

was also not a particularly lethal virus. The later versions did not have the lethal nature as the earlier ones, and the fact that the human H1N1 could not persist in the human population is good evidence that it was undergoing genetic entropy. In fact, the virus was picking up over 14 mutations per year while it was active and more than 10% of its genome had mutated before it went extinct.⁷ This also matched previously published computer simulations.

But the coronavirus is not the flu. We also are not certain where or how this virus originated, although it apparently came from bats, perhaps circuitously. Either way, it will have to be treated very carefully and our health care systems must treat it as a serious and immediate threat. We cannot wait decades for genetic entropy to take its toll.

How should we react?

When a novel virus does appear, we should soberly assess the risk and take proper precautions. We should also always be willing to help those in need, knowing that it could always have been us in that situation. ... But we should also not let opportunities for sharing the gospel slip through our fingers, and very often, when a person realizes how fragile life actually is, they are more accepting of the hope offered by Jesus Christ.

Conclusions

Viruses are part of God's created order. We can see that many of them play beneficial roles. Yet, we live in a sin-cursed world with much suffering, death, and disease. Some viruses have become dangerous, causing untold suffering across humanity throughout our history. These have forced us to develop innovative strategies to try and keep them in check. God has not promised us long life, nor good health. But He has promised to redeem this sin-cursed world and our disease-wracked bodies and so our hope is not here on this earth anyway. Let us look to Him for hope, for our redemption draws near.

(Romans 10:13) For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

(Romans 10:9) that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

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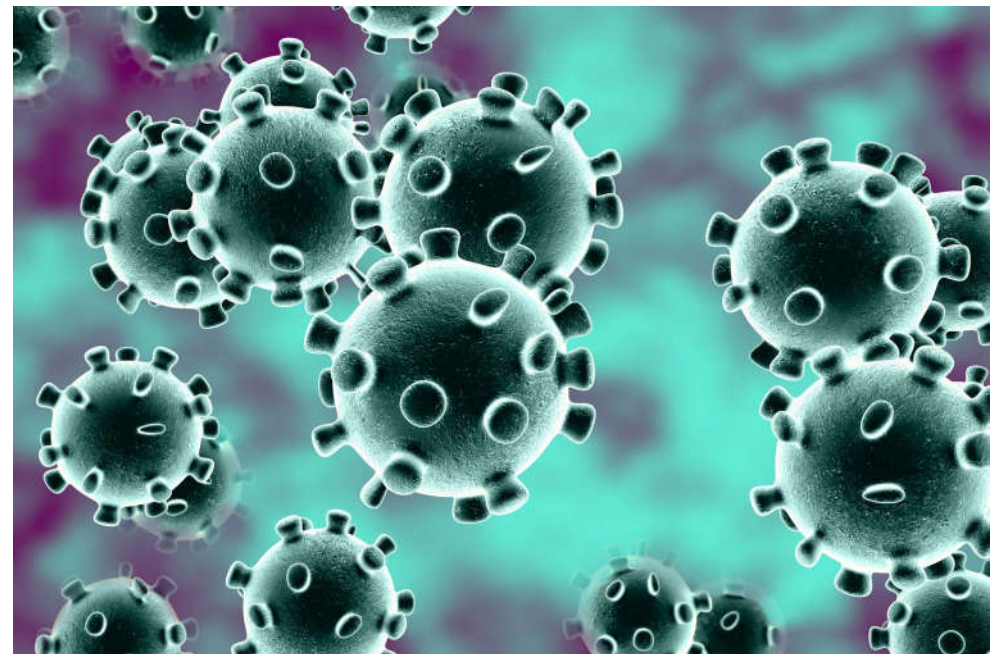
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Our Future with Coronavirus

The future of the coronavirus (from Creation Ministries International)

Viruses are part of God's created order.

If this virus outbreak follows the course of previous ones, the coronavirus might burn itself out. This is apparently what happened to the human H1N1 influenza virus that swept across the world in 1917, killing millions of people. It lasted for 40 years before disappearing. It was reintroduced from a stored laboratory sample in 1976 and lasted another 33 years before disappearing again during the 2009–2010 swine H1N1 pandemic, which



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REPEATED NEWS

- APRIL
- ◆ 10 April Good Friday
- ◆ 10 April School Holidays start. 10/4-26/4 inclusive
- ◆ 12 April Resurrection Sunday
- ◆ 18 April Ladies Event. (probably cancelled but stay tuned)

FRESH NEWS

- TONIGHT
- ◆ PM: Paul Weber. Psalm 119:89-96. The message is entitled "Forever Settled in Heaven."

NEXT SUNDAY

- ◆ AM: Titus. What Am I to Be?
- ◆ PM: The Shepherds. Is Covid 19 God's Judgement?

LINKS

This news sheet will contain links for both Sunday church services. We will begin with live streaming audio and as our technical ability increases we will add also, Lord willing with music and words. Use the worship resources and then tune in at these times.

- ◆ AM 11:00 am
<https://youtu.be/osyJda38Ndg>
- ◆ PM 5:30 pm
<https://youtu.be/sMKgOiOt9UQ>

If you want to make direct transfers to CMBC:

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BSB: 032826 A/C No. 233325
Details: Offering, Building, missionary's name etc

OTHER NEWS

Other news will be distributed by email. You can request to be added to our mailing list. (See email address below)

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Emphases:

- ◆ The Bible as our guide
- ◆ Christ as our Saviour
- ◆ Genuine worship
- ◆ Real Christian living
- ◆ Strengthening families
- ◆ Opportunities to make friends
- ◆ Relevant, life-changing preaching
- ◆ Independent church life (free of denominational politics)

What we provide:

◆ For Adults-

- ☑ our regular worship services at 10.30 am and 5.00 p.m., Sundays.
- ☑ small group ministries (the format varies from group to group)

➤ 'Christianity Explained' for Christian basics:

➤ **Family Prayer:** meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in homes-Wayne 4758 8778.

➤ **Women's ministry** meets Tuesdays at 10.00 am, for an ongoing term. Ring Noeline for details 4758 8778.

➤ **Men's fellowship** meets once a term. Phone 4758 8778

➤ **Sundays 9:15 a.m.** (adult Bible study, Teens+Christ, and AWANA for other ages)

- ☑ Biblical Counselling. More than relief for your pain; discipleship for the critical areas of your life.

◆ For 3-10 age group-

- ☑ AWANA Club meets Sundays at 9.15 a.m.-10.15 a.m.

- ☑ Kids Church on during the sermon (up to 6 years), but children can stay with parents

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Phone Wayne or Noeline on 4758 8778. Wayne on 0404 804 778

NB: Some programmes operate only during school term

Child Protection Policy. Central Mountains Baptist Church is committed to welcoming children and their parents or carers and providing: a 'child-safe' environment, a child-safe attitude of the people, and child-safe programmes for children (and other vulnerable people) who attend the services and other programmes. We see such a commitment as flowing naturally from our commitment to operate according to biblical, Christian principles for living and for recognising the unique value and potential of every person, regardless of race, age, gender, ability or disability. All children who come to Central Mountains Baptist Church have a right to be safe. The welfare of children in our care will be an important priority. The church and ministry leaders accept the responsibility of providing a safe and friendly environment where children are listened to, are kept safe, are given enjoyable activities, accept challenges, learn and grow. This duty of care applies at all times, although when children attend church and are not taken from their parents/guardians, then the parents/guardians have the primary duty of care.

CMBC's Child Protection Policy is on the back table and the CMBC website. All members, regulars, and visitors must agree to follow the guidelines and rules within this document whenever attending a church service or activity.

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