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SOUTH QUEENSLAND CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

Caboolture Supports Frontline Health Workers

BY LYN ASHBY & COMMUNICATIONS LEADERS

In times of crisis, deeds of kindness bring us joy. On the afternoons of the last two Sabbaths of April, eleven boxes of tasty treats were delivered to the Caboolture Hospital to be shared between nurses and doctors working in each of the wards as well as in the security department.

This act of compassion was the fulfilment of a dream that grew in the heart of one of the young adult members of the Caboolture Seventh-day Adventist Church, Elisha Davey, who felt so touched by the hard work and care given by the hospital staff to the local Caboolture community, that she decided to do something special to express appreciation and to brighten their day.



Elisha and her sister Shuree, along with the Women's Ministry team, prepared beautifully decorated boxes containing ANZAC biscuits, buns and chocolate brownies. The ladies welcomed support from Mark Borchert, the owner of the local Kings Bakery, who contributed the buns. As well as the treats, each box contained a beautifully handcrafted card with a message of appreciation from the Caboolture Seventh-day Adventist Church and Kings Bakery.

Owing to COVID restrictions, the nurses took delivery of the boxes in the hospital car park and delivered them to the various wards. One security guard in particular was very happy at the prospect of having some treats for his afternoon tea!

On the evening of the last Sabbath, one of the Emergency Department nurses wrote an appreciative Face Book post on the church's page saying, "Thank-you for your kind gesture, our hospital staff are very grateful for our treats." This small act of kindness built positive connections between our church and the staff at the hospital, and it was a blessing to all those involved.

*(Left to right) Roslyn, Shuree and Elisha Davey and nurse Nikki Martin-Wareham with gift boxes for the Caboolture Hospital staff.



What We've Learned from a Pandemic

BY BRETT TOWNEND, PRESIDENT

This Focus edition is a COVID-19 Special Edition. It tells some stories of how the church has adapted to function under the restrictions imposed on us by the pandemic. You'll note that some stories don't have pictures: it's hard to photograph events happening 'virtually' or online. Nevertheless, I know you'll enjoy reading of God's hand at work through His people even under very challenging circumstances.

What has the current health crisis taught us? I know many of you have given some thought to this, as have I, and while there are many answers to that question, I've chosen to emphasise just five points.

The Church is Strong

God's church is strong and resilient, because it's made up of people committed to Him. Yes, the doors were closed but the church remained open. We quickly adapted to the new norm, with online connection and worship programs ensuring that people still had a sense of belonging. It's true that many members have suffered economically and this has also provided financial challenges for the Conference and local churches, but we praise God that His disciples have been faithful stewards of all God's gifts. The church of God is strong and will endure until the end.

We Need Each Other

Church is people, and we have realised that we need each other in the community of faith. While we've been able to connect in virtual ways, there's nothing quite like the sense of fellowship when we can sit together and share life with others of like faith. We're not quite sure whether Zoom meetings qualify as obedience to the verse "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together," (Hebrews 10:25), or were intended to fit under the "where two or three are gathered," (Matt 18:20) promise. No-one is suggesting that virtual community should replace real gatherings, but people can remain connected to each other even through social distancing, and God's presence can be felt, and His blessings experienced through online experiences. A pandemic doesn't stop His blessing.

We Don't Need Programs

Well, that might be overstating it! However, while programs do play an important role in church life, at times they overshadow the more significant aspects of fellowship and personal discipleship and witness. We've been challenged to think about living faith 24x7 outside of (and without) the 'going to church' habit, and how programs might enhance our understanding of what being Christian really means.

Buildings are Just That

Church is not a place you go, but a community God builds. Buildings can facilitate the gathering of people and can become a missional hub, but at the end of the day they are just buildings. It's the people that matter, and it's the people who "are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord" (Ephesians 2:21). Our priority should be on people, not places and programs.

The Sabbath Rest is a Lost Blessing

I don't know how many people have told me that they've really appreciated the true rest that Sabbath has become without the stress and hurry that church life can bring. Families have been able to relax on Sabbath morning, sleep in, spend time together, and not have the pressure of getting ready for the church 'program.' This is especially true for those who are heavily involved in running the services of the church. When God said we need one day a week to rest He really meant it. This creates an interesting dilemma for us! How do we go back to our usual church programs and still enjoy Sabbath as rest? Should we do things differently to enable rest for everyone? Is it possible that we have dishonoured the Sabbath by cramming the day full of too many things?

Well that's a few short reflections from me, but I asked some pastors what they had learned during the pandemic. You'll find their responses in these pages.

As we look forward to the new 'norm' that awaits us once restrictions ease, it's my prayer that God will continue to richly bless and guide His people as we rest in His goodness and the Hope that is ours.



Brisbane Spanish Church Reaches Out to International Students In Time of Need

BY PR YIMI DUARTE AND DR IRENA PULE

COVID-19 has impacted many people in various ways. Whilst we all have a shared experience of the coronavirus being in our communities, how it has come to change the way we live and interact is as unique as us. In such challenging times, our church has an opportunity to be a shining light to those in need, to be God's hands and feed and to bring hope in a desperate situation. Pr Yimi Duarte, the local pastor for the Brisbane Spanish Church, has done exactly that, and this is his story.

"God has placed in my heart the desire to help international students, since I have also been a student in other countries, and I know it is not easy. Due to the pandemic many students were left without work and because they do not have residence or citizenship here in Australia, they do not have any help from the government. In partnership with our local church members, we [connected via] social networks like Facebook and began to discover that there were several students requesting help to eat."

Pr Yimi initially connected with ADRA Logan Community Centre to seek out help for these students who were struggling. "They never denied me anything, on the contrary, they offered us more help than we needed." These food hampers were delivered to students in the Gold Coast, and Brisbane Spanish is currently helping to support nineteen

students. "Everyone was very excited to receive the aid. They have sent me messages of thanks and several have called me crying to thank, stating that they had

nothing to eat and did not know what to do. The day I went to drop some food for a lady she said to me: Are you a real person or an angel? I did not have to eat, and I was very sad asking God to help me and immediately I received your call. When she came out to see and saw me outside with the market bags, she start to cry and she asked me: Who have told you that I needed food? God, she was saying, He definitely loves me."

Since this initial interaction, this lady asked Pr Yimi for Bible studies and to prayer with and for her. Later this lady joined an online Zoom group Bible study. "This lady shared last night in the study that she had been very angry with herself because she said that for who she had come to Australia and she said the following: Now I see that God has a plan in my life: He brought me to here I met Hem and reach salvation." Her story is one of many that have shared similar experiences.

