

20/8/2020

Epping Church!

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



Last week we learnt how God heard Elijah's prayer and raised to life the widow's son. God will always give the best answer to our prayers. "The Lord cares for those who trust in Him" Nahum 1:7 NIV

SATURDAY PROGRAMS		
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Adult Sabbath School	10am Saturday Morning	https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/481995096?pwd=NjlVS2xkVU9DZmtVSzljQU9iaW8zdz09 Meeting ID: 481 995 096 Password: 675908
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Pastor Nigel took the sermon titled 'Let's make a deal' reading from Isaiah 41: 10

God wants to make a deal with us

Deal 1 - Trade his FELLOWSHIP for our FEARS

Fear of Death? Philippians 1:21 To live is Christ and to die is gain! - the gain? Eternal life.

Failure? Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Security? Philippians 4:19 - My God shall supply all your need

Future? Matthew 28:20 - Lo I am with you always. - he is always beside you always keeping you company

Deal 2 - Trade his COMFORT for your CONFUSION

in the midst of our confusion, God answers, may not be the answer your expecting but its the answer that is best for you. When you are confused, make a deal with God and remember that we belong to him and he will take care of your confusion

Deal 3 - Trade his STRENGTH for your WEAKNESS

We battle our lives, our regrets, past failures, bad decision.
but Isaiah 40:28-31 reminds us of the strength that God has.

Deal 4 - Trade his HELP for your HELPLESSNESS

God is good, he simply wants to help us. Sometimes all we can do is cry out for help, just like Peter while he was about to drown in the sea.

Deal 5 - Trade his RIGHTEOUSNESS for your Filthy Rags

We should only have eyes for Jesus. Through faith, we receive his Righteousness

Christ is enough for all your needs, make a deal with Him.





SDA Scholarship program

Wahroonga Adventist School - SDA Scholarship Program for 2021 now available to existing and new students (Prep to Year 12) who are facing financial hardship. Applications close **31st August 2020**. Please email enrol@wahroonga.adventist.edu.au for further details.

Link below for more details.

https://wahroonga.adventist.edu.au/high_school/scholarship_information

EPPING LIBRARY

Dear Epping Church,

Hoping you've had a good week.

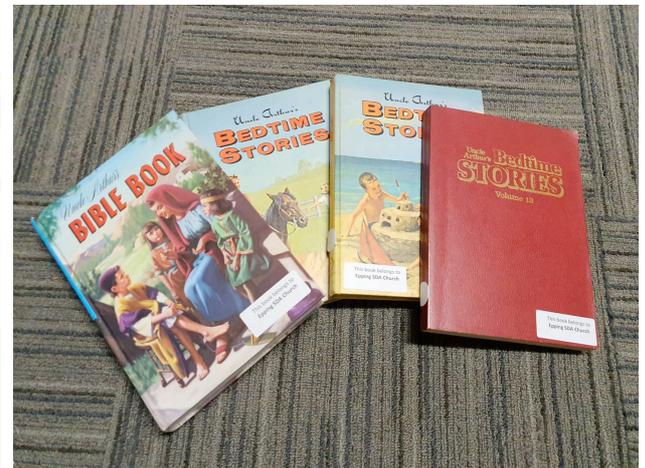
What a great start we've had with our Children's Library Project!

Many thanks to those who have donated to the Library so far....

Just a reminder to please continue looking for your old preloved Kids Christian books and DVDs .You can let me or Elaine know if you have any to donate.

Thanks again for your continuing help and support.

Rainy



EPPING YOUTH

Join us, every Friday night 7pm

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ZOOM DETAILS

Meeting ID: 384 694 480

Password: 350006

[@epping.youth](#)

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Lebanon as they have experienced a terrible bomb, whilst dealing with covid.
- 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.
- 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.



Pastor Nigel's
Thought of the Week



Your face says it all

Everyone loves a good wedding. Well, the ladies do at least. And people are especially fascinated with royal weddings, tuning in their televisions by the millions. One of the focal points is always the wedding dress with all its lace, buttons, and long train. Who could forget Diana's 7.6m train?!

Now imagine being able to look closely at the last 2cm of Diana's train. Would that interest you? Maybe, maybe not. Well Moses found himself in a similar, but infinitely greater situation, when he was allowed to see the very tail end of God's glory. There on Mt Sinai, lightning flashed, thunder roared, the mountain shook, and the light was blinding as God allowed Moses to see the tail end of His glory.

