

Wednesday 18th March 2020

Dear Church Family,

We are writing in light of the Corona Virus (Covid-19), to inform you of our response to this worldwide pandemic. Over the next few weeks, a number of changes will be made throughout the life of the Church. Our Elders, Ministers and Support Staff have been praying diligently over these changes, and have one key focus in mind - the health and safety of all who are connected with HumeRidge Church.

As a dedicated and committed church community, we continue to emphasise that this is a time for us as Christians to exercise Godly wisdom, to adhere to the advice of professionals and to let FAITH not FEAR rule over our thoughts, prayers and response. We continue to emphasise that this is an opportunity to show the world God's love and grace, through our prayers and actions.

However, as this virus continues to move rapidly throughout the world and Australia, and in response to ongoing Government directives, we have made the difficult decision to:

Suspend our physical 9am and 5pm Sunday gatherings until further notice.

This does not mean that we are stopping gatherings all together. We believe that God is at work even during this time of uncertainty, and we wish to inform you of our exciting new and fresh plans for a new Ministry simply called **#HumeRidgeAtHome**.

Our plans over the coming weeks are as follows:

- **we will roll out a full online platform where you will have access to our regular Sunday service via video cast. These services will be available from 9am and 5pm each Sunday morning, to allow you to experience Church from your home;**
- **we will make available a number of different resources to use in our homes and during LifeGroups each week. This will include opportunities to partake communion and to watch the Sunday sermon. This will also include resources for our kids and youth;**
- **we will continue to have RightNow Media available for anyone connected to HumeRidge Church; and**
- **if you require any urgent Pastoral Care support you can contact our on-call Number – 0422 803 029. A Pastor will attend to your phone call.**

We are acutely aware that communication at this time is vitally important. To make sure that all information received is up-to-date, all of our HumeRidge communications from this point forward will go through one central location found at the weblink below:

www.humeridge.church/athome

You will find updates about Programs, Ministries, Church Services (physical and online) volunteers and any postponements that may occur. We would encourage you to view this weblink as a high priority and your one- stop-shop for all communication from HumeRidge Church. Please save this link to your web browser, and/or device.

We are aware that some people don't have access to the online world, and we are seeking your assistance with this. If you are available and willing to be someone who could pass on information to those who require it, please do so. We want everyone to feel connected to the Church (God's People) more than ever during this next season.

Friends, lets continue to remind each other of these words from Isaiah 41:10 (NLT): *"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."*

God Bless

Murray, Caz and the Team at HumeRidge Church`