In the wake of COVID-19 the Brisbane Spanish church started requesting support from church members to continue this ministry, and, praise God, several members responded to the call. The service operates on Sabbaths to connect with students who are struggling. On the first Sabbath they



were able to support 16 students, and the following Sabbath this increased to 40. Pr Yimi shared that he didn't know how they were going to feed them all, but God provided.

At the last count this local church is supporting 90 international students in Brisbane. The students come on site and line up on marked spots to ensure safe social distancing and then

they are given their food hamper. They are also offered emotional support, which has touched some deeply. "Several have mentioned the desire to come to church as soon as services begin again and are happy to know that there is a Latino church for them in the area...once again...my ministry is not only to preach from a pulpit, but to follow the ministry of Jesus: feed people, healing and preaching. There is no greater satisfaction than being a blessing to others.

Personally, I have never worked so closely with ADRA, but this time has made me love that ministry with all my heart. I see that our church is very complete. ADRA, for me, are the hands of Jesus to feed those in need." To provide a pastoral ministry that meets both the physical and spiritual needs of the community is a great blessing. "I am proud to be an Seventh-day Adventist. Praise God that what seemed to be a problem, God has transformed into a blessing...May God Bless and multiply the resources."

Never Too Old To Serve

BY DR IRENA PULE

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our ADRA projects across the country, including here in South QLD Conference. It has made us re-think how we continue to serve the most vulnerable amongst us, whilst still keeping both our volunteers and our clients and customer safe. We have seen the reports of how the older members of our community were most at risk, due to age and the likelihood of other health complications.



This has proved an interesting challenge for ADRA projects, not least of which many of our project managers fell into the high-risk age category. When the news was shared with them that they had to remain at home for their own safety, it was a hard ask. Not because they lacked capability, certainly not, but rather because they were so active and gave so much that, for some, it gave a sense of limiting their contribution. Nevertheless, safety came first and we wanted

the best for our volunteers long term. However, even though they had to remain at home, our project managers were far from idle. In my many conversations with our team, I found volunteers who were actively supporting the front-line activity from their homes. They were able to maintain their regular administration responsibilities, such as budgets and correspondence, one manager was successful in getting a Council grant for \$10,000 for COVID-19 support. Our op shop managers were also keeping busy with the sorting of winter clothes ready for when their shops would re-open, and providing emergency welfare support if needed.

One of these op shops is located in Nambour, and supported by Nambour SDA Church. Ngaire Dare, the op shop manager, fell into this at risk age category but like others, was busy preparing clothes for the winter season from home and maintaining the shop when it was quiet or closed. She made the decision to keep the shop open, supported by her children; her son was able to step in and man the shop whilst she could not be there. On a recent visit, Ngaire shared that several locals were so pleased the shop remained open at such a challenging time. This is Ngaire's most recent engagement with ADRA Australia, in a combined service history of about twenty-six years – quite an achievement. She shared that her desire is for the op shop to be more than just clothes, but to provide a service that helps support the well-being of the individual. She, like all our project managers, humbly sees herself as just one person in a team of many working together. "We may not know the value of what we have done," but hopes that one day she will.

Hope Online 2020

BY GREG PRATT



Even though the church doors have been physically closed, the church is still active in evangelism and sharing the good news. The South Queensland Conference joined the AUC and SPD Hope Online 2020 campaign that began on May 8 with the initial campaign titled Predications of Hope.

This was an entry level program that dealt specifically with the current COVID-19 pandemic, aimed at a secular Australian audience and consisted of shorter presentations by evangelists Gary Webster and Robbie Berghan. At the end of the presentation's viewers were encouraged to register for the second phase of the campaign titled Hope Awakens.

Hope Awakens consists of 20 presentations over 4 weeks on Fridays, Saturdays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and is a full message evangelistic series presented by John Bradshaw. To date both these campaigns have seen a number of members and contacts engage with the live stream. Contacts are being followed up online rather than the traditional evangelistic campaign forms of follow-up.

At the conclusion of the Hope Awakens Campaign, local churches are encouraged to filter contacts into new or existing evangelistic initiatives in their church community. Please continue to pray for this campaign and that lives may continue to be transformed as they encounter the good news over the coming weeks and months. The light still shines despite Covid-19.

The full series can be viewed and shared from the Hope channel website:

<https://discover.hopechannel.com/hopeawakens-live/>

COVID Safe Guidelines for Church Activities

BY PR BRETT TOWNEND

The Federal and State governments are continually monitoring the public health response to the Coronavirus pandemic, and the South Queensland Conference Crisis Management team coordinate the duties and responsibilities of our churches, schools, and aged care facilities as we seek to take appropriate action in harmony with Government directives.

As of July 10, larger churches are able to worship with a congregation of up to 100 people, with the number being limited by the 4 square metre rule. Smaller worship venues (under 200 square metres) can apply a 2 square metre rule for up to 50 people. Personal hygiene and Social Distancing guidelines are critical to safe meetings and will continue to be applied into the future. Sharing of food is not permitted, and this is problematic for both Communion and church luncheons.

Weddings and Funerals can have up to 100 in attendance.

Please consult with your local pastor or the Conference Office for specific guidelines and policies relevant to church activities, and for any up-to-date changes.



South Queensland

EXILES – Young Adults Conference, 2020

BY PR BRETT TOWNEND

This year, the Young Adults Conference took place in living rooms throughout South Queensland. It was originally planned to be a live event, but Covid-19 put an end to that possibility. Pastor Alina van Rensburg reflects on the event that moved online:

“The truth is, we nearly cancelled it. The thought of taking our Young Adult Conference (including our annual leaders’ breakfast) online seemed impossible. But we felt convicted that God had a Word for our young adult community in this season. We wanted to be faithful to that, and so, with the help of an incredible team, the vision for ‘Exiles’ was birthed—helping young adults navigate isolation, digital strain and anxiety through forging meaningful relationships and building resilient faith.



Within four short weeks, everything came together, including our worship team led by Lachlan Harders, our speaker, Pastor Moe Stiles (from Portland USA), our phenomenal creative team, our Leaders Breakfast with Tod Bolsinger and all the other elements that enabled us to livestream our Conference. What initially seemed like an impossible task became a reality, and it was so clear that the Holy Spirit was leading the whole process.

But more than a great program, the most significant element of the entire Conference was that young adults throughout South Queensland met in homes in small groups, and engaged

in the Conference as a community. ‘Faith for exiles’—resilient faith—is created through meaningful relationships, and this was the heart and soul of our weekend. I’m so incredibly honoured to serve our young adult community alongside amazing leaders in this season.”

