

# 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.

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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 our Youth Pastor, **Josh Woods**. The Elder in charge is **Greg**.

This week's offering is for **Christian Services for the Blind and Hearing Impaired**.

## Light Your World Series

The "**Light Your World**" series commenced **last Sabbath**. This is a 5 week program which will help you learn more about Jesus and help the church refocus on our mission. It will combine some simple daily readings with **Weekly sermons** and **Cell groups**.

From Arthur:

I trust you are all enjoying your daily readings and looking forward to the Friday night meeting. If you have not had the opportunity to do the readings this week then please find some time as the material in the booklet is excellent and spiritually uplifting.

I'd like to share some quotes from the booklet this week that have really spoken to me, I am sure you will find plenty of material in the readings that will apply to your circumstances.

**"What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever; in its place is something that you have left behind...let it be something good."**

**"When you think in eternal terms the use of time, money, and other resources very often change. Relationships become more important and priorities get rearranged"**

**"What does it matter if you gain the whole world but do so at the expense of your soul"**

**"The most serious sign of hurry sickness is a diminished capacity to love. Love and hurry are fundamentally incompatible. Love always takes time, and time is one thing hurried people don't have"**

**"If you can eat today, enjoy the sunlight today, mix good cheer with friends today, enjoy and bless God for it - you are only sure of today; do not let yourself be cheated out of it."**

Just a reminder that the following families have opened their homes for you to meet on Friday night:

**Ben and Jess in Castle Hill 0404 091 345**

**Rod and Elaine in Strathfield 0408 166 292**

**Henry and Belle in Woodcroft 0411 098 755**

Please take this opportunity to enrich your Christian life!

The Cell Groups will be held on **Friday evenings (7-9pm)** commencing **Feb 26th at 3 venues as listed above (Ben Go, Henry Tung and Rod Kuo's homes)**.

We encourage everyone to support the program and invite you to participate in the Cell Groups.

**Timetable:**

20 Feb - Sermon 1

26 Feb - Cell group wk 1

27 Feb - Sermon 2

5 Mar - Cell group wk 2

6 Mar - Sermon 3

12 Mar - Cell group wk 3

13 Mar - Sermon 4

19 Mar - Cell group wk 4

20 Mar - Sermon 5 - Praise Service

26 Mar - Inspire weekend

# Pathfinder News

## 1. Yellow Rock Camp – March 6

From Henry:

We are booked in at **Yellow Rock for the 6th March** for one night camp where we will concentrate on the Fair building skills. One of the events involves the water balloon catapults and we will need to use some of the time to build this as a trial run.

We plan to leave the church straight after lunch and head to Budgewoi. I will include a map as we get closer to the camp.

Please let me know if you are not able to make this event.

## 2. Camporee 2011

Australian Union Conference Camporee, Jan 4-9, 2011.

**The place is: Toowoomba, Queensland and it is at 700m elevation.**

The fee structure is:

Early bird \$170 (pay before 1 Sep 2010)

Regular fee \$190

Late fee \$220 (pay after 1 Dec 2010)

Anyone who is age 10 by the beginning of the camporee can attend.

For those who went to 12th Gate, you will love this one. The theme is UNDER OATH.

When the website is running, I'll let you know.

Seriously, you will regret NOT going to this camporee.



## **Inspire 2010 Growing in Discipleship – 25-28 March 2010**

From Pastor Michael Worker:

*“Worshipping, Growing in God’s Word, Serving, Connecting and Sharing our faith. These are the five reasons we exist as a conference and the five reasons that you are on this planet. The process of growing in these five areas is what we call discipleship. I am excited to announce that in 2010 our conference is going to be putting a huge effort into resourcing you and your congregation for discipleship and it all starts with Inspire 2010.*”

*Inspire 2010 brings together three keynote speakers and a range of workshop presenters who God has especially gifted for communicating in the area of discipleship. The focus is both on your personal spiritual growth and on how that works together as a church to then impact Sydney. We will also be launching some exciting discipleship initiatives in our conference along with some great resources.*

*I am would love to see you at Inspire 2010. Together we'll connect in community, grow spiritually, worship God and be equipped to serve and share in inspiring ways. Please highlight this weekend on your calendar and make it a priority for your life”*

Check out the program and more details on the Inspire website:

<http://www.inspire2010.gscadventist.org.au/home/>

## Chinese New Year Social.

Epping's first Social Event of 2010 was held last week, and celebrated the Chinese New Year, the Year of the Tiger.

