

WELCOME TO
EPPING

SDA CHURCH
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

14/5/2020

Epping Church!

Our next live stream will be this Sabbath at 11am, see below for the links.



Happy Mother's Day to all wonderful women of Epping church.

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SATURDAY PROGRAMS		
What	When	Link
Adult Sabbath School	10am Saturday Morning	https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/481995096?pwd=NjlVS2xkVU9DZmtVSzIjQU9iaW8zdz09 Meeting ID: 481 995 096 Password: 675908
Church Service	11am Saturday	https://www.facebook.com/eppingsda
Afternoon Tea catchup	4pm Saturday Arvo	Open invitation for those that would like to have a chat and cuppa. https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/395777033?pwd=K2VvajVGdm9ON3dKbVloMlI3QyszQT09 Meeting ID: 395 777 033 Password: 395893

THIS SABBATH
@EPPING

Elder:

Speaker: Pastor Nigel

Offering:

14/5/2020

Last Sabbath

Jon 19:28-29 + Matt 25:34-40

28 Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." 29 A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

Following along the journey of Jesus on the cross. He had defeated the devil, won salvation for humanity, winning the spiritual battle against the evil, he was able to rest.

He relied on humans satisfy his thirst.

Jesus relies on us to help accomplish his mission, his ministry. To represent him to make a difference in peoples lives by showing the kindness and love of Jesus.



ZOOM LINKS

Weekly programs

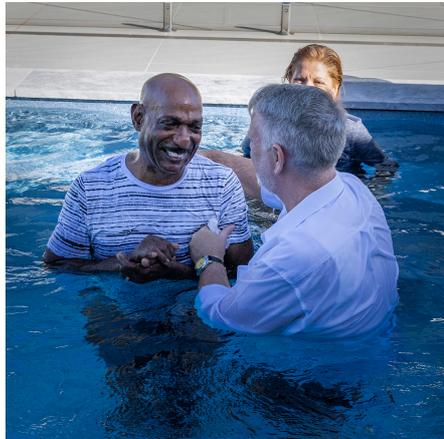
What	When	Link
8am Prayer Group	8am Mon - Friday	https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/384619955? pwd=SXp5V2RHSDJhQW85eXJnSWpBNUhsQT09
4pm Prayer Group	4pm Mon - Friday	https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/887853048? pwd=NmQ4WUp6cVBRK21BQXFEOctXbytzZz09
Youth Hangouts	7pm Friday Nights	Meeting ID: 384 694 480 Password: 350006

Saturday Programs

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Michael and Luisa Baptism

Congratulations to Michael and Luisa on May 8th at their baptism.



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Brave New World

By Tim Pinzone

Do you ever spend time thinking about a better world? A world where injustice no longer exists or where global pandemics will be no more?

Hundreds of visionaries have. Such people like Vladimir Lenin, Ghandi, Aung Sang Kuu Yii, Nelson Mandela, Sun Yat Sen, Martin Luther King and many others have fought, died, and sacrificed so much in their pursuit of a better world.

Yet despite their sacrifices, the world is still in disarray, still in disorder and no one knows if it will get any better.

So how do you make a better world?

The author Aldous Huxley concludes that free will was the cause of human suffering, the cause of evil. Because if you can choose, then you can choose to either be good or evil.

This concept is explored and dissected in Huxley's famous 1932 novel 'Brave New World', which was famously adapted into The LEGO Movie' in 2014. (So you can watch that instead if you don't want to read an old book from the 1930s).

In it, humans are living in a world where everything is awesome, they have all their needs and wants met, but they don't realise that they've all been conditioned to conform to the regulations of their leader.

A world where everyone is drugged and conditioned to believe, act and live in the exact same way. A world that is 'perfect' because free will is taken away.

Free will. With it we can choose to go for a run or sit on the couch, we can choose to read or binge watch Netflix, we can choose to do our homework or instead play video games and we can choose to follow God or reject him.

Brave New World...cont

By Tim Pinzone

Free will is one of the greatest gifts that God has given to the people He loves.

Yet it comes as a risk, if people can choose to do good then there's every chance they can choose to do evil. If there's a chance the angel Lucifer could choose to love and honour God, then there's every chance that he could choose to rebel, cause an intergalactic conflict and introduce sin and the destruction that comes with it, into this world.

It's not just him, we all have choices. We can choose to enter "the narrow gate... that leads to life" or we can enter the gate that is wide and easy, but "leads to destruction." (Matthew 7:13-14) Adam & Eve could choose to eat from any tree in the garden yet they ate from the one that brought death. Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin could have chosen to use their political careers to reform and fix the world instead of using their power for oppression and destruction. Likewise, our visionaries above could have chosen to use their influence for evil, but instead they chose to do good.

Choice and free will is the evidence that God loves us, but with it comes so many risks.

Supporters of Aldous Huxley speculate that the only way for a perfect world, is if free will and the ability to choose is taken from us.

Maybe Huxley is right, maybe our right to choose is the cause of all the pain and evil in the world. But God loves us too much to take away our right to choose.