Tod Bolsinger, author of the recent book on Christian leadership, *Caneing the Mountains*, zoomed in for the Sunday morning leaders’ session with valuable lessons and insights for Young Adults living and leading in a rapidly changing world. Young adults met in regional groups in the homes of Pastors and senior leaders throughout South Queensland (there were 12 host sites in total)



to engage with the leaders’ session. The morning provided a unique opportunity for pastors and young adult leaders to connect and have important conversations about leading in ‘unchartered territory’.

The feedback from our young adult leaders indicated that the weekend had an impact on them personally and on their local church young adult groups:

“It was awesome for building community within a church community context”.

“We loved the synergy between what the program and Pastor Moe offered and also being able to connect in a group. It was super relevant given the current circumstances too!”

“Our church has actually continued with the Exiles theme! This has allowed us to delve deeper into the topic.”

“Some great ideas have come out of the time together and some great changes are going to be made to the way we do church.”

One leader speaking on the leadership sessions said, “What best captured the conference for me was sharing the difficulties and challenges we share as leaders and encouraging one another to stick by it. It is nice to have a community that supports each other.”

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David Hagen: Founder and CEO – david@mailhagen.com

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What Have We Learnt During COVID-19?

“Persecution pushed the church out of Jerusalem, and a pandemic this year pushed the church out of its buildings. We find it a hard and confronting lesson to learn that the church is neither a building, a weekend event, or a program – it’s a people mobilising to spread the gospel and to serve the community they are in. Perhaps we will learn this lesson this year.”

JACOB UGLJESA, CHAPLAIN AND PASTOR, NOOSA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

“It has seemingly been easier to bring young people who do not attend our church along to an online small group, than if we met in the usual face to face way. More young people than ever before have been attending our mid-week connect groups online compared to our physical groups. But there’s a tension! While young people live connected on many levels, isolation has clearly demonstrated a desire, and the importance of, face to face real life conversations and relationships for young people. I guess we can keep using both.”

NEIL REDMAN, CHAPLAIN, NORTHPINE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

“This time of trouble has dished up a number of challenges to the local church. Many have risen to the challenge, many have railed against it. Many have realised that the church is not the building but where they are and have embraced that. The challenge will be to re-emerge as the church both locationally and personally.”

TREVOR MAWER, PASTOR, PINE RIVERS

“Worshipping via other means apart from physical fellowship in our churches has been fruitful and a steep learning curve. It has helped us as a church to prioritise, it has made our technical production a priority and forced us to rethink how we do church and how we will be doing church when legislation makes it difficult for us to worship in our church buildings again in the future.”

GIDEON OKESENE, PASTOR, SOUTH BRISBANE AND RUSSEL ISLAND

“I believe COVID19 restriction are assisting some churches in learning church politics and powerplays are counterproductive and our real mission is to connect with the wider community – not simply those who attend our church buildings.”

ANON

“COVID-19 has pushed many of us into areas of ministry that we might never have wandered. It has given lay people, pastors of our churches and teachers of our schools’ tools which can be employed into the future in many and varied ways to connect with more people, reach different people and broaden teaching methods. These tools have given opportunities for our churches and schools to be more effective and relevant in our digital age. COVID-19 has also given us time to reflect on how we ‘do’ church and exposed us to the fresh air of what it can be like to ‘be’ the church!”

SHARYN HARRINGTON, CHAPLAIN, NORTHPINE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

“We have learned that what makes a church is not a building but people.”

MIKE COLLUM, PASTOR, GOLD COAST CENTRAL CHURCH

“We have learnt the importance of priority. Keeping what is special about our church in its rightful place. We love our family feel and welcoming community and wanted to prioritise that while doing church online. That means we don’t have the most spectacular live stream but what we do have is families worshipping together every week! That’s a win for us.”

LACHLAN HARDERS, INTERN MINISTER, GOLD COAST CENTRAL CHURCH

“One of the things members have commented on is the fact they have met people from other churches they would never have met under normal circumstances. My three churches have combined for everything, with break out groups for Sabbath School. This certainly has strengthened things. Also, the early morning prayer time has been a positive for the members who join.”

HEINRICH RUSTERHOLZ, PASTOR, NUNDAH, ALBION, AND BRIBIE ISLAND CHURCHES

“God is always wanting to do a NEW thing with his church, but that new thing that God wants to reveal to us doesn’t get the attention it deserves. Now there are many reasons for that, but one possible reason is FEAR. As you might know, God cannot work through the church if it has a spirit of fear. During this season of COVID-19 it allowed us to step into those spaces of fear and see the real possibility of growing God’s kingdom on earth. Now, with this new confidence, we have moved in the direction where God desires us to explore the NEW and not be afraid of being innovative as we share the gospel and the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

DAVID GILLESPIE, PASTOR, NEW LIFE AND INNOVATE CHURCHES



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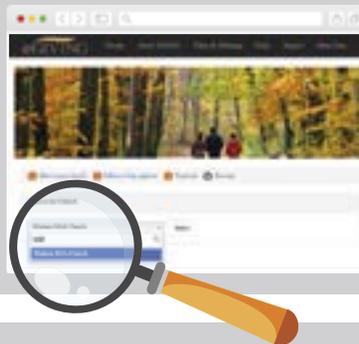
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Select Your Church

Click on the bar, start typing your church's name and scroll through the list, find its name, then tap "Select".



3

Enter the amounts

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A summary of your transaction will appear

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COVID-19 GUIDELINES AND PLANNING TOOL FOR CHURCHES

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The following guide for churches is current at the time of printing, but, will need to be modified according to any changes the Queensland government makes during the process of easing restrictions. The health guidelines around Social Distancing and Hygiene will continue to apply into the future, with possible changes to numbers and distancing requirements. Please consult with the Conference should there be any questions about the up-to-date changes. If you would like to see further details of some of the policies referred to in this guide, please contact your local pastor.

RE-OPENING CHURCHES?

SOCIALS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Church physical locations may re-open for worship and all church affiliated meetings and activities with a **maximum of 20 people per premises at one time.**

Holding board approved Socials off premises.

Larger churches can break their services and meetings up, and run them at different times of the day, to meet the 20 person quota.

Follow the recently updated policy
SQC230.002.ADM—Church Low Risk Or Common Activities Risk Register at all times.

Each church needs to have appropriate signage displayed at the front.

