

Epping SDA Church Newsletter

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Welcome to our weekly Church Newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition with articles, news and photos.

If there is any **information** you would like to share or a **photo** you would like us to view, please email it to the address below.
ajing@eppingsda.org.au.

This is a mini issue whilst our editor is away for the next three weeks.

This newsletter can also be downloaded on our website:
<http://www.eppingsda.org.au>

This Sabbath @ Epping

This week's service at Epping will be taken by **Arthur**, with **Eva** the Elder in Charge. The offering will be for our **Annual Sacrifice**.

Last Sabbath @ Epping

Our service last Sabbath was taken by **Pastor Chris Manthey**, and thanks to Josh for providing this Summary:

Luke 16:29-31 "But Abraham said, They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them. And he said, No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent. He said to him, If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."

The story was not about Heaven and Hell but rather about making a choice for God while you are alive.

God has done everything he can do to save us. Even if the dead rise, they wouldn't be able to tell us about heaven or hell, because they haven't been there yet either. Each of us needs to make a decision about what we believe while we are alive. We also need to continue the messages of Moses and the Prophets.

The program also included prayer by the Manahan family, singing by the kids, poem and bible reading by Cassandra and Ashleigh and a special presentation by the JETS (Juniors and Earliteens) to all the fathers.



Epping Youth

Youth Meeting next Friday night at the Lee's home in Kenthurst. See Matthew or Josh for details or check the Epping Youth Facebook Group.

Youth Rally September 19, City Christian Church, Silverwater Rd. 10:30am.

ADRA Appeal

Even if you are unable to participate in the ADRA Appeal you can still help this worthy cause by making a tax deductible donation and help our church reach our annual goal of \$2000.

Pathfinder and Adventurer News

The Pathfinders practised their map reading and navigation skills last Sabbath afternoon in preparation for the upcoming expedition. The only casualties on this occasion were spiders who lost their webs when the pathfinders kept walking into them.



Update from Henry on the Expedition Groups

Enclosed is the final list for the Expedition.

I have suggested the various levels for each Pathfinder. If you prefer to be in a different level, please let me know by noon Monday.

Even if you decide to change levels for the Rogaining activity, you can still change when it begins. On Friday night we will all be camped together as physically possible (bit difficult to find place for 37 people all in one spot!).

Also, if your name should be on this list but isn't, please let me know.

Some of the Counselors have told me which level they want to operate on, and I will try to accommodate you. Please email me as soon as possible. As before, you can still be changed around. Perhaps a couple of the teens would like to work with the Basic. I have put all parents as counselors, so it doesn't really count towards the group size.

Intermediate will operate as two groups, so two or three Teen counselors for the whole group will be fine.

Thank you all for your promptness in getting your applications in on time.

Final call for those who need any equipment, please email me as soon as you can. There are a couple of smaller backpacks and tents if you need to borrow them.

Transport will be organised as the date gets closer.

I suggest you contact those in your group and make some eating/ cooking/ sleeping arrangements so you can share the load. Everything requires cooperation. Anyone who has some large water containers should bring them filled to the expedition if you don't mind.

If I have forgotten anything, remind me or email everyone.

I will not be at church this coming Sabbath (12 Sep) so email me straight away if you need something.

Thanks again and hope you all have a good time at the Expedition. If I can get the Expedition prelogs, I will pass them on to Belinda who can hand them out this weekend.

<p>Basic</p> <p>Stephen Baxter GL Rochelle Baxter GL</p> <p>Jessie Ly Shenae Goodwin Jharme Duke Tim Pinzone Renee Baxter</p> <p>Fleur Duke Counselor Danny Pinzone Counselor Nadia Ly Counselor</p>	<p>Intermediate</p> <p>Meagan Wright GL Annali Baxter Counselor Henry Tung GL</p> <p>Joshua Ly Samuel Duke Matthew Kuo Brianna Worker Ayen Manahan Angelica Kross Joshua Blaymires Lachlan Blaymires Chelsea Ly</p> <p>Kenn Duke Counselor David Blaymires Counselor Michael Worker Counselor</p>
<p>Super Challenge</p> <p>Belinda Wright GL Melissa Laws Ellie Yee Ashleigh Wong Leighton Baxter Stephen Kuo</p> <p>Jessica Laws Counselor Cassandra Wong Counselor Shannon Ing Counselor Michael Ing Counselor Elysha Futterleib Counselor Arthur Wong Counselor</p>	

Prayer Requests:

Harold Lin

Bob and Nerelle McIntyre

Sue Wood

Ivan Baxter

Please remember Harold in your prayers

Please remember Bob, Nerelle and Colleen in your prayers.

Please remember Sue, Ken and their family in your prayers.

Please remember Ivan in your prayers.

Games Night

The Father's day games night was held last Saturday night to the delight of all who attended. The dads were put through various trials and challenges for the entertainment of the group and most survived unscathed. It has been reported that some lingering ill effects from the coin hunt through flour were still apparent several days later. All the favourite games were played with a few new ones thrown in for good measure. Thank you to all who participated, another night of fun and fellowship!









Thought for the Week:

Isaiah 46:4

“Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.”