The result? A tiny fraction of God's glory stayed with Moses, so much so that the people pleaded with him to hide his face because it shone so bright. Question: How does your face look today? When people look at you, do they marvel and know that you have been with the Lord because your face radiates love, peace, and joy? As surely as day follows night, "when the light of heaven shines upon His disciples, his [her] countenance will express the joy of the Lord within" 5BC 1144.

Why not team up with God and have a little fun?! Every morning spend time together with Him, and then try to reflect His character as you go about your day. See how many people look at you funny because you are smiling so hard and your eyes are deep pools of love and compassion. See how many people just want to linger and talk with you. They may not know why, but you will. And it will give you the golden opportunity to love them as God has loved you!

"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, to give the... glory of God" 2 Cor. 4:6.

MEMORY VERSES

WELCOME TO
EPPING
SDA CHURCH

The Lord is not slack concerning
His promise, as some count slackness,
but is long suffering toward us,
not willing that any should perish
but that all should come to repentance.

2 PETER 3:9 NKJV

Week 59

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2 Peter 3:9

Week 58

'All your words are true; all our righteous laws are eternal.'

Psalms 119:160

Week 57

So let's not get tired of doing what is good, At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

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

PHYSICAL CHURCH UPDATE!!

Dear Church Family,

This year has been a year like no other. I think if we could send it back and ask for a refund, many of us would. Currently, COVID-19 restrictions are easing in some places and getting tighter in others. I know many of you are wondering when we will be able to go back to church, so I just wanted to drop you a line and let you know what's likely to happen.

The Church Board has discussed reopening the church at great length. There is no one perfect solution or way of doing it, so this is what we have settled upon... We will continue with the current live-streaming regime until the government relaxes the restrictions to one person per two square meters. When this happens however, even with one person per two square meters, our church is still not large enough to hold us all. Therefore, we will split the church into two groups and take it week about coming to church. On the other weeks you can watch the live-stream (which will continue) from home as you are currently doing. Of course, there will be safety protocols we will all need to abide by at church to keep everyone safe and healthy. The group lists and safety protocols will be shared with you closer to the re-opening date.

Thank you for your patience and faithfulness. I look forward to seeing you all soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to request my number for a chat.

God bless and keep smiling!

Pr. Nigel

Church Renovations

Hi Epping Church,

Thanks to all who helped out at our Working Bee today. We got a lot of work done this afternoon! Unfortunately we have a serious problem with the church sanctuary floor boards with some major holes and damage. Not surprising considering the age of the church, now 72 years old. I'm glad we have identified them now prior to someone potentially having an injury from the damage. This will require significant renovating and recarpeting.

So far we have put the church chairs in the hall and removed the carpet of the church sanctuary and removed some of the underlay with skirting boards. I've attached some photos for you. We have formed a Building Committee (Henry, Cyrus and Michael Ing) to advise the board and church on the next steps to fix this issue. We have a good opportunity whilst the church is empty because of Covid, to act on this without excessive disruption. Feel free to talk to the committee if you have any ideas on improving things eg stage set up, audiovisual requirements, colour of the carpet etc

The funds required will likely be in the order of \$50,000+ and so we would appreciate the church members financial support and being generous with any donations they care to give. We will keep you up to date with things as they progress

Blessings

Rod



ZOOM LINKS

4PM WEEKDAY PRAYER GROUP CHANGED TO 1PM

With restrictions lifting a little and some of us traveling back into work, our 4pm prayer group will now be at 1pm each week day....zoom details remain unchanged.

