#### Sunday's Teaching Series

As I continue my series 'Anxious for Nothing' I will be preaching on Philippians 4:4-7 and 1 Peter 5:6-7. The focus will be on praying through the pain, how a vibrant and focussed prayer life can lead us to being anxious for nothing.

## DVD's Available

If you would like a DVD of the services posted online on our website, either the 10am or Splash service, please let us know at the office by calling 85234844 or emailing riversidegawler@salvationarmy.org.au

## Thank You for keeping an eye out

I want to say a huge thank you to Mark Byford who read last week's post in the newsletter about Peta and Francis looking out for a 7 seater car. Well, Mark knew someone who was selling a 7-seater, so he took Peta and Francis to see it and now they have what they were after. I love it when people read the newsletter, but I love it even more when people practically serve and support their brothers and sisters in the church. When we love each other, the world will know that we belong to Jesus!

## Baptism

Hopefully by February we will be back worshipping together. If this is the case one Sunday in February will be allocated as a baptism Sunday. I know there are a few people that want to be baptised but if you have been considering going forward for baptism please let Darren know and we will organise some classes.

## Thank You

I want to say thank you to all those who have been looking after the grounds and the building. You truly epitomise what a volunteer is as you see a job, take responsibility for it and bless us all by quietly getting it done. You know who you are.

## **Riverside Worship Services**

After consideration of the current worsening COVID situation and the fact that we have two groups in the church who are particularly vulnerable (over 75's and young children) we as a leadership team have decided to continue recording services for the next two weeks (23rd & 30th). Our aim after that would be to have outdoor services for both the 10am and Splash services. We make this difficult decision out of an abundance of caution and simply encourage all of you to watch the services online and take an active approach to your own spiritual health by developing your prayer life and devotional Bible Reading. Bless you all.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook. 'The Salvation Army Riverside Gawler'

Website: / www.riversidesalvos.org.au



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## What a Promise

Dear Riverside, we have some wonderfully spiritual and humble people who pray for, and bear the burdens of, our church quietly and behind the scenes. They are such a great blessing to me, the leadership team and in fact to all of us.

Well, one of these beautiful individuals contacted me earlier this week with a scripture that the Lord had laid on their heart. They shared it as they believe this is God's promise to Riverside as we venture into 2020.

Personally I have found this verse to be such an encouragement and a reminder that God is always there. He has a plan and a purpose for us and as dark and difficult the future may look we are safe in his care, as long as we continue to follow his voice.

I trust this verse will become as comforting and important to you as it has to me. I also ask that you give thanks to the numerous prayer warriors we have at Riverside. We would not be where we are today without them.

## These words or promise are found in Isaiah 42:16

I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.

LOVE JESUS GROW TOGETHER SHARE HOPE HUMILITY : AUTHENTICITY : SERVANTHOOD : EXCELLENCE : JOYFULNESS

#### **Church Life Survey**

Thank you so much to all of you that have completed the church life survey. This is an incredibly helpful tool to help us gauge where we are at as a church and where our strengths and weaknesses lie.

If you haven't completed a survey we still have paper copies available but a lot of people have found it easier to complete the course online. To do this go to

attendersurvey.ncls.org.au and type in our unique church code **SA400001** 

We are also interested in the views of the children in the church ages 8-14yrs. They can also do the survey online

<u>Childsurvey.ncls.org.au</u> and type in the unique church code **SA400001** 

It doesn't matter if you have been with us for 10 years or two months we would love you to take part and help us be the best that we can be. All we ask is that you are completely honest with your responses, we are not doing this to make ourselves feel good but to make us operate more effectively. Thank You.

#### **Food Handling Course**

We have some amazing volunteers at Riverside who are willing, when asked, to jump in and help at the drop of a hat. This is an amazing resource to have but with regards to the kitchen we must ensure that anyone who steps into the kitchen environment has had the appropriate training and is up to date with that training. This is easily done by doing the following free online course provided by Gawler Council.

#### https://www.gawler.sa.gov.au/services/foodie

Whilst this certificate will enable you to be part of our volunteering pool it does not give anyone the freedom to walk into the kitchen unrequested or unaccompanied. Always wait to be invited to volunteer. Thank you so much.

## This week at Riverside

Wed17thCafé & Play Café9am --2pmThu18thCafé & Play Café9am - 2pmFri19thCafé & Play Café9am-2pm



If anyone requires assistance or know of someone who requires assistance please do not hesitate to let the team know and we will do all we can to help.

# We invite you and your family to TWILIGHT ZOO FAMILY NIGHT SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 2022

# FAMILY TRAIL+ KIDS SHOW + MORE

BYO picnic dinner or purchase from the Zoo.

Tickets Adults \$5 - \$10 Under 18's Free

https://www.trybooking.com/BVMDX

Bookings open 23/01/2022 Bookings close on 28/02/2022 or when sold out

Book early for the above event as it sold out in three weeks last year, also everyone needs a ticket even if the ticket is free. You might also see Huxtable!!!!!!!

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