Our perfect heavenly home will be perfect, not because our choice is taken away, we will still have our free will, yet despite that, everyone in heaven will make the right choice, all the time, every time.

Why? Because when we learn the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, we would never want to sin.

We will choose to make the right choice, because we will know the one who made the ultimate choice.

Blessings, Timothy Pinzone - Sydney Adventist Youth Advisory Team Member

EPPING YOUTH

7pm Friday Night youth

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ZOOM DETAILS

Meeting ID: 384 694 480

Password: 350006

@epping.youth

NOTICE BOARD

ADRA Blacktown

In a couple of weeks, Benita will be taking some food supplies to ADRA Blacktown. We will let you know a date and time when Benita will be at the church and you can bring your donations of food to the church... so stay tuned!

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Penny who is experiencing health challenges
- Please pray for Arthur's friend, Winnie who is ill
- Please continue to pray for those who are feeling ill or facing challenging in their lives
- Please pray for our Year 12 kids doing the HSC this year
- Please Pray for Epping church as we continue to run live streaming church services.
- Heal those who are sick and protect those who are not.
- Give our leaders extra wisdom as they navigate this pandemic and economic uncertainty.
- Strengthen Your global Church. Reveal to us how we can partner together to reach the needs of those around us.
- Calm our fears. Fill us with Your hope, joy, and peace as we continue to trust in You.
- Use this pandemic to pave the way for spiritual renewal. We want Your glory, power, and healing to be on display.
- Thankful that Rod, Elaine, Ness, Alvin and Andy have safety returned to Australia
- Pray for the safety of our frontline medical people
- Pray for the safety of our teachers and students
- Pray for the safety of all the sick, elderly and vulnerable members
- Pray for family and friends who have lost jobs
- Pray that God will open our eyes to people's needs, showing us how we can help.

MEMORY VERSES

Week 47

"Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong."

Week 46

Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:18

Week 45

Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Pslams 42:5

To see the rest of the memory verses see the link below :)

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ybw_EEbSMJRdPe_piLePW7sw1zLjO6Ki-ECvr7JEYLk/edit?usp=sharing



Pastor Nigel's
Thought of the Week

The Greatest Mission

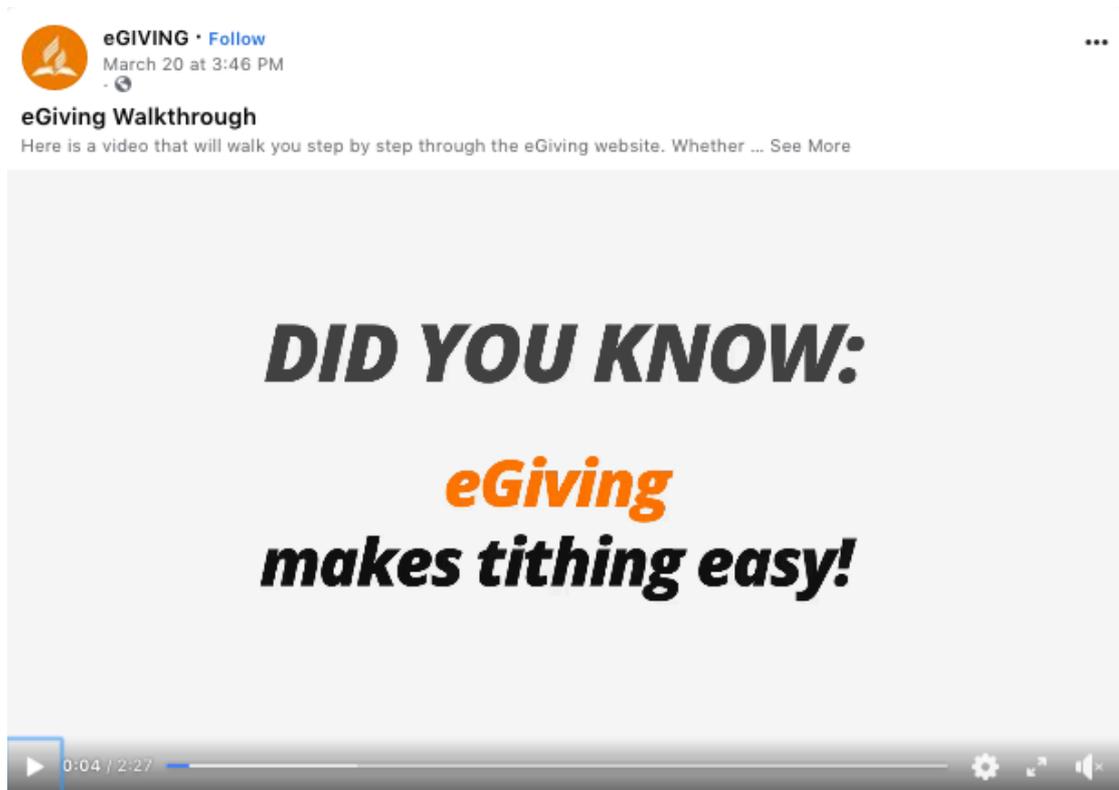
In the eyes of heaven, whom do you think has the greatest job/responsibility/honour? Pastors? Evangelists? Doctors? Missionaries? Church administrators? A little lady inspired by God once wrote, "In rightly training and molding the minds of her children, mothers are entrusted with the greatest mission ever given to mortals" SD 252.