Fully disinfect and clean church premises in between gatherings including toilets, chairs, audio/visual equipment used, benches, door handles .

Food is not permitted before or after Children's Ministry or Social events .

Record attendees contact details and store data securely.

Anyone considered vulnerable should consider the need to attend
Please note QLD government guidelines and talk with pastor.

No choirs permitted

Corporate singing is allowed. Keep musicians to a minimum and ensure all equipment is disinfected after use.

Zoom gatherings should occur using guidelines provided by SQC

1. Zoom meeting guidelines for parents and leaders, 2. Children's meetings guide for leaders and hosts
3. Zoom meetings for children risk assessment

Up-to-date as of: 18/02/21

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Keep to 4 square meters per person in churches, unless your worship venue is below 200 square metres, in which case you can have one person per 2 square metres up to 50 persons at a time.

Family members from the same house hold can sit together in rows or pews. Those attenders who are not of the same household must sit 1.5m radius away from other attendees.

Leaders to plan seating arrangements before worship service and designated ushers to lead attendees to appropriate seats. Be aware of number of people present in the room including restrooms, parents/mothers rooms and ensure social distance of 1.5 metre radius.

Worship services of more than 20 people are not permitted.

Under current directives the combined total of all persons on site (adults & children) at any one time cannot exceed 20

Giving Options

Give via flexible Tithes and offering options which includes eGiving.

Offering box or baskets placed in convenient places for churches who wish to take up collections at a worship service.

Treasurer to work with pastor/head/senior elder to facilitate the pickup of tithes and offerings of those who are unable to give otherwise.

No passing of offering bags or other devices to collect offering during worship service.

No corporate communion services on church premises.

Online communion services can be held with emblems made/poured at home.

Record attendees contact details and store data securely.

Baptisms permitted with maximum 20 people present including pastor, baptismal candidates and others involved in the service.

Fully disinfect and clean premises in between gatherings including restrooms, parents/mothers rooms, chairs, audio/visual equipment used, benches, door handles etc.

Corporate singing is allowed with a recommended 7 sqm rule. Keep musicians to a minimum and ensure all equipment is disinfected after use.

Worship livestreams and Zoom gatherings can continue to occur using the guidelines provided by the Conference.

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Each church needs to have appropriate signage displayed at the front.

Food is not permitted at gatherings on church premises.

Anyone considered vulnerable should consider the need to attend.
Please note QLD government guidelines and talk with pastor.

Record attendees contact details and store data securely.

Gatherings of more than 20 people are not permitted.

Board Approved Home Gatherings

Home owners hosting gathering are expected to ensure homes are cleaned and sanitized.

If children are present a blue card must be held by the leader and ADSAFE child safety policies followed.

Household members and visitors are to confirm if they are healthy and no fever and all present to maintain 1.5m social distancing.

No sharing of meals and beverages unless BYO.

Maximum of 20 visitors allowed from separate households.

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ADVENTURERS, PATHFINDERS & YOUTH

OTHER

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Church Lunches, Morning Teas, Breakfasts and any other food related initiative is not permitted to be served on church premises at this time.

Anyone considered vulnerable should consider the need to attend.

Please note QLD government guidelines and talk with pastor

ADRA activities may occur using guidelines as directed by ADRA Australia and the SQC ADRA Director

Whole Club meetings larger than 20 people are not permitted at this time unless via online platforms

All board approved events, programs and gatherings must record attendees contact details and store data securely

Each church/Church facility needs to have appropriate signage displayed at the front

Food is not permitted before or after meetings held on the church premises

Funerals with a maximum of 100 people

Follow the recently updated policy **SQC230.002.ADM–Church Low Risk Or Common Activities Risk Register** at all times

Weddings with a maximum of 100 people

If meetings held on church premises fully disinfect and clean in between gatherings including restrooms, parents/mothers rooms, chairs, audio/visual equipment used, benches, door handles etc.

Church recreational and camping activities can occur at SQC convention sites with a maximum of 20 people and following all guidelines and convention site directions. Record attendees and contact details and store data securely

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Camping and activities permitted by pathfinders and leaders with the number not exceeding 20 maximum present at any one time.

Private Home Gatherings

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Renting of Church Facilities

Please contact the General Secretary to discuss requirements needed

Zoom gatherings can occur using guidelines provided by SQC

COOROY

SUNSHINE KIDS



Cooroy Adventist Church has started a fortnightly kids program online. Reece Woodland is the leading the filming, creating a worship experience for kids aged 0-10 using puppets, songs and craft/story. The lead presenters include sisters Lily and Brooke Cameron, Faith Pink, Charlotte Fatnowna and Trinity Cannon.

Sunshine Kids started as an Idea for something for the kids of our church to watch on Saturday afternoons while in Isolation. We created this in the hope that kids will come to know Jesus but tailored to their interests. The impact has been great so far. The young ladies involved in making it have definitely been having fun. We have been hearing positive feedback from many places. Children are loving it.

Be sure to check out Sunshine Kids fortnightly on the Cooroy Adventist Church Facebook page!

ARTICLE BY REECE WOODLAND AND JACOB UGLJESA

MURRI-WANTOK CHURCH

NEW CONNECTIONS THROUGH COVID-19

Luke Stuart, South Queensland ATSIM Director and pastor of the Murray-Wantok Church shared this positive story of connection during the current pandemic.

"A young man moved from Far North Queensland to Brisbane, as he was invited by a South Queensland NRL football club to begin playing for them. We ran into each other in a shopping centre where He asked me where the church was that I looked after and was thinking of visiting one Sabbath. Not too long after that our churches were closed due to COVID-19, and our church services began to be delivered over the Zoom platform. I sent him a Zoom link and hoped he would be able to join us. This young man worked through the challenges of setting up Zoom on his smartphone and joined our first Zoom church service. He also zoomed in for our mid-week prayer meeting prophecy seminar.

After several months of joining our services, this young man sent me a message in one of our church Zoom services asking to talk with me after the service, where we talked about the changes he was witnessing in his life, and how he had come to an understanding that he would like to be baptized. What a powerful testimony of God using an opportunity like COVID-19 lockdowns and a Zoom platform to share the Gospel. This young man has never stepped foot into our Murri Wantok church, but he knows and is known by all our church family.

I would like to thank the SQ Conference for acting promptly in setting up a Zoom platform, making it possible to continue Ministering to people, through a challenging pandemic. This experience has encouraged our church leadership to consider all options when churches can reopen to our members and the public."

