

Hello,

On Wednesday I met with both Transition Team and the Leadership Team.

#### The Garratt St COVID Safety Plan – an important big step

The teams were involved in the final drafting, review and approval of The Garratt St Centre COVID Safety Plan. Thanks to the leaders who submitted plans for their specific ministry/activity that supplied details needed for this overall plan. These plans provide the assurance to the Leadership team that we have measures in place to provide an environment that is as COVID Safe as we can possibly make it.

#### Work in progress – baby steps

Because the plan is now in place, we are able to increase the number of people who can be on the property to 100 or 1 per 4 sqm – whichever is the lesser. In practical terms this means that we will be able to increase the number of activities and the number of people in activities that can happen, simultaneously, during the week.

It means we will be able to increase the number of volunteers doing jobs to reopen the building to full services and have the Op Shop open.

We are making steady progress on this long list of small jobs that need to be done before we can open our doors on a Sunday morning. We will be able to include more of the people who have indicated that they can help with the tasks. If you would like to be involved, please send a message to this email address.

#### Learning the COVID Safe behaviours – small steps

It is important that we learn, now, the behaviours of hand hygiene and distancing so that, if or when the virus is escalates, we will know how to behave to look after our own health and that of our neighbours. Many areas in the building are being taped out in 1.5 mt distances. This is an intentional step to help in this learning process.

Our target reopening of Sunday services remains 13 September 2020. However, times are as uncertain or more uncertain now than they have been as we prayerfully watch the escalation of the coronavirus in our neighbours of Victoria and New South Wales.

It's important to realise that this is a target only at this stage. We are working on the things that are in our control and praying on the things that are not. We must work, pray and wait and see.

Church services will continue to be recorded and posted on our website after we re-open so individuals may choose to continue to worship in the security of their own homes.

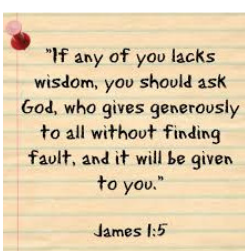
Last week's teaching on Wisdom is very pertinent this week as, on a daily basis we find that we need wisdom in making decisions and patience when we need to wait to find out more before the next decision can be made.

How comforting to know what to do – **Ask God** who gives generously.

#### Ask God

While we are asking, with thanksgiving, here are some other possible topics:

- Part 1 of The CAP Money Course runs this Saturday 25 July and Part 2 on 8 August – ask that the lives of delegates will be changed as they learn new tools for budgeting, saving and



spending their money and through their contact with our Money Coaches they may see Christ's love for them

- Resident in Victoria and NSW who are locked down, in isolation or in fear.
- For wisdom and patience as we learn the COVID safe behaviours.

#### More baby steps – Olivia Grace Lloyd

Congratulations to Jenn and Daniel on the arrival of Olivia Grace at 9:05 am on Wednesday 22 July 2020. Pictures and this news arrived as the Transition team finished their practical task and before the Leadership Team met and injected joy and hope into the day.... And, as you see, has overflowed into a theme in this message with its references to baby steps.

Olivia will not be stepping just yet, but the days will come when we are able to watch her sit, crawl, stand and then take baby steps.

She is blessed with red hair, like her dad, at birth, weighed 3.01 kg and was 47cm long (6lb 10 oz and 18.5 inches -in the old measurements that some of us still understand better). Jenn and Olivia are both doing well.

#### Thank God

As we share Jenn and Daniel's joy, thank God:

- For contacts that have been renewed at the Op Shop and the first Craft Group meeting.
- For the containment of the virus in the ACT and the wisdom of Health Authorities everywhere and for the vaccine trials that are starting up and the continued work of epidemiologists throughout the world
- For every blessing in our personal lives that comes from God and for the blessing of Olivia's new life that reminds us that in the midst of difficulties there are always blessings – if we look for them.
- For the completed work of Jesus on the cross that pays the price for our sin and reconciles us to our Heavenly Father



- For friends who are only a phone call away
- Count your blessings.

#### Finance

Here is the latest data for the offering received up to 21 July 2020.

We continue to be thankful for the tithes and offers received in the church bank accounts especially as we hear the news about the economic crisis and changes to government support. You will notice that the total Jobkeeper figure has increased again as we continue to be eligible for this payment.

Analysis of Giving from 1 October 2019 to 21 July 2020							
Date	Total Direct Deposits only	BFS direct transfer	Westpac direct transfer	iGive	iGive Credit Card	Morning Offerings	Total giving each month
31/10/2019	\$11,484.00	\$2,734.00	\$1,900.00	\$3,550.00	\$3,300.00	\$8,291.55	\$19,775.55
30/11/2019	\$16,698.00	\$2,968.00	\$3,030.00	\$9,120.00	\$1,580.00	\$8,716.00	\$25,414.00
31/12/2019	\$9,678.00	\$2,273.00	\$1,985.00	\$3,170.00	\$2,250.00	\$10,706.65	\$20,384.65
31/01/2020	\$8,876.00	\$2,321.00	\$1,825.00	\$3,080.00	\$1,650.00	\$8,004.00	\$16,880.00
29/02/2020	\$11,460.00	\$2,860.00	\$1,900.00	\$3,150.00	\$3,550.00	\$7,629.10	\$19,089.10
31/03/2020	\$11,113.00	\$4,078.00	\$2,695.00	\$3,090.00	\$1,250.00	\$7,462.40	\$18,575.40
30/04/2020	\$17,142.00	\$8,412.00	\$2,360.00	\$3,820.00	\$2,550.00	\$0.00	\$17,142.00
Cash Boost	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00
31/05/2020	\$21,362.00	\$10,862.00	\$2,910.00	\$4,590.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$21,362.00
30/06/2020	\$20,899.00	\$9,764.00	\$2,105.00	\$4,400.00	\$3,880.00	\$750.00	\$21,649.00
Jobkeeper	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00					\$9,000.00
21/07/2020	\$11,655.00	\$8,055.00	\$2,130.00	\$870.00	\$600.00		\$11,655.00
Total	\$140,092.00	\$46,272.00	\$32,840.00	\$37,970.00	\$23,010.00	\$51,559.70	\$210,926.70

Here are our bank details for **internet banking**

BSB 704 922

Account: 100 014 987; and

Account Name: Tuggeranong Baptist Church

**How to make a cash deposit** into the church bank account:

You can use the **Cardless Deposit** option available at the major bank's ATMs.

You need to have a mobile phone with you as you will be sent an SMS part way through the process.

You cannot deposit cash.

You can load a single note or bundle of notes at same time and then you watch the machine count the cash.

You receive a code via SMS that you need to type in.

The machine issues you with a receipt.

The account details are different and are:

BSB: 032-636

Account: 125788

Please contact me, one of the Leadership or Connect teams or a trusted Christian to share any feelings of anxiety or other concerns you may have.

Blessings,

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