

Epping Church Newsletter

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WELCOME

Welcome to Epping Church's Newsletter!

Keep reading the newsletter for more updates on events and also many upcoming events!

Come early this Sabbath for our special Sabbath School program starting at 9:30am. Come early to hear some exciting testimonies!!

- Fedz will share how God has done wonders in her family

- Youth will share what One Project was all about last weekend;

- Finally, hear how receptive the Epping community was to our church!!.

If there is any information or images you would like to share in future editions, please email it to Alvin or Stephanie at the addresses below:

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This newsletter can also be downloaded on our website:

<http://www.eppingsda.org.au>

This Sabbath at Epping

26th July

The speaker this week: Neale Schofield

Elder in charge: Rod Kuo

Offering: Pacific Island Advancement

Combined Sabbath School at 9:30am

19th July

Both Jesus and Joseph had to GO in order to save many.

The take home message was... we have to GO in order to save others (and ourselves). That was Christ's commission to us, many times over. "GO"

Why? Because He loves us and all the people of the world and wants to save as many as possible. He wants us to partner with Him.

JOSEPH (GEN 37-50) & JESUS (GOSPELS)

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| ✘ Beaten & cast into a pit | ✘ Beaten, spat upon, & jeered |
| ✘ Sold for 20 pieces of silver | ✘ Sold for 30 pieces of silver |
| ✘ Continued loving brothers despite betrayal | ✘ Never stopped loving those who rejected Him |
| ✘ Accused wrongly by Potiphar's wife | ✘ Accused wrongly by Jealous Priests |
| ✘ Saved his family:
Made provisions for Famine | ✘ Saviour:
Gave His life for all humankind |
| ✘ Reconciled with his Brothers and family | ✘ Offers Reconciliation to the whole World |
| ✘ Presumed dead by father & lost slave by brothers | ✘ Resurrected from the tomb on the 3rd day |



ONE PROJECT - Last weekend

Last Friday, Saturday and Sunday many Epping Members were blessed to attend the One Project Gathering. One Project is a time when people can have gatherings with fellow believers and replicate what "Jesus.All" means for each of our lives, church, communities and world. This calls to re-focus and renew faith in Jesus.

With a very busy schedule, we were inspired by **MANY** different speakers. Small table groups were able to build new friendships and refresh old community ties as we discussed the Present Truth and many hard questions were asked! By reflecting, recalibrating and responding, we were able to try and determine what Jesus is asking of each of us today.

We learnt about Jesus, how our church has something unique to offer and that something is Jesus. It aimed to allow church members to work together and spread our passion for Jesus across the globe.



“Having-made Jesus your all, you shall find all in Jesus”

- Charles Spurgeon

PATHFINDERS

The next Pathfinder meeting is planned for **August 2** and will be happening every 4 weeks. Modules and honours with planning for our next overnight camp on **August 30**.

YOUTH

Youth Meeting- Song of solomons series

Youth meeting will be happening **NEXT Friday night 25th July 7:30pm at church!** :) It's a fantastic program so make sure you are there to learn lots. The next topic is Intimacy. Feel free to bring some snacks and drink!

Remember youth is every 2nd Friday! 2nd and 4th Friday of the month! Don't miss out! Please see Cassandra for more details.

Youth Picnic

Just for a social event, we are going to have a youth picnic the afternoon of the **2nd August**. For those who are interested, talk to Mande.



RSPCA

Last Sunday the 20th July Shannon, KB, Ellie, Angelica and Sam dedicated some free time to service in the community. They headed to the RSPCA in Somersby (Central Coast) where they helped the staff with anything they needed help with. This included cleaning cages for animals such as rabbits and cats, folding linen and walking the dogs. They seemed to have an amazing time volunteering and helping make a difference to the community. Thanks Ellie, Shannon, Angelica and Sam.





ADRA Blacktown Food Drive

There will be a plastic container placed at the top of the stairs at church labelled "ADRA Blacktown Food Drive".

A few weeks ago, Eddy mentioned that most people have little knowledge and skill in cooking with fresh vegetables so please provide canned and packaged foods. Once a month the food will be collected.

Any small items for children like toys and DVD's would also be helpful if you would like to share. There isn't any space for large or heavy items.

Thank you everyone for your contributions and support.

A TIME TO GO

It was good to see 4 teams GO out doorknocking last Sabbath afternoon for almost 1 hour.