ARTICLE BY LUKE STUART

ST ANDREWS BUNDABERG

ZOOMING THROUGH COVID-19

St Andrews Church in Bundaberg has been having a great time getting back to basics, worshipping their way through the Covid-19 pandemic. The Church has been active connecting with members both online and through more traditional methods. A fantastic team of volunteers ensure those that are not able to access church digitally are remaining connected, through socially distant visits and phone calls.

The Church has been connecting each Sabbath through Zoom with the majority of the time spent in Sabbath School groups, sharing, praying and reading the Bible together. This simple method of connecting through groups online has been a real blessing to many in the church, with the youth engaged and even the oldest member joining in each week at the ripe old age of 93! "We have also had the privilege of connecting with past members, and friends from other states and time zones to join in our connect groups," reports Pr Dan Kewley.

A couple of other initiatives to connect and grow as a church have been a fun and successful Zoom trivia night, and a virtual 'Walk to Perth.'

With the Walk to Perth, St Andrews have been journeying as a church encouraging each other to stay active and healthy, by recording daily steps and/or calculating the kilometres walked. Combined, the members have journeyed the 4126 kilometres from Bundaberg to Perth. Every few days updates were shared of the towns "walked through" and sights seen while staying active.

ARTICLE BY DAN KEWLEY

GLENVALE

GLENVALE SERMONS ON RADIO

Five years ago Michelle Schneider (known as Ruby Slipperz from her former radio stardom and service as a Toowoomba city councillor) and her husband John began attending the Glenvale Seventh-day Adventist Church. They had found the Lord and begun regularly attending the local Salvation Army Church ten years previously, but had begun to yearn for something more. As our friendship grew through mutual ministry at the local Christian radio station, and the passing away of a mutual friend, they decided to give our church a try. A year later we started a small group with Michelle and John as co-hosts. Last year Ruby and John were baptised at Glenvale and today are very involved in the church, especially music (Ruby is one of our music leaders) and Workplace Health and Safety (John leads the department).

Recently Ruby has stepped up in another area completely, helping with the production of our weekly sermon for radio, now being broadcast three times a week on Faith FM (the Adventist radio network across Australia comprising over 140 stations), as well as 92.9 Voice FM, Toowoomba's popular Christian station, every Sunday at 11:30am.



Ruby has created a wonderful intro to the sermon each week, introducing the Glenvale Seventh-day Adventist Church in a compelling way, as well as an outro complete with an emotive bed of music for the final portion of the message.

Generally Ruby receives the sermon Pr Casey Wolverton would have just preached at Glenvale Church on Sabbath from Jason Rosendahl, sound and lighting director, then fine tunes the audio for production (such as removing annoying sound issues like an unexpected fire alarm going off!), adds her intro and outro, and finally sends it to the radio station sound engineers and program directors requiring the content. This is done pretty quickly, generally by Saturday evening the stations have it, enabling the broadcast of a message that is time sensitive and relevant to the moment. This is particularly helpful for seasonal messages such as a sermon given on Mother's Day, the Easter, or ANZAC holiday weekend, or a message referencing current events.

ARTICLE BY CASEY WOLVERTON

GOLD COAST CENTRAL

KINDNESS DURING MAD MONTH OF MAY

During what is often coined 'the mad month of May', many UNI students face a seemingly endless barrage of assessments, exams, and classes all fighting for their attention. It can be a stressful period of for many and often leads people to focus on their studies at the expense of their involvement in church life. At Gold Coast Central Church, we have a whole bunch of young people that study at the various universities in our region. As Mad May is well and truly upon us, we saw an opportunity for our older members to bless the young adults in our community.

We wanted to let our young people know that we love them and value them, especially now since it is a really stressful time in their studies. With that in mind, an army of our beautiful seasoned members got to work baking up some incredible treats. These treats were carefully packaged with handwritten notes of encouragement to our young adults from their church family. I had the pleasure of travelling around with our Young Adult leader to deliver these baked blessings to our young people.

The reception was truly incredible. Such a simple act of generosity and thoughtfulness can have a powerful impact on someone else. We heard a story of two young adults who caught wind of one of the older ladies that had baked the treats they received. They were so moved that even though they were not previously well-aquainted beforehand with this individual, they took the opportunity to give personal thanks. She called me in tears later that day because it meant so much to her that those young ladies had reached out and shared with her how meaningful the gift was to them. As a group, the Young Adults are now working towards a way to pay forward that blessing and thoughtfulness to our older members.

Overall, our church community have grown together because of this initiative. It has made our young people know they are valued and loved by our church. We think it is a powerful way to provide connection during what can only be described as a season of separation. We want to encourage other churches to give it a shot.

ARTICLE BY LACHLAN HARDERS

SAMOAN CHURCH COMMUNITY

SAMOAN CHURCHES UNITE ONLINE

During the Covid crisis Samoan ministers across Australia have united to connect online and share community. Our SQLD Samoan pastors have been an integral part of the process and delivery.

Viral Conversations | Ideas worth sharing—This initiative was created by the Samoan ministers in AUC to address and help our Samoan communities transition to online platform for church and rethink how we do community in isolation. It also provides an opportunity for our ministers to address various Samoan cultural perspectives and raise any concerns Covid-19 has had on our local churches. We run a livestream on our Facebook page/Zoom every Thursday 1-2pm. The panel is made up of 5 Samoan ministers from Melbourne (Pr Aitui Fanene), Sydney (Pr Asofitu Leatuavao), Brisbane (Pr Francis Pule and Ray Moaga) and Mt Isa (Pr Patrick Pupualii)—vary in ages and cultural upbringing. The discussions are held in both in English and Samoan. We have had great engagement from young adults to much older generations from around the world. We have been running for 4 weeks now.



Tatalo & Talanoa—Translated from Samoan to English as 'prayer and conversations'. Pr Ray Moaga created this Zoom group aimed at Samoan Adventist youth and young adults from around Australia. The purpose is come together to share a devotional, discuss how our week and impact of Covid-19 and pray. An average of 16 people tune in each week, and most weeks new faces from around Australia and NZ join. Great support has been shown by other Samoan ministers who drop in occasionally. It is hosted every Friday evening 7.30-8.30pm.

ARTICLE BY RAY MOAGA

PASTORS RESPOND TO FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CHALLENGES



A 6 week 'Resilient Couples' workshop on building resilience in couples was organised by Pr Christos Spero, Pr Francis Pule and Pr Ray Moaga. The workshops were created in quick response to the alarming statistics of the rise in domestic violence and the impact on vulnerable families during Covid-19 (financial loss, parenting, home dynamics). Presenters were arranged from within Adventist networks (pastors, conference departmental directors, tertiary educators and financial advisor) who have contributed greatly to the discussions.

