

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The past week has been very eventful in terms of changes to the lives of all Australians. All churches have now been closed for public attendance at worship services. Weddings and funerals are still permitted in churches but with a maximum of 5 persons for a wedding and 10 for a funeral. Katie Hedges and Phil Corlett have moved their wedding to this Saturday, March 28th but unfortunately, only five can attend. This Friday, I will conduct the funeral for our beloved Ruth White, but only ten persons can attend. Thank you for your prayers for Phil and Katie, and for Ruth's family.

In the past week, our staff and elders have met to discuss measures we can put in place to stay connected and support each other. We will continue to stream our weekly morning worship services at 10:00am each Sunday until further notice. Please note that our church building at 13 Wallington Road, Balga will be closed to public access. You can access the Sunday service via our Southern Cross Centre Facebook page or click on the button on our website: southerncrosscentre.org.au/churchonline

We would ask you to please note the following:

- Please check your emails regularly to receive updates on church-related developments.
- Our Southern Cross Youth will continue to meet through video chat and Messenger
- The church office at Unit 5, 22 Gibberd Road, Balcatta will remain open Tuesday to Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm. Please ring us on 6154 2921 to update your email address, request pastoral care or assistance, or speak with us.
- If you are not in a home group and require pastoral assistance, please email Marg Olsen: office.admin@southerncrosscentre.org.au
- We are most grateful to all who continue to tithe to the church's work online, either by direct debit or credit card. Anthony has recently revised our website to make giving online much easier. southerncrosscentre.org.au/giving Thank you to those who give regularly and faithfully to the Lord's work.
- As indicated last week, home groups will meet entirely at the group's discretion. We urge our leaders to keep in prayer for and keep in touch with each other during this difficult time.
- If you are on Facebook, please visit and like our Southern Cross Centre Facebook page. This enables us to update you on important developments.
- Finally, we want you to know that we were encouraged by the 46 people who attended our Sunday worship service last week. Many who were not able to attend made contact and gave apologies. During this unprecedented time, we must press into God and stay connected with each other. I urge you to pray that this disease will be contained and a cure found, also pray for our government leaders and especially for those whose lives have been impacted by the pandemic. Now is a good time to reach out to others with acts of kindness.

Remember the words of II Timothy 1:7,

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (fear), but a spirit of love, of power, and of self-discipline".

Our Love and Prayers are ALWAYS with you,
John and Alaine