

PREACHING:

Theo Salahor

WORSHIP LEADER:

Amy Anderson

SINGING TEAM:

Team 3

GREETERS & STEWARDS:

D Niebling, P & D Jeffs

COUNTING:

M Thomas & P Mollenhauer

CLEANING:

Jenny Leslie

LOCK UP:

Theo Salahor

Kids Time Program - runs during morning service through school terms.

Kids to meet in the top hall before the morning service begins.

Teens Bible Study during AM service in the hall.

Toilets are located through the breezeway and in the main hall.

Baby change facility is located in the disabled toilet.

Hearing Loop operates in church—for access switch your aid to the “T” function.

Bulletin Items: Contact the church office by Wednesday Morning

Online Tithes & Offering:

Name: Deception Bay Baptist Church

Bank: Bank of Queensland

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Church Times

Wednesday Morning

9:00am

Sunday Morning

9:00am

10:30am

Weekly Prayer

Wednesday

3pm

Season of Change (The Post-COVID-19 Church)

A while ago the topic that was hot on everybody's lips was: *"How do we get back to normal, after the lockdown restrictions?"* Questions such as: When do businesses re-open, when will social distancing be removed, how will the economy recover, will a vaccine be found? & I guess, the big one for us as Christ Followers; when will church open again & how will it look? Questions such as, can we sing again, can we have communion etc.? During this period, these were the questions that weighed heavily on my heart.

It's a good discussion for us to be having as well. What lessons have we learned during the lockdowns? What helpful new practices have we come across? Should we necessarily go back to the way things were done pre-COVID-19?

Here are some thoughts I feel might be worth considering.

1. We have loved one another

I'm overwhelmed at the love that has been shown by this church to our fellow believers. Facebook groups for sharing resources; acts of random generosity as gifts get dropped at the door; the countless telephone calls & looking beyond the usual circle of friends to embrace others.

2. We have used technology & have been creative

Social restrictions have forced many of our interactions to be via video chat. These new formats have been challenging—but also at times surprising. Some Bible study groups have never had so many people in them! Online sermons have reached a wider audience. Of course, there may be a novelty factor to explain this.

You may be exhausted from your daily slog through Zoom/Skype meeting after meeting, giving you a negative attitude towards online gatherings—it is certainly like that for me! However, maybe there's a place for at least some small groups to stay online even when COVID has ended. Of course, nothing beats physically meeting with others for discussion & prayer around God's word, but COVID-19 may not be the only season of life when online groups are worth pursuing.

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3. Could this be a Shift in the way we think?

Some things to do with church we never want to change, for example prayer, worshipping our great God, preaching the Word, fellowship with one another, communion etc. But what structures, activities, meetings, councils/gatherings can we alter? All the things our church run should be intentionally kingdom focused, not just historically kingdom focused. The COVID-19 restrictions have given us a unique opportunity to evaluate whether our church activities are kingdom focused.

Post-COVID-19 life will give us something that many churches only ever wished for: an almost-blank canvas! Let's not go back & automatically recreate the old painting with all its blemishes. Let's paint a new, exciting painting with an even greater gospel-shaped colour scheme.

Conclusion

COVID-19 is an awful event that no-one would ever wish on the world. However, with every challenge there also comes opportunity. And as horrible as COVID-19 is, there is also opportunity for us to rethink—and if need be, reinvent—how to best live for Jesus & his kingdom.

So, what lessons have you learned during the lockdowns? What helpful new practices have you come across? Will you go back to the way things were done before COVID-19?

Election of Church Council

The forms are now available for nominating people into the Church Council and are located near the exit door. There is one simple form that covers all positions, plus a list of members and simple instructions to help you. We would encourage you to pray about this. If you are not attending church at present due to COVID and would like to receive a form, please contact the church office or church secretary and we will post or email a form to you.

Annual Report

Each department/ ministry of the church needs to submit a paragraph or more for the Annual Report. Please email your report through to Di Jeffs before the 25th October.

Church Website

Our church bulletins are now being uploaded onto our church website, along with announcements, sermons and pastoral blogs, so please head along to www.dbaybap.com and check it out. If anything is missed, or you want to include/update an activity please let the office know.

Dot Gall

Dot Gall would like a lift to church from her home in Kippa-Ring. If anyone is able to assist, please contact Dot on 3203 0722. Any offers would be welcome.

Mowing Roster

After many years of faithful ministry, Bok is no longer able to continue keeping our yards looking immaculate. We need volunteers to fill a mowing roster for the church. The church has a ride-on mower which makes the job a little easier. If you can spare a couple of hours every few months to assist please let the office know as soon as possible. We want to also thank Bok for the care and attention he has put into our lawns through the years.

Youtube Sermons

For the next couple of Sundays Pastor Theo will be preaching on burnout and depression. As they will be rather long, they will not be on Youtube. They will be live on our church Facebook page "Deception Bay Baptist Church", and also available every Wednesday on our church website. There will be different messages preached on Youtube if you would like to listen to those as well.

PRAYER & PRAISE

- Prayer for the family of Gordon Hansen following his passing
- Prayer for Stewart and Fay Anson and for many of our shut-ins
- Prayer for Salome Hoey who has recently had a medical procedure
- Praise for Kim Ross whose leg and nerve pain is healing
- Prayer for Kerri-Marie Kelly's son Matthew with Crohn's disease as he learns to live with his diagnosis
- Prayer for Dot Gall for specialist appointment and possible surgery
- Prayer for Visa Hull as she seeks employment
- Prayer for Louise Rooney, Lella Saunders, Margaret McCallum & their families, following their bereavements
- Prayer for the missionaries we support, as they settle into the travel restrictions and changes within their organisations
- Praise for the improved healing of Tamara Smith's heart surgery wound

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

14th Lillian Buchanan

17th Helen Adey

18th Dhuol Agualy