The aim of this was to see families and couples thrive and maintain strong and healthy marriages/relationships during and after covid-19. Already tremendous change has been seen in some couples. Over 27 couples tuned in each week from all over SQLD, NSW and VIC. These workshops ran on ZOOM every Thursday evening from 7.30-8.30pm.

ARTICLE BY RAY MOAGA GOLD COAST CENTRAL

School Chaplains Step Up During Covid-19

BY MEL LEMKE

Our School Chaplaincy teams in Queensland are top of the pile, but they have raised the bar to a whole new level during Covid-19. At a time of extreme pressure and stress for school staff, students, and their families, they have stepped up to not only deliver fabulous online programs and remote pastoral care to students and families, they have also been very intentional about taking care of and supporting the wellbeing of their staff. Take a glimpse into their world, and check out some of the things our school chaplains have been up to over the last 6 weeks:



Staff Care

- Practical Support to teachers: sourcing material they might need, helping them put together learning packs, technology set up, making videos, working zoom, help with supervision of students at school (essential worker children)
- Help with Content for remote leaning: Creation of a daily worship segment based on the week's school value for teachers to include in their remote learning plans
- Regular Encouragement and Personal Care: Text & Appreciation Cards, checking in with staff regularly to see how they are going, going around to each staff member and having an individual chat throughout the day, organising a low-key baby shower/bridal shower to incorporate into our staff worship time (with social distancing measures in place!), inviting staff to establish Encouragement Partners to give each person someone to encourage
- Thank You Staff Lunches: Lunch on the lawn, "Welcome back" Staff Lunch (start of Term 2), "Pizza Party" lunch for all our staff (see photo), a "Week of Treats/Lunches" for staff: Zarraffa's drink on Monday, Subway lunch on Tuesday, Healthy Smoothies on Wednesday etc
- Periodic Surprise Gifts for staff: A flowering pot plant with card "Thank you for helping our students grow", Nina's book "As Light Lingers by Nina Atcheson", a bowl of fresh fruit in the staff room, treats in the fridge for snack times, surprise Afternoon Tea treats
- Spiritual Health and Wellbeing: Staff Week of Worship with worships done for the week by guest speakers via zoom, a staff "Live More" Program to enhance happiness and wellbeing, Staff Worships each morning by Zoom—inviting local pastors to engage in this space with us too, weekly prayer for a staff member and their family
- Admin Support: Regular briefings with the Admin team to listen and support those who lead
- Advocacy for staff at high risk and working with our admin team to reduce their risk

Student Care

- Daily Zoom catchups for different grades to check in/hang out and pray with them.
- Student Wellbeing: Videos for students posted online on resilience and building wholistic wellbeing, HRU (How Are You) emails: Daily emails—check-ins with terrible dad jokes, awesome encouragement from the Bible, and little Chappie Challenges, to let kids know that we are thinking of them, praying for them, and working to support them through their isolation, direct messaging students through SEQTA with encouragement and pastoral care
- Devotional worksheets and videos for Student Devotional Activity



- Relationship with Jesus: Videos on how to build a relationship with Jesus (Bible reading, Journaling etc); online Chapels for Primary & Secondary each week; providing Bibles to students at home; Bible studies in their groups via zoom; a Chappies Pack to each student in our school including ideas and resources on how to study the bible, worship ideas, links and online resources that will engage our students and school families with God; Chappie Challenge—something God focused to do each day that is creative; Breakfast Club—Bible studies over brekkie
- Service to Others: Posting a weekly Service Challenge for our students



- Pastoral Care visits with students over Zoom and with Essential Worker children
- Phone calls to Year 12 students to offer support & prayer
- Storytime: Reading a kid's story to the students—just for something different
- Let's Do lunch: Zoom Room lunchtime. Those who want to can connect over lunch

- Now that students are back in school: Class visits and playground conversations for pastoral care mental wellbeing (Primary & Secondary)

School Families Care

- Video Resources for families: Family focused bite-sized informative interviews with our School Counsellor and School Chaplains. Topics include “Coping with stress,” “Strategies to get better sleep,” “Personal Hygiene during Covid,” “Being Creative with At-Home Activities,” and “Family worship activity ideas.”
- Pastoral Care Phone Calls: Call each home to check in on them. Liaising with teachers to find out any families who are struggling/in need of extra support
- Online Counselling Sessions with our school counsellor for families and students by appointment
- Webinars for Prayer-time with school families
- How Can We Help you cards sent to each home with options including “Pick up groceries, Post office run, Friendly phone call, Other...”
- Let's Pray: Staff pray for a student and their family each week with a “We're praying for you” postcard sent to student's family
- Financial Support: Reaching out to parents who have lost jobs due to Covid-19 and getting in touch with the school office about financial plans for them.



“I think you will agree that our School Chaplains have been busy! We're conscious of how hard they are working, and we are taking care of them too. Please pick a school and uphold them in your prayers this week. They are doing an incredible job,” says Dr Mel Lemke, who is the chaplaincy coordinator for our schools.

Local Pastors Support Teachers and Staff at Northpine Christian College

BY MEL LEMKE

It started in a monthly Cluster meeting – a local gathering of pastors and chaplains to share, plan and pray together.

The chaplains had just shared what a great job the teachers and staff had done in rolling out remote learning for their students during Covid-19 – but how, after the last 6 weeks, they were “worn out,” having gone way beyond their normal role requirements. One of the pastors asked “What can we do to help?”

That started a robust discussion, as while there was a keen desire to help and support school staff, there seemed no practical way to do so in that people external to the school program were not yet allowed on campus. Ideas had included “Let’s put a lunch on for them,” and “Can we help put class resources together for them?” Another pastor made a suggestion that made it past the “we can’t do that yet” filter: let’s contract a local “Coffee to You” van to come to the school and provide a hot drink of choice to each staff member.



Everyone loved the idea and a plan was hatched. In consultation with the School Principal and Early Learning Centre Service Leader, it was decided that pre-orders would be taken, the van could park in the carpark, pastors could take staff worship by Zoom from the carpark to the staff on campus, then help put the individual gift packages together while the school chaplains delivered them to each staff member on the school grounds.