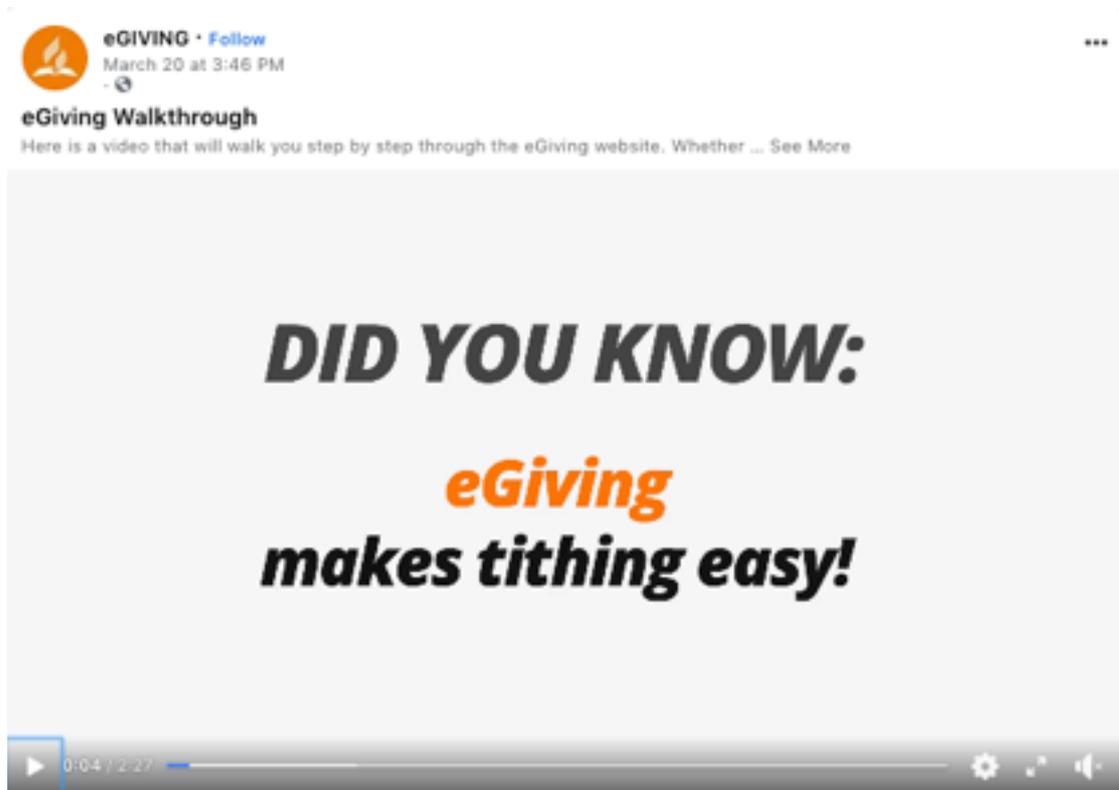
Weekly programs

What	When	Link
8am Prayer Group	8am Mon - Friday	https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/384619955? pwd=SXp5V2RHSDJhQW85eXJnSWpBNUhsQT09
1pm Prayer Group	1pm 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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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?

 **AUSTRALIAN USERS**

1

Search "eGiving" in the Apple App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android).
Once downloaded, open the eGiving app.

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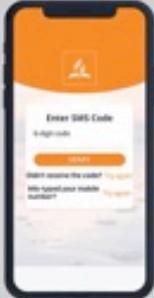
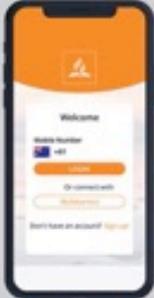
Tap "NEXT" to move through the introductory slides, reading the information as you go, then tap "DONE".



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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".

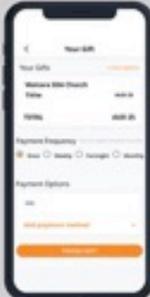


HELPFUL INFORMATION
eGiving uses your location to help find your local church. A window will pop up asking you to choose your preferred privacy settings. Simply select the option you are most comfortable with. If you can't find your local church, tap the search bar at the top of the screen, enter the name of your church, and tap the search button.

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Returning Tithes & Offerings

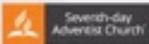
1. To return tithe, press the orange RETURN button, then tap the line underneath "Amount & Payment Options". Enter your amount, tap outside the box, and tap "CONFIRM GIFT".
2. To also give offerings, tap "more options" at the top right hands side of your screen. Swipe down the list until you find the 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". Tap outside of the box to dismiss the message, then select the card.
6. Review the transaction details and when you are ready, tap "FINISH GIFT".
7. Next, a confirmation screen will confirm that your contributions has been completed.



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.



HAVE YOU TRIED USING THE EGIVING WEBSITE?
This website is linked to your local church bank account and deposits tithe and offerings to that account within 48 hours.

 *South Pacific* **Australia: www.egiving.org.au**
New Zealand: www.egiving.org.nz