are still fun but we have designed things so that safety and physical distancing is our number 1 priority. We ask that you wear a face mask to Cafe Church, as you would to any of our services or to any large gathering in line with NSW Health guidelines.

Café Church runs fortnightly during term and our next service is August 15th at 9:30am in the main hall. You can find more info on our Facebook page: DAC Café Church.



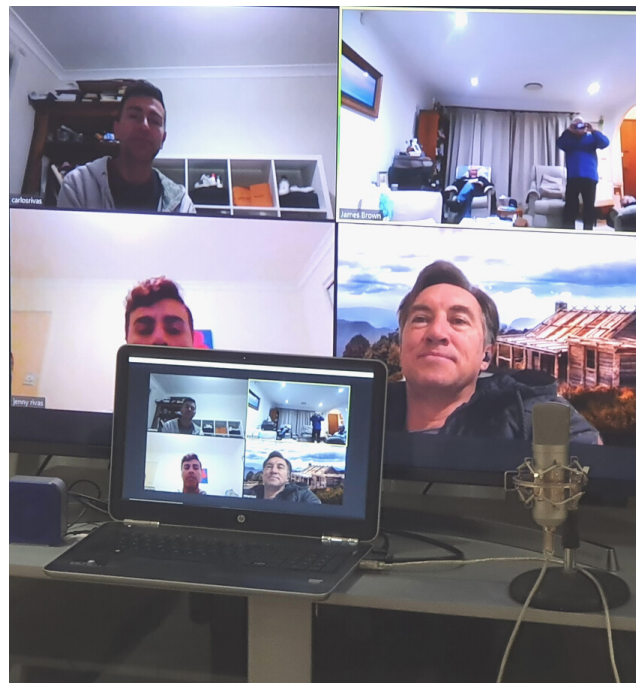
# GROWING THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

Throughout this pandemic we have struggled with the changing circumstances and restrictions, and the challenge of staying connected while maintaining the restrictions and social distance. This week we chatted with James Brown about his Growth Group has been going:

*"As a leader it's been challenging to support and serve the groups needs and without being able to meet face to face. It's hard to give the personnel touch in prayer and kind uplifting words over Zoom.*

*As a group I think we found Term 2 frustrating and at times cumbersome working with new technology. But praise God that we could keep connected.*

*With Term 3, we are doing a mix of Zoom and face to face. I have setup in my lounge room with PC plugged into my TV for a large screen view of those Zooming, with a mic and speaker to enable clear communication. It's brought a whole new dynamic to meeting together. We had 7 of us last week 3 live and 4 Zooming. It was a light hearted fun night over Gods word from the sermon series.*



*I pray we continue to encourage each of our group members to participate the way they feel comfortable doing. I think we can cater for all needs when we put the intellect God has given us and the marvellous ways that have been provided to communicate with each other right now. It's a strange season indeed but in Gods strength his is teaching us perseverance in our community to love & support each other in all circumstances."*



# PRAYER FOR TODAY

God our Father, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass man's understanding: pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you above all things, may inherit your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### **PREGNANT WOMEN**

Amy M. (10am), Ainsley R. (7pm), Mel F. (7pm), Erin K. (7pm), April A. (7pm) and Katie C. (7pm).

### **GRIEVING**

John and Wendy Eagleton - funeral held today, Thursday, for John's brother.

### **VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES**

Helen S., Bruce M., Diana M., Kath H., Ella H., Jean D., Lorna B-W., Glenys N., Barbara B., Barbara L.

### **8AM/2PM**

Molly B., recovering after a fall. Doreen B., waiting for test results. Helen K, and Gordon M both recovering. Dianne L., more tests in six weeks. Pat W. struggling with sciatica. Son Antony - still struggling with effects from operation, ongoing treatment with brain clinic. Antony's fiancée, Sue K - cancer has gone into spine. They are all so grateful for your prayers.

### **9:30AM**

Judy W. recovering well. Graham S (friend of Mary J) - pray for him, and for his mother, who had a fall recently.

### **10AM**

Genie C., awaiting results. Jason R. - recovering. Ronnie VK. Michael E., Janelle S., June C., Michelle S - all ongoing conditions and treatment.

### **7PM**

Shaina J. son, Roman, waiting for appointment. Pray for good health while waiting. Billy Harvey - chemo treatment. Gary McDougall - ongoing health problems.

## SAFE MINISTRY



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