The “Gifts of love and care” to each staff member consisted of their favourite hot drink, a treat, and a bible promise card—God’s Word to each one for the day—hand delivered by a smiling School Chaplain. A small act of kindness and love, that had such a BIG impact. Here are some of the comments that came back to the chaplains from school staff:



- A big Thank You to the Northside Pastors for blessing Northpine staff today
- Thank you Team! I really really appreciate it!
- This is a beautiful and appreciated gesture. Thank you xx
- You guys are amazing! Thank you ☺
- Thank you for thinking of us! I feel very spoilt.
- Thanks very much for your care and thoughtfulness!
- This awesome! Please pass on our thanks to the Northside pastors for thinking of us and looking after us in this way!!
- Fabulous guys. Normally don’t have hot drinks but loved the warm up on a cold morning.
- It was a really good thing, please pass on our thanks to the Pastors and local churches
- From the ELC: We are separated by distance to the main school but we love feeling connected, and are really feeling part of a bigger group

The Principal summed it up like this: We often talk about wellbeing and how important it is in the lives of those who serve. Your hot drinks were a dose of wellbeing shared into the lives of a group of willing school ministers who are happy to serve but tired from what has been a super busy and unprecedented time for schools. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous gift of time and appreciation

that you gave us today. It was amazing to have the pastors blessing our staff. It is one of the best things we have seen in this space. Thank you also for the ministry you do for your communities and pray that together we will see kingdom growth as a result of our collective efforts.

Northside Pastors—Very well done! Church and School, together as one, loving and supporting our community and establishing the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth.

IPSWICH

THE AIR THAT WE BREATHE

God created humanity to be in relationship with them. He also created us to be in relationship with each other. Being connected to God and each other is as necessary as the air we breathe.

The desire to belong, be accepted and valued are of high importance for our social and emotional wellbeing and they were getting what was needed to grow, flourish and thrive. Keeping this in mind, at IAS, we have worked very hard to maintain connection with our families and each other during the COVID-19 lockdown period.



There were many Pastoral phone calls to families to see how they are going and what may be needed. There were lunch time Zoom meetings for students to connect and catch up with friends. Cards were created and sent to each other in the mail to encourage and brighten up the day. Different exercises and workouts were created to keep fit and active together which involved students and staff.

A consistent message of hope, a job well done and a soon return to school, was the positive mindset communicated to our school community.

In spite of the extra pressure on the school teachers and staff, with learning new skills, long hours of preparation and new procedures to work with, staff have continued to display a positive attitude. Staff were supported with surprise afternoon tea treats and shown appreciation with flowers and an encouraging verse. Staff also celebrated a special Week Of Worship with guest speakers via Zoom during worship time to develop on the theme “Grow In Me” with each day bringing something special, like a take-away lunch, for the staff to enjoy and feel encouraged and appreciated for all their hard work.

To maintain this positive mindset of belonging and value, our staff have embarked on a journey together called ‘Live More’ to promote a healthy and happy attitude to life with all its ups and downs.

Together we can overcome. God will always give us what is necessary in order to complete his work. This is not to say the job will feel easy. But God promises through Isaiah, “He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might He increases power.” (Isa. 40:29 NASB)

Together, through our relationship with God and each other, we are invited to connect, support and grow in Jesus in every situation.

To the wider church family, thank you for your prayers and support as together we get through this tough time that is also filled with many new opportunities to show those around us that we care for them.

ARTICLE BY NADIA GOLTZ, CHAPLAIN,
IPSWICH ADVENTIST SCHOOL

NOOSA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

NOOSA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE STRENGTHENS RELATIONSHIPS DURING COVID-19

During Covid-19, Noosa Christian College has strengthened relationships with parents and the community. Parents have been unrelenting with comments and compliments on the support and handling of the situation and the transition to online lessons and the school’s ‘Learning From Home’ program.

The Noosa Christian College Team have been working very hard catering and supporting students and families not only with lessons and keeping on task with the curriculum, but also with phone calls and video conferences to families to check on their well-being. Our teachers are checking on how students are going with work and how they are mentally as well. Our Chaplains introduced a weekly Chaplain's Challenge, for example, 'do something nice for your neighbour' then take a photo or video and send in for a response back from the Chaplains. Each week, a winner receives a prize.



The Chaplains also connect with students in what they call 'Chappy Chats' to discuss how students are getting on and giving them time to connect with their fellow classmates.

Our Sports Coordinator organised early morning online fitness classes for the whole family followed by a stretching class. Students have also been given the opportunity to participate in our Virtual Cross Country from home with winners announced each week. We are catering not only for students' academic needs, but also their spiritual, social, physical and emotional needs through a variety of activities presented and contact made with our students and their families during this stressful time of Covid-19.

Messages from parents include ...

Parent 1: "The support you give not only to our children, but to the parents as well, is amazing. :) Not once have I or my children felt alone in this journey. Thank you all so much xxx"

Parent 2: "The dedication that was involved with the process was admirable! The NCC team provided our kids with fun online learning opportunities and we have to say that they have been enjoying each lesson. We've had major changes, tears, frustration, joy and achievement! Noosa Christian College has supported us in many ways to make sure our kids stay on track, understand their tasks and are there to help where needed. The success of online learning during this time has made us research home school, however, nothing can replace the support from the teachers, the community with families and the socialising, even if it is at a distance. Listening to the classes is entertaining! The little jokes and endearing comments from teachers make you realise how special our community is. Thank you NCC."

