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Welcome to LifeWay. It's a joy to have you with us as we continue our worship series: **I can relate to that.** 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.

WEEK 3 OF SERIES:



TODAY'S READINGS

John 15:1-8

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 service.

Remember how easy it was to make friends as a kid? Just show up at the playground, bond over your shared love of football, cricket or chasey and bam! Instant connection. But today it seems you need an App for that. From Facebook to Instagram, WeChat to WhatsApp, LinkedIn to Bizzabo, there are hundreds of Apps designed to connect us with others all over the world. But what does it mean to be connected? Social media may have given us the promise of a connected world but it seems that everyone is feeling a little more isolated. Robin Dunbar, a British anthropologist developed a hypothesis, known as 'Dunbar's number', that says human brains can't healthily maintain more than 150 genuine relationships at a time. Not every connection is equal, so what connections are you investing in? Jesus said there is one pivotal connection that can help our lives grow and flourish and the community thrive – the connection of a branch to the vine. We hope you can relate to that!



Christmas CHOIR

If you'd like to join the LifeWay
Epping Choir on Christmas
Day, please speak to Deb
Dietz ASAP. First rehearsal
will be held after church,
Sunday 27th October.

WHAT'S ON?

THIS WEEK

SUN 13 KidsWay Epping 11am-11.30am
(meet at the playground)

MON 14 Conversational English Classes
Epping 10am

TUE 15 Epping Men's Movie Night
Macquarie Centre, meeting 7.30pm

WED 16 Dance Class
Epping 12pm-1.30pm

Band 3 Practice
Epping 7.30pm

Leadership Team meet
Epping 7.30pm

THUR 17 Songbirds Mandarin Singing Group
Epping 10am

Mainly Music, Term 4 begins
Newcastle 10am

FRI 18 Mainly Music, Term 4 begins
Epping 10am

NEXT WEEK

SUN 20 Youth Night - Strike Bowling
Macquarie Centre, 5pm - 7pm

MON 21 Prayer For All Nations
Newcastle, 5.30pm-6.30pm



YOUTH NIGHT

AT STRIKE BOWLING

Sunday 20 October, 5pm-7pm
Macquarie Shopping Centre

New to the community? Want to know what LifeWay believes, what our mission is and where we are going?

You are invited to join us for lunch and Foundations to discover the opportunities for you to live, share and grow deeper through LifeWay.

from 11.30am - 4.30pm

at Newcastle
3rd November

at Epping
10th November



foundations

Please register via the App or website, along with any dietary needs.

LCA NSW District Office has now moved!

Please update your records:

215/20B Lexington Drive

Bella Vista NSW 2153

Phone 02 8660 1200

Postal address is same as street address.

We've
moved
😊

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!



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SAVE THE DATE

LifeWay's AGM will be held in Epping on Sunday 24th November after a combined worship service.

It will now be held in Epping as the Supercars Race is on in Newcastle where all accommodation is well and truly booked out. We will be running a bus from Newcastle, so please see Pastor Mat or Sab to register your interest.



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.



Join us on 15 October at Event Cinemas Macquarie Centre to see JOKER.

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.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, you have done everything so that we can have a constant connection with you. Trim and shape us for your good purposes. Help us to remain in you that your life may flow in us and through us, growing a joy-filled, flourishing community that bears much fruit. We ask this in your precious name. Amen.

WE PRAY...

- That our lives may remain connected to Jesus who alone can make our lives flourish and grow for eternity.
- For God to prune from us those things which are not productive in our lives so that our time, our talents and our treasures may bear fruit for the kingdom.
- For LifeWay that we may be a place that is always growing in grace together in loving community and drawing deep nourishment from the vine of Jesus.
- For the Church that we may find deep and meaningful connections in our relationships with each other in the community of God's people.
- For Anneliese Marie Lourens as she is grafted into the vine of Jesus in the waters of baptism this morning, that she may grow strong in faith.
- For the people devastated by drought and those ravaged by bushfires this past week, that they may never feel cut off from the support of community or government, but may know the abiding presence of Jesus.
- 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.

COMING SOON

Payments via our App.

You will soon be able to pay for events, courses, even set up your regular giving to the mission and ministry at LifeWay through the app and website. Stay tuned! We hope to go live with this in the next few weeks.

prayer for all nations

*"For my house
will be called a
house of prayer
for all nations."*

ISAIAH 56:7B

Come and join us as we gather
together in prayer for God's church
and the community of Newcastle at
our monthly prayer meeting

Monday 21st October

5:30pm-6:30pm at LifeWay Newcastle

Come for the whole hour or just for a few minutes because
the prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective!

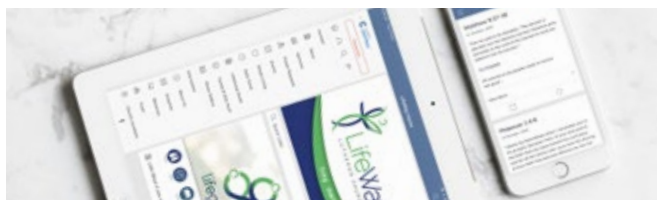
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Dance Class HAS BEGUN

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.

Next meet Wednesday 16th October.



**Did you know you can keep in contact with all
that's happening at LifeWay via our App?**

1 Download/install the 'container' app

'Church Central' (Android) from Google Play
or 'Church Central Australia' (iOS) from the App Store.

2 Open the app & click 'Find a Church'.

Scroll down and select **LifeWay** and **'yes'** add as favourite.

3 Enjoy all the great features...

Stay up to date with news, daily Bible readings, family
devotional material, LifeGroup Guides, sermons and much
more. **Video podcasts of sermons**
will be added in the near future.



**NEXT WEEK
SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER**



A BRIDE TO A GROOM

Epping 9.30am
with holy communion
and Live Stream

Newcastle 9.30am
with holy communion

**Readings: Hosea 2:16-20
& John 3:27-30**

SERVING...

EPPING

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| Reading | Tessa Rawolle |
| Prayers | Shane Albances |
| HC | Greg Lane, Mary Pusep |
| Ushers | Em & Ed Burke |
| Morning Tea | John & Bronwyn Klingberg, Karina McKenzie |
| Flowers | Ewa Borkowski |
| Data | Shane Albances |
| Music | Band 3 |
| Sound | John Klingberg |

NEWCASTLE

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| Reading | Sue Gesswein |
| HC | Neil Tschirpig |
| Ushers | Megan Tschirpig |
| Morning Tea | Maureen Macpherson, Janette Gollledge |
| Flowers | Ruth MacConnachie |
| Data | Daniel Tschirpig |