1. Andrew went with Monica;
2. Danny went with Timothy;
3. Arthur went with Dan; and
4. I went solo! :-)

Although it was cold and windy we received a good response from the homes we went out to! Each of us had between 1 and 3 positive experiences where someone was interested in Bible prophecy and was happy to take an IIVO DVD on Bible prophecy. We will follow up this coming Sabbath with an invitation to the Dinner with Pr Gary Kent.

It would be good to see more of our church supporting our outreach effort. Imagine if there were TEN teams... and between 10 and 30 interested people after just ONE hour! Wouldn't that be amazing! :-)

Please consider joining them **THIS SABBATH** ... and change someone's life... for eternity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Board meeting this Sabbath evening (July 26)

For those who are part of the board, there will be a board meeting at **6:30pm**. For more information please see Daniel.

2. Bible cell groups

Bible Study cell groups have commenced for this term. Please see Rod if you would like to join one of the groups

3. Generous Church – Stewardship Resourcing

3pm Sabbath 2 August 2014

GSC Seminar Room, Epping

The most famous Bible verse begins: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...” Paul picks up this same theme when he tells the Roman Christians: “He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things.” Generosity is central to the very nature of God.

How does your church reflect God’s incredibly generous nature? Think of all that God has given us—time, food, talents, money, relationships, salvation, just to name a few. **Are we as generous as God has been to us?** Are we generous with our time, hospitality, money, talents and friendship? Is your church willing to sacrificially commission and release some of its members to plant new Adventist churches in unreached areas of Greater Sydney? There are some Key Performance Indicators that show that there is a significant amount of space for us to grow in the area of being generous.

The Stewardship Department is facilitating a Sabbath afternoon seminar focusing on how your church can become a generous church that reflects God’s generosity in all areas of church life:

Date: Sabbath 2 August 2014

Time: 3:00pm-5:30pm

Venue: GSC Seminar Room, 4 Cambridge Street, Epping NSW 2121

Facilitators:

- Sven Östring, Director of Stewardship;
- Eva Ing, Chief Financial Officer;
- GSC Stewardship Advisory.

Come for a time of inspiration, interactive panel discussion and stewardship resourcing. Hear the vision of the Conference for discipleship, mission and church planting. This seminar will be of interest to pastors, elders, treasurers, stewardship directors and anyone interested in seeing the generosity of God reflected in our church in Greater Sydney. Forward this email and the attached poster for this seminar to anyone in your church who is interested. For more information, contact Sven Östring by phone 02 9868 6522 or by email

SvenOstring@adventist.org.au.

To register to receive key resources at the seminar, contact Lynda Gomes by phone 02 9868 6522 or by email

LyndaGomes@adventist.org.au

4. Pre-Constituency Meetings- 23rd-24th August, 2014

This is a meeting for delegates and church members to interact with administration before the session meeting and to ask more in depth questions

Topics discussed – · review major events of the past quadrennium

· cast a vision for the next quadrennium

· general q&a with conference administration

Sunday, 15 June – Parramatta church 77-81 hammers road, northmead 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Wednesday, 18 June – Hoxton park church 335 hoxton park road, hoxton park 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Sunday, 22 June – Wahroonga church 183 fox valley road, wahroonga 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Brought to you by greater sydney conference office for queries contact Pr Adrian Raethel

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IT IS WRITTEN (IIWO) DINNER 12 AUG 6:15PM

The IIWO (It is Written) "Dinner with Gary" at Epping Club will be on Tuesday (not Wednesday) the 12th August at 6:15pm. Our upcoming outreach program at Epping Church begins in August and are kicking off with a Dinner & Seminar at THE EPPING CLUB with *Pr Gary Kent* from It Is Written Oceania on **Tuesday 12th August**. You should have all got an invitation last Sabbath at church. If you haven't got one yet, be sure to get one this Sabbath so you can invite your friend or family member to this special event.

In order for our outreach to be a success we need to invite our friends. We also need to invite the community around our church. In my experience, evangelism is only a success if the church does its part... and our part is to GO, share our faith, and invite. The inspired words of EGW tell us that God wants to partner with us. If we do our part... God will do His part.