ARTICLE BY MRS DALE BERGMAN

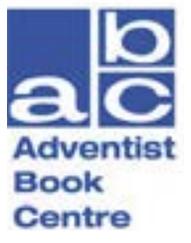
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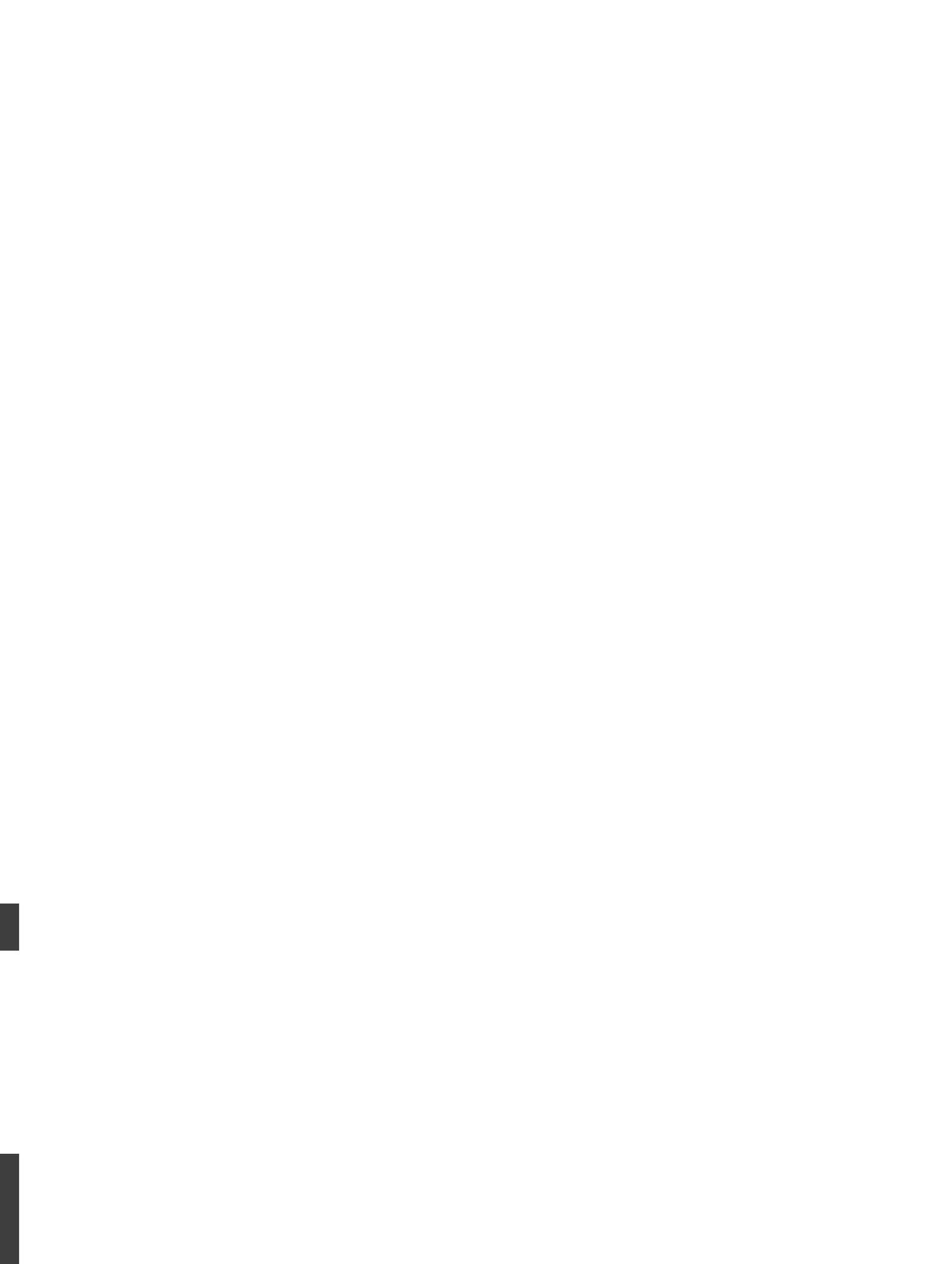
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The following guide for churches is current at the time of printing, but, according to the Queensland government, church attenders in their worship services. At that stage Funerals and Weddings will also be able to have 100 people at a time with numbers attending. If you would like to see further details of some of the policies referred to in this guide, please contact your local church.

RE-OPENING CHURCHES?

MEETINGS OF GROUPS	CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE	CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Church physical locations may re-open for worship and all church affiliated meetings and activities with a maximum of 20 people per premises at one time	Church physical locations may re-open for worship and all church affiliated meetings and activities with a maximum of 20 people per premises at one time, this includes all people involved in leading and producing the worship service	Church physical locations may re-open for worship and all church affiliated meetings and activities with a maximum of 20 people per premises at one time
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Food is not permitted at gatherings on church premises	Food is not permitted before or after worship	Food is not permitted before or after Sabbath School or children's events
Anyone considered vulnerable should consider the need to attend. Please note QLD government guidelines and talk with pastor	Anyone considered vulnerable should consider the need to attend. Please note QLD government guidelines and talk with pastor	Fully disinfect and clean premises in between gatherings including toilets, chairs, audio/visual equipment used, benches, door handles
Record attendees contact details and store data securely	Keep to 4 square meters per person when indoors. Physical distancing (1.5-2m) Family members from the same house hold can sit together in rows or pews. Those attenders who are not of the same household must sit 1.5m radius away from other attendees. Leaders to plan seating arrangements before worship service and designated ushers to lead attendees to	Record attendees contact details and store data securely

NING TOOL FOR CHURCHES

irus pandemic, and the South Queensland Conference Crisis Management team coordinate the duties and

ment roadmap to easing restrictions, it is anticipated that by Sabbath July 11 churches will be able to have 100 attending. The health guidelines around Social Distancing and Hygiene will continue to apply, albeit with larger please contact your local pastor.

	ADVENTURERS, PATHFINDERS & YOUTH	SOCIALS	OTHER
or gs ple	Church physical locations may re-open for worship and all church affiliated meetings and activities with a maximum of 20 people per premises at one time	Church physical locations may re-open for worship and all church affiliated meetings and activities with a maximum of 20 people per premises at one time	Church Lunches, Morning Teas, Breakfasts and any other food related initiative is not permitted to be served on church premises at this time.
ent	Anyone considered vulnerable should consider the need to attend. Please note QLD government guidelines and talk with pastor	Food is not permitted at social events	ADRA activities may occur using guidelines as directed by ADRA Australia and the SQC ADRA Director
mes	Whole Club meetings larger than 20 people are not permitted at this time unless via online platforms	Follow the recently updated policy SQC230.002.ADM—Church Low Risk Or Common Activities Risk Register at all times	All board approved events, programs and gatherings must record attendees contact details and store data securely
lity	Each church/facility needs to have appropriate signage displayed at the front of the facility	Each church needs to have appropriate signage displayed at the front of the facility	Each church/facility needs to have appropriate signage displayed at the front of the facility
	Food is not permitted before or after meetings held on the church premises	Fully disinfect and clean church premises in between gatherings including toilets, chairs, audio/visual equipment used, benches, door handles	Funerals with a maximum of 50 people
airs,	Follow the recently updated Policy SQC230.002.ADM—Church Low Risk Or Common Activities Risk Register at all times	Holding board approved Socials off premises	Weddings with a maximum of 20 people
ore	If meetings held on church premises, Fully disinfect and clean premises in between gatherings including toilets, chairs, audio/visual equipment used, benches, door handles	Record attendees contact details and store data securely	Church recreational and camping activities can occur at SQC convention sites with a maximum of 20 people and following all guidelines and convention site directions. Record attendees and contact details and store data securely