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WEEK 6 OF SERIES:



TODAY'S READINGS
John 17:6-19

If you are visiting with us, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to stay for morning tea with us after the 9.30am service, or lunch after 'The Gathering' at Epping.

Welcome to LifeWay. It's a joy to have you with us as we continue to explore what it means to live in the fullness of the Father's love. Whether you are a visitor checking us out to see if this is the Church for you, with family or friends, or are a regular, we look forward to meeting you and getting to know you. Here at LifeWay, we are on a journey as God calls us to be a people who are living, sharing and growing in his life. Wherever you are at, we would love to walk with you in the next stage of your journey. Please fill in a visitor card at the door with your details and leave it with the ushers or on your seat – we would love to keep in contact with you and acknowledge your time with us today.

It's the question that Star Wars and the Superhero films deal with every time. Who will win the cosmic battle? Will good or evil prevail? Will darkness or light prove stronger in the end? Who will rescue and protect people from the forces of evil? It's no movie blockbuster but the Bible affirms that there is a cosmic battle that spans both the heavenly and earthly realms, the effects of which are still present today as God's Kingdom advances in the world and our lives. In the last petition of the Lord's Prayer, we recognise the presence of evil in the world and we find strength in the one who alone has definitively won the battle over evil to give us a victory and future that no-one can snatch away. So today we pray for and find comfort in the Father's Protection.

TWO WEEKS OF FINANCIAL YEAR LEFT TO GO

There are only two weeks left of LifeWay's financial year. We are about \$4700 behind what we have budgeted for the year. Please prayerfully consider your giving and think how you can help us reach our budget target over the next three weeks.



WHAT'S ON?

THIS WEEK

MON 16 **Conversational English Classes**
Epping 10am

WED 18 **Band 4 Practice**
Epping 7.30pm

Leadership Team meet
Epping 7.30pm

THUR 19 **Songbirds** Mandarin Singing Group
Epping 10am

Mainly Music, Term 3
Newcastle 10am

FRI 20 **Mainly Music**, Term 3
Epping 10am

NEXT WEEK

TUE 24 **Epping Men's Movie Night**
Macquarie Centre, meeting time TBA

LCA NSW District Office has now moved!

Please update your records:

215/20B Lexington Drive

Bella Vista NSW 2153

Phone 02 8660 1200

We've moved
😊

Postal address is same as street address.

Opening and Dedication of new NSW District Office

Sunday 3 November 3pm

Visitor parking available on site.

500m walk to Bella Vista station.

Please rsvp to

kaye.simpfendorfer@lca.org.au

All Welcome!



Come and join the community in getting into the real spirit of Christmas.

We will need lots of volunteers on the day and people to help with set-up. This is an important part of our ministry in serving the local community, so please plan now for a day off to help set up or to assist with stalls in the evening.

DANCE CLASS STARTING SOON

Join us for Line dancing, Praise dancing and Chinese fan dancing, every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of the month. From 12pm - 1.30pm at LifeWay Epping.

Begins Wednesday 2nd October.





NOW ON HOLD for the foreseeable future

After six months of trialling the Gathering, a decision has been made to put it on hold for now. While originally designed to reach those in the local community, the integration into the first service has meant there is not a need for it at this time. We are exploring ways to begin a monthly evening service to reach a new generation of people. Stay tuned for more details.

**MEN'S
MOVIE
NIGHT**

**24
SEP**

AD ASTRA

Men's Movie Night is back!
Join us on 24 September at Event Cinemas Macquarie Centre to see AD ASTRA. We will meet at TGI Fridays for drinks and snacks beforehand. Meeting time will be advertised the week before.
See Shane Albances for more details.



NEXT WALK SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER

More details soon.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Heavenly Father, in your Son Jesus, we are more than conquerors over hardship, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril and the sword. Protect us from the evil one and give us the strength and the power to withstand the forces of the evil one at work in our lives and in our world, that your kingdom may continue to advance into the darkness of this world, bringing life, life, security and safety. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WE PRAY...

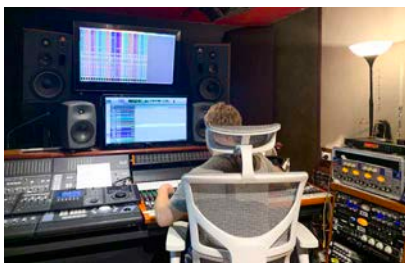
- With thanks to God that he is a fortress and protector in all circumstances in life, giving us victory over sin, death and the devil.
- For those caught up in the traps of the evil one, that they may find life and freedom in Christ.
- For those under attack because they bear the name of Christ that they may not give up but run into the Father's protective embrace.
- For us at LifeWay, that God would continue to use us to advance his kingdom locally and globally as we share his life-transforming grace wherever we go.
- With thanks to God for the blessings of the song recording over this past week and for his provision in so many ways.
- For those coming to terms with the devastation of fire over the past week as they rebuild their lives, that they may know the love of the Father for them.
- With thanks to God for the many men and women who risked their lives to fight the fires and protect others from calamity.
- For those place in the world where evil seems to be calling all the shots, that God may bring those who perpetrate evil to justice.
- For those in positions of leadership or power, that they may not use their position for evil but to support, care, and protect those who are vulnerable in society.
- For the sick and those in need in our LifeWay family - especially Matthew Kassulke, John Fletcher, Esa and Barbara Lehtonen, Jenny Schneider, Emily Cooke, Hedi Krause, Erna Kutas, Audrey and John Scarce.

ACR is getting a new website. Over the past six months, our Christian online bookstore Australian Christian Resources (ACR) has been working hard to develop a new website to make it easier for all customers to browse, search and order books and other resources. The website will be launched soon and you will be the first to know!

EXCITING NEWS

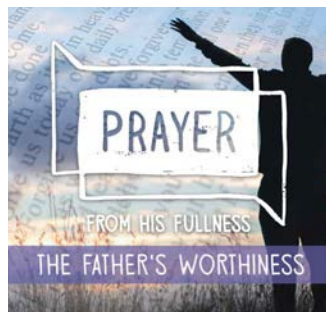


A GREAT WEEK IN THE STUDIO



Praise God for the gifted musicians we have here at LifeWay. The music recording went incredibly well and we thank God for his guidance and provision over this last week. There were many stories of grace at work and we will share them in due time. Stay posted to hear news on the launch of these songs soon.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER



Epping 9.30am
with holy communion
and Live Stream

Newcastle 9.30am
with holy communion

READINGS
John 17:1-5

SERVING...

EPPING

Reading	Dianne Bergen
Prayers	Daina Lee
HC	Michelle Shepherd, John Weiss
Ushers	Shane & Karen Albances
Morning Tea	Burdack Family, Jo Schultz
Flowers	Michelle Shepherd
Data	Ed Burke
Music	Band 4
Sound	Colin Burnett

NEWCASTLE

Reading	Maureen Macpherson
HC	Sabina Pichler
Ushers	Janette Gollgedge
Morning Tea	Megn & Neil Tschirpig
Flowers	Ruth MacConnachie
Data	Daniel Tschirpig