Mothers. Our dear mothers have the greatest and possibly hardest job ever given to mortals. Yes, I know Mother's Day was last weekend, but is there ever a bad time to celebrate, affirm, and prayerfully uphold our mothers?

I lost my mother earlier this year and so Mother's Day this year for me had a somber undercurrent. So, I'll make this short and sweet... Pray for your mothers daily. Show gratitude for the many unnoticed little jobs they do. Carry them when they are weary. Encourage them when life frustrates them. Respect them as heaven commands. Love them no matter what. Hang on to that spirit and make every day Mother's Day...

"Thus saith the Lord, ... I will contend with him that contendeth with you, and I will save your children" Isaiah 49:25.

eGivings walkthrough



eGiving Walkthrough

Here is a video that will walk you step by step through the eGiving website. Whether you are in Australia or in New Zealand you can still be faithful and return your tithes and give your offerings and thanksgivings.

Video Link here

<https://www.facebook.com/eGIVINGSDA/videos/635678597222482>

eGiving Link here

<https://egiving.org.au/?fbclid=IwAR1mkQR6PcpSqTCw-4UF0tw2ABnyf7TtStP7sG5agVmQBeivkp5m2nfiU7I>

eGivings walkthrough

eGiving Step by Step Guide.

Use the eGiving App to securely return tithes and offerings.

Did you know that you can return tithes, give offerings and make charitable contributions where ever you are?



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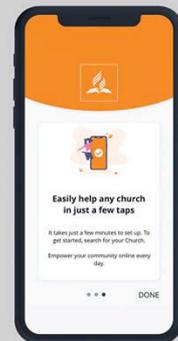
Search “eGiving” in the Apple App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android).

Once downloaded, open the eGiving app.



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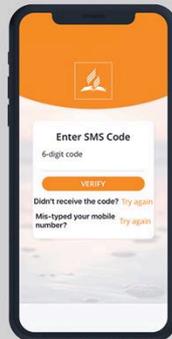
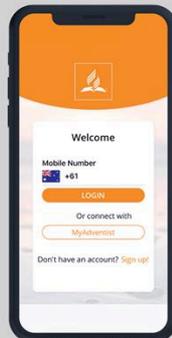
Tap “NEXT” to move through the introductory slides, reading the information as you go, then tap “DONE”.



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Sign-up Instructions

1. At the welcome screen, tap the flag and select your country. Then enter your mobile number and tap “LOGIN”.
2. You'll be sent a code via SMS (text message). Enter the code and tap “VERIFY”.
3. Then enter your email address and tap “CONFIRM” and enter your name details. Tap “OK” to dismiss the message on your screen.
4. You'll be sent an email with another verification code. Open your email, note the code and type it into the app and tap “VERIFY”.
5. Next, choose your preferred security method and tap “OK”.



HELPFUL INFORMATION

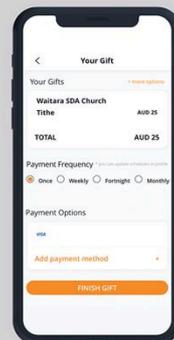
eGiving uses your location to help find your local church. A window will pop up asking you to choose your preferred privacy settings.

Simply select the option you are most comfortable with. If you can't find your local church, tap the search bar at the top of the screen, enter the name of your church, and tap the search button.

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Returning Tithes & Offerings

1. To return tithes, press the orange RETURN button, then tap the line underneath “Amount & Payment Options”. Enter your amount, tap outside the box, and tap “CONFIRM GIFT”.
2. To also give offerings, tap “more options” at the top right hand side of your screen. Swipe down the list until you find the offering of your choice and select it. As before, enter your amount and press “CONFIRM GIFT”.
3. Select your payment frequency.
4. Under payment options, add a payment method.
5. Fill out your details then tap “ADD CARD”.
6. Tap outside of the box to dismiss the message, then select the card.
7. Review the transaction details and when you are ready, tap “FINISH GIFT”.
8. Next, a confirmation screen will confirm that your contributions has been completed.



HAVE YOU TRIED USING THE EGIVING WEBSITE?

This website is linked to your local church bank account and deposits tithes and offerings to that account within 48 hours.



South Pacific

Australia: www.egiving.org.au
New Zealand: www.egiving.org.nz

HELPFUL TIP!

Check your email inbox. The receipt should be available shortly after giving. It's useful to download and save the receipt for your own records.

REMINDER

Church Closed!



Epping Seventh Day Adventist Church

Dear Church,

In response to the covid-19 pandemic, our church leaders in Australia have advised us to close our churches until the end of April. Because we love you all and do not want to exacerbate the spread of the virus, we will be closing Epping church for Sabbath services effective immediately.

You will be able to watch our services live-streamed on your computers or phones in the safety of your homes. We hope you will all do so and we will be together in spirit.

LIVE STREAM LINK HERE:

>> <https://www.facebook.com/eppingsda> <<