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Agnes Water, 4677 QLD

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Dear Church,

The elders have met again this week to discuss Covid-19 and how we as a church will continue to function as we seek to comply with an ever changing set of laws aimed at reducing the spread of the infection. We want to remind you all of our exhortation from the last letter to not worry. God is sovereign and in control, even amidst the chaos that has enveloped the world. The illusion of security and comfort has been torn from the western world, and our prayer is that the people of Agnes Water Baptist Church lead by example in looking to God for their comfort and security during this time of crisis.

### **New bans on religious gatherings**

We note the most recent update from the government was to ban all non-essential gatherings for at least the next 4 weeks. Included in this list is religious gatherings. Obviously, this includes almost everything that we as a church do. But to be specific, the following steps have been taken by the church:

- Kids and Youth Programs – As announced on Sunday, all kids and youth programs are suspended until further notice. If you have a young person, Josh will be in contact with you this week to discuss how to support their ongoing growth in the faith.
- Sunday Church Services – These will no longer be open to the congregation to attend in person. We had remarkable success streaming our service on Sunday, and we will only get more proficient and organised in the weeks ahead. We are seeking clarification about the gathering of the musicians on Sunday morning, but assume this will go ahead. We will post the video live to Facebook, and then proceed to upload the completed service to Youtube as soon as feasible for those without Facebook. This can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDDQdVYTjBiqwtu8zupo9tQ/>
- Monday Night prayer meeting will continue but will take place outside. We will continue to monitor this going into winter. We are most reluctant to end this as there is something powerful that takes place when we gather to pray together, and now more than ever is a time that needs prayer. We hope to be more organised in sending out prayer needs and will also offer the ability to call in to Dan's mobile (or the church number) at 7pm Monday.
- Discipleship Explored (as a copyrighted program) will not be streamed live on Facebook. However, participants will receive a link to the video on Tuesday afternoon, and will be called at 7pm on a conference call to participate in the discussion.
- Wednesday Bible Study. As this is content created by myself (Pastor Dan) I am happy to post this publicly. I will conference call regular participants, but feel free to join the live feed of

Bible study on Wednesdays at 3.30pm. If the call doesn't work, we will look at possibly changing the format to a short lecture on the passage in question.

- Thursday Night Music will continue as planned, keeping social distancing laws.

If you have any needs or questions during this difficult time, please let us know. If you are unable to join our online programs, please call me as soon as possible to discuss how we might keep connected during this time.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dan

*on behalf of the elders.*

Agnes Water Baptist Church

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*Service at 9.30am on Sundays*

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