



CORONAVIRUS

All services are postponed due to the new guidelines from the Government. This includes the **Walk of Witness** and the **Good Friday** service which was to be hosted by Carbrain Baptist Church.

We will keep you updated as to when normal services will be resumed.

An Unusual Time

All of us (God's Church) are facing days that have never been experienced before. For some, the isolation becomes a place of fear and anxiety; others will simply hide away. But what does God call His people to do in a time when the worldwide church is fragmented and compromised? God forgive us.

When Jesus prayed for all believers (you and I) in John's gospel, 17: 20-26, He states *that all of them may be one...so that the world may believe that You send me*. He continues: *May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as You have loved me*.

This is a time for the love of Christ to be visible. Even in isolation take the time to contact others and dispel their fears with the perfect love of God. This is an opportunity for the church to truly unite and serve. May we come through this stronger and more dependent on Him.

Just after Jesus prayed for all believers He was arrested and what must have looked like the worst days ever, as far as His believers could see, with trials, beatings and then the cross that Christ endured, it was the love of God that rose to the surface; it was the victory of Christ on the cross revealed.

As we approach the celebration of Resurrection Sunday when the Son of God rose from the dead, be reminded that no matter how bleak the day seems, our God is in control and His love will be revealed through you and I, His church.

Thanks to each of you for your continued prayers, your love, your service and your gifts. Let us use all that God has entrusted us to bring glory to His name. God bless you and may you know the presence of the living God as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ our Lord.

- *Alan* <><

A response to the Corona virus

We can grumble and complain because we have lost so much of our normal daily life, but **Philippians 2: 14** tells us not to.

We can be sad about the suffering and pain that people are going through but **Philippians 4: 4 – 7** tells us to rejoice and pray.

We can be worried about the future but Jesus said we can't even add an hour to our lives by worrying. **Matthew 6: 25 – 27**

Alternatively, without blaming God for this situation we can see it as an opportunity.

An opportunity to reflect on how we are spending our lives. Are we doing the things that are eternal and God says are important? Are we seeking first the Kingdom of God?

We have a chance to listen to God, to seek him, to reset and do things differently when life goes back to normal.

Let us use this time as an opportunity to grow closer to God and refocus our eyes on Him.

- *Mary*

Focus my eyes on You, O Lord,
Focus my eyes on You;
To worship in spirit and in truth,
Focus my eyes on You.

Turn round my life to You, O Lord,
Turn round my life to You;
To know from this night You've made me new,
Turn round my life to You.

Fill up my heart with praise, O Lord,
Fill up my heart with praise;
To speak of Your love in every place,
Fill up my heart with praise.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqgesFY36oY>

