



# NEW LIFE CHURCH TEULON

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Extending New Life in Christ

to the lost, the young,  
the scattered, the broken  
and the healthy.

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## Note from Pastor Henry

There have been some people who have predicted that the COVID-19 pandemic will spark a revival in the church. That is my hope, too.

Recently I came across an article in Decision magazine by Michael Youssef in which he tells about another pandemic which happened 249 A.D. to 262 A.D. That unknown disease was spread by the movement of the Roman army throughout the empire. At its height, the disease was killing up to 5,000 people a day in the city of Rome alone (and we had 3 deaths the other day in Winnipeg...)

As result of that pandemic, the Roman Emperor Decius required every citizen to make a sacrifice to the Roman gods, in an attempt to halt its spread. However, many Christians refused to make those pagan sacrifices and that triggered the so-called 'Decian Persecution'. Those who refused were blamed for the spread of the plague and were imprisoned or executed.

Some Christians yielded to the persecution and defected from the faith. But many others remained faithful unto death. However, the church in that day tremendously impacted the world for Christ. Because of the persecution, many believers were driven far from home and they shared the Gospel wherever they went. When they encountered sick and dying plague victims, they offered care and the Good News.

The pandemic came to be named the "Plague of Cyprian" for St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, who encouraged the faithful during the pandemic. Encyclopedia Britannica writes, "Both the threat of imminent death from the plague and the unwavering conviction among many of the Christian clergy in the face of it won many converts to the faith."

As result, the Gospel of Jesus Christ spread all over the world and expanded the church into previously unreached corners of the empire.

So also today, we Christians must find ways to redeem the sufferings caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Let's ask God to use this event for His glory and for the spread of the Gospel. Let's boldly share the Good News of Jesus Christ with everyone we meet.

Youssef concludes, "While wearing our masks to prevent the spread of the virus, we can talk to our neighbors, doctors and grocery store clerks about Christ. We can share God's truth with people on Instagram and Facebook and Zoom. We can speak peace to their fears, and we can love them into the Kingdom of God."

May that indeed be the case.

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your Offerings!*

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**Budget Update** As of October 26/20,  
Offerings received were **\$67,818.25**,  
Budget as of October 26/20, **\$85,373.06**  
with a shortfall of **\$17,554.81**

**COVID-19 Update** The Province of Manitoba is in Code Red and we have postponed Sunday services. This includes the weekly Bible Studies.

**On-Line Bible Study** with Lyall Sutton, "Marching with Malachi." Contact Lyall at [lyall\\_sutton@mymts.net](mailto:lyall_sutton@mymts.net).

**Church Prayer Group** An update from Pastor Henry: every Tuesday evening for one hour, 7 - 8 pm; a group of us meet for prayer for these trying times we are living in. We do this both online and by phone (if you have poor internet service, you can join us like Ruth Benn does, on her home phone!) I would love to see more people praying as we go through this pandemic. Contact me, if you have any questions. Pastor Henry

**Youth Group** 7:00 pm Fridays, until otherwise posted Youth events will be online using our Discord channel.

**POSTPONED Tuesday Prayer meeting**

**POSTPONED Faith 101 Bible Study**

**POSTPONED Men's Coffee Fellowship**

**POSTPONED Inwood Bible Study**

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**Debbie's Corner:**

Postponed, delayed, ya-da ya-da how long will Covid go on? We remember the carefree days of summer when our daily counts were at zero. Here we are in the second wave and just like last time, we need to remember

**God is Sovereign.**

*"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."*

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