So, starting tomorrow after lunch and the next 2 Sabbaths afterwards, we will be giving out It Is Written-Oceania DVD's to our neighbours. We'll start with a short briefing in the church. Please join us in reaching people for Christ at Epping Church.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Conference is inviting expressions of interest from those who may wish to serve as a director of the Schools Ltd or Aged Care Ltd Boards for the next four years. These boards meet 9 – 11 times per year. People with the following skills and/or experience would be particularly helpful:

- Industry experience in the relevant field
- Finance and/or accounting qualifications and/or experience
- Marketing qualifications and/or experience
- Legal qualifications.

To register your interest, please contact the General Secretary at adrianraethel@adventist.org.au or ph 02 8876 5288. Comprehensive induction and orientation is provided.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

There is a member of Mt Gravatt SDA Church in Melbourne who is moving down to Sydney for work and is in the process of looking for accommodation. If anyone could help out that would be great:

I am a young, SDA female seeking a self-contained granny flat/unit in the local area. I am a full time optometrist, relocating from Brisbane to commence employment in St Ives early August. If you are able to help, please contact me – **Vanessa Forbes 0431 671 019**

Special Prayer Requests

- Please remember Dean Ashcroft and his family in your prayers
- Please pray for those who are unwell and facing challenges with their health
- Please pray for the Lin family as they mourn the passing of Harold and need our prayers for comfort and peace
- Please pray for Maree's father Tom as he is facing major health concerns
- Please pray for the Manahan family as they mourn the passing of Ron's brother
- Please pray for the upcoming evangelistic series

ADVENTIST EMPLOYMENT

[Physiotherapist](#) | Adventist Aged Care greater Sydney Conference, Wahroonga | Exp 10 Jul
[Accountant \(12 month full-time Maternity Leave Position\)](#) | Seventh-day Adventist Aged Care (Victoria) Ltd trading as AdventCare, Nunawading, Victoria | Exp 11 Jul

[Recreation Activities Officer](#) | Adventist Aged Care Sydney Conference, Wahroonga | Exp 13 Jul

[Deputy Principal](#) | Seventh-day Adventist Schools (NNSW) Ltd, Kempsey | Exp 18 Jul

[Physiotherapist Coordinator](#) | Vitality Works, Perth | Exp 18 Jul

[National Operations Manager](#) | Vitality Works, Perth CBD | Exp 18 Jul

[Sales assistant](#) | Greater Sydney Conference, Wahroonga, Sydney | Exp 21 Jul

[Deputy Vice Chancellor](#) | Pacific Adventist University, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea | Exp 21 Jul

[Support Services Director](#) | Pacific Adventist University, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea | Exp 24 Jul

[Systematic Theology Lecturer](#) | Pacific Adventist University, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea | Exp 24 Jul

[Assistant Accountant](#) | Adventist Senior Living, Cooranbong, NSW | Exp 25 Jul

[Corporate Chaplain](#) | North NSW Conference, Sanitarium Head Office - Berkeley Vale, NSW | Exp 30 Jul

[Principal](#) | Seventh-day Adventist Schools (NNSW) Ltd, Erina, NSW | Exp 31 Jul

[Bible Worker](#) | South New Zealand Conference, Garden City Fellowship- Christchurch | Exp 31 Jul

[Development Manager](#) | Adventist Senior Living, Cooranbong, NSW | Exp 15 Aug

[Sales and Site Manager](#) | Adventist Senior Living, Wyee Point, NSW | Exp 15 Aug

[Doctor - Atofi Adventist Hospital](#) | Seventh-day Adventist Church (Pacific) Ltd, Malaita, Solomon Islands | Exp 17 Aug

[Relationships Manager, Public & Supporter Relations](#) | ADRA Australia, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 17 Aug

[Ministries Administration Assistant](#) | Adventist Media Network, Wahroonga, NSW | Exp 22 Aug

[Head of Primary, Teacher](#) | Seventh-day Adventist Schools (NNSW) Ltd, Tweed Valley Adventist College, Murwillumbah, NSW | Exp 29 Aug

[Aircraft Engineer](#) | Adventist Aviation Services PNG, Goroka, EHP, Papua New Guinea | Exp 30 Aug

[Registered Nurse](#) | Avondale Senior Living, Cooranbong, NSW | Exp 31 Aug

[Lecturer/Senior Lecturer - Old Testament](#) | Avondale College of Higher Education, Lake Macquarie, NSW | Exp 31 Aug

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Taken by: Belinda Wright

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18