From Arthur:

The evening of fun and games kicked off with a Lion Dance. The mystery dancers impressed us with their fancy footwork and skilful manipulation of the eyes, ears and mouth of the lion head. The beat for the lion dance was supplied by our resident drummer, Ben.



After the Lion dance, it was time for the best dressed competition. The three people judged to be the best dressed of the evening were Zac, Nic and Laura...congratulation to the three of you!



The games night started in earnest with the crowd favourite 'On the Bus'. The game was played at a fast and furious pace with little quarter given despite age or size.



Next up was the sliding chair, the aim is to deny the person standing in the middle of the circle of chairs a seat by moving into the empty seat. Sounds simple but was a lot harder than many anticipated. Tim has to be congratulated for his enthusiasm in trying to get a seat, he literally threw his body into the game and came close to knocking a few participants off their chairs!



For a change of pace and in recognition of Chinese New Year, it was time for the rice and chopstick competition. 3 teams were challenged to use a pair of chopsticks to pick up raw rice and put it into a cup. Of the three teams, one was disqualified for cheating (better luck next time Danny), one got about 3 grains of rice in their cup and the winning team had about 30 grains of rice in their cup.



The pace was quickened again with the bat and balloon game. The competitive juices were running high and more and more restrictions had to be introduced to curb the violence and rough play (try anger management classes Michael). The orange team wiped the floor with the white team, easily defeating them. The score will remain a secret to minimise the humiliation.



A new category of games was introduced. It was time for PT (Physical Training). The first game involved endurance and the ability to fight through the pain. Ben demonstrated a Pilates position and the winner is the person who can hold the position the longest. There was some stiff competition but people started dropping out after about a minute and the only serious contenders left were Jessica and Ron. His years of military training

became evident as he never wavered from the pilates position and was rock solid. Ron held t his position for over three minutes. He even g ot a congratulatory kiss from Aileen.



The final test was the push up competition. Everyone started well but most were out by the 10th push up. At the 40 mark there were only 2 serious competitors left, Rod and Zac! Zac was the eventual winner with 51 pushups and Rod finished with a highly commendable 45 pushups...who said surgeons were wimps? (Ben).



What a great evening, can't wait for the next one!

More pics and video here:

<http://eppingsda.org.au/pastevents.aspx>

## Congratulations! Denver

Congratulations to **Denver and Sharon** on Denver's Baptism last Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> February at Milk Cove, Vaucluse. It was a wonderful day, and thanks to Rod for the photos:







## ***Sew and Tell – Monday March 1***

*The next Sew and Tell meeting will be next Monday March 1 at 7.30 pm at Carlene's Home.*

## ***Board Meeting – This Sabbath during Lunch (Feb 27)***

# Credit Card Donation Form



## Epping Mission Project

**Note:** This donation is to support the ICC Happy Valley Elementary School building project, ICC Orphanage, Philippines.

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**THANK YOU !!!**

## Prayer Requests:

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| <b>Sue Wood</b>                 | <i>Sue was discharged from the SAN on Tuesday and is now recuperating at home. She is making steady progress but please continue to support her with your prayers. Both Ken and Sue appreciate the care and support that you continue to show toward them. Sue wants you all to know that Ken is taking very good care of her. Good on your Ken!</i> |
| <b>Bob and Nerelle McIntyre</b> | <i>Please remember Bob, Nerelle and Colleen in your prayers.</i>   |
| <b>Harold Lin</b>               | <i>Please remember Harold in your prayers</i>  |
| <b>Margaret Long</b>            | <i>Please remember Margaret in your prayers</i>  |
| <b>Ivan Baxter</b>              | <i>Please remember Ivan in your prayers.</i>   |

## Dates to Keep in your Diary:

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| <b>February 27</b> | <i>Board Meeting</i>                     |
| <b>February 27</b> | <i>Light Your World Series Continues</i> |
| <b>March 6</b>     | <i>Pathfinder Camp - Yellowrock</i>      |
| <b>March 25-28</b> | <i>INSPIRE 2010</i>                      |

## Photo of the Week

I'll be presenting some of National Geographic's Top 10 photos of 2009 over the coming weeks:



Photo by Amy Toensing

Murray-Darling Basin: April 2009

Simon Booth remembers when he grazed 250 head of cattle on his ranch in south-eastern Australia: a sight his children Ryan and Claire may never see.

## Thought for the Week:

"Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"

Matthew 22:37-39