Welcome to Alice Springs Baptist Church

GATHERED for his glory and connecting with all Central DESERT believers, we EQUIP God’s people, enabling the SCATTERED church to be in mission every day.

July - August 2020

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Combined Churches Prayer

Alice Springs Combined Churches Prayer,
‘The Body of Christ coming together as ONE praying for Revival and transformation of Central Australia.’
Saturday 8th August, 8am to 9am
Hosted by Rivers of Life Church,
50 Plus Community Centre, 11 Wills Terrace
(Enter through gate and car park to rear of building)
Building is at the end of the Anzac Oval car park, directly across from Todd Tavern on Wills Terrace.
Prayer Focus this month: ‘A harvest of Souls’
We will also begin praying for Peace over Alice Springs with the September Court hearing of Yuendumu Policeman, Zachary Rolfe.
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FOR THE LATEST UPDATES ON ALL CHURCH SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES VISIT www.alicebaptist.org/calendar

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David Strickland (Administration)

Enabling Deacons
Cate Garwood (Hospitality)
Joshua Howard (Creative Ministries)
Megan Gardner (Missions & Outreach)
Kristy Howard (Home Groups)
**COVID-19 Impact Survey**

We Need Your Voice: Church Survey – Impact of COVID-19

At our recent Members Meeting we had a discussion about the COVID-19 disruption and how it could and should be an opportunity to grow. We thought the best place to start was to ask people! Get some facts, rather than guess. That information and those views can then be used to grapple with how we can best move forward as a church.

If you haven’t yet completed the survey you can find the full letter here: [www.shorturl.at/nyN29](http://www.shorturl.at/nyN29) And direct access to the online survey here: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFYW6](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFYW6)

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**Can You Help?**

Shockwave needs volunteers to cook a healthy and filling meal approximately once every ten weeks for about 30 people. If you are interested please contact Nerida on 0427 560 115.

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**Pastor’s Pen**

Love Completes the Law ~

We all carry our own little rule book. You know the one I’m talking about, the one in our mind where we like things, or believe things should be a “particular way”. No discussion, no leniency...this is just the way things are. When Jesus challenged the Pharisees around healing on the Sabbath (Mark 3:1-6) his question wasn’t rhetorical, nor was there an obvious answer. Keeping the Sabbath was about loyalty and covenant with God. Sabbath mattered, and Jesus wouldn’t disagree. But what Jesus wanted to point out was that legalism had gotten in the way, the religious people had got caught in the rules and forgotten the heart of God: like someone so desperate to remain committed, but no longer knowing who they married. With respect to the complexity, Jesus wased in bringing love and healing. What does it look like for us to respect the complexity of circumstances, but first and foremost demonstrate love? Let’s not forget the heart of God, after all, love completes the law.

~ Gavin

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**Partners in Prayer**

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.” - Martin Luther

1. Pray for the SA/NT pastor’s retreat coming up in early August down in SA. Pray that it will be a time of unity and reflection as the group seeks the voice of the Good Shepherd as they worship and pray together.

2. Pray for who face heightened restrictions, especially for those in Melbourne and Sydney as they face increasing outbreaks and fear. Pray for the countries suffering huge numbers of cases and deaths every day. Pray that people would reach out to the living God during this time and find peace in this time of anxiety and discover eternal life in Jesus Christ.

3. Pray for those continuing to research a vaccine for this virus. That they would be given wisdom beyond their years, and be able to foresee and counter any possible negative outcomes of these trials and especially the finished product.

4. Pray for the new babies on the way for Rebekah & Alex Riley and also Megan & Gavin Brown, for good health of both mother and child.

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**Return of Physical Gatherings**

Personal Responsibility

- If you are unwell, you must remain at home.
- Parents/carers must educate their children on physical distancing expectations and are responsible for their adherence.
- Work together and show understanding and grace with the limitations.

Physical Distancing

- Seats will be arranged by family units and will be spaced at least 1.5m apart.
- Dedicated entrances and exits will continue to be used.

Hygiene Principles

- Hand sanitiser at entrance.
- Offering collection box will be at the back of the auditorium rather than bags being passed along.
- No tea or coffee will be available afterward, (pending review).
- Communion will be served to you.

**Budget Report**

The ASBC believes that God provides our every need to fulfill His ministries.

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