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Welcome to LifeWay. It's a joy to have you with us as we begin a new five week series: "I can relate to that." Whether you are a visitor checking us out to see if this is the Church for you, with family or friends, or are a regular, we look forward to meeting you and getting to know you. Here at LifeWay, we are on a journey as God calls us to be a people who are living, sharing and growing in his life. Wherever you are at, we would love to walk with you in the next stage of your journey. Please fill in a visitor card at the door with your details and leave it with the ushers or on your seat – we would love to keep in contact with you and acknowledge your time with us today.

WEEK 1 OF SERIES:



TODAY'S READINGS

Galatians 4:1-7; Luke 15:25-32

What makes us who we are? Is it our genes, the traits and characteristics we inherit from our parents? Or is it the environment around us and the everyday experiences we have that form and shape us? Science calls this the question of 'nature versus nurture'. Children are often like their parents, a fact that can be embarrassing or encouraging depending on the circumstances. But what about adopted children - who do they resemble? God's answer is clear - as adopted children of the Heavenly Father, created in his image, you are a full heir of his and called to resemble him completely. He wants you to fully live in the intimacy, freedom, spontaneity and affection of the relationship he has given you and to relate to him that way. So today we explore the beauty and love of living as a son and daughter to the Father. We hope you can relate to that.

If you are visiting with us, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to stay for morning tea with us after the service.

COMING SOON

Payments via our App.

You will soon be able to pay for events, courses, even set up your regular giving to the mission and ministry at LifeWay through the app and website. Stay tuned! We hope to go live with this in the next few weeks.

ONE WEEK OF FINANCIAL YEAR LEFT TO GO

There is only one week left of LifeWay's financial year. We are about \$4700 behind what we have budgeted for the year. Please prayerfully consider your giving and think how you can help us reach our budget target today.

STAFF HOLIDAYS

Pastor Mat will be away from **Friday 27 September - 7 October**, and **Pastor Mark 1** from **29 September to 12 October**.

For assistance during this time, please contact Pastor Mark Simpfendorfer, Eva Leung or the office. For urgent Pastoral help, please ring Pastor Mark II on 0413 836 340



NEXT WALK SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER

See John Klingberg for details.



Sunday LUNCH

on Sunday 29 September
THE EPPING HOTEL, 12PM

KIDS UNDER 10 EAT FREE. Beecroft Road - right by the lift for the overpass to Epping Station

RSVP to Helen or Rod Witt if you plan to attend.

New to the community? Want to know what LifeWay believes, what our mission is and where we are going?

You are invited to join us for lunch and Foundations to discover the opportunities for you to live, share and grow deeper through LifeWay.

from 11.30am - 4.30pm
at Newcastle
3rd November
at Epping
10th November



foundations

Please register via the App or website, along with any dietary needs.

LCA NSW District Office
has now moved!

Please update your records:

215/20B Lexington Drive
Bella Vista NSW 2153
Phone 02 8660 1200



Postal address is same as street address.

Opening and Dedication of new NSW District Office

Sunday 3 November 3pm
Visitor parking available on site.
500m walk to Bella Vista station.

Please rsvp to
kaye.simpfendorfer@lca.org.au

SAVE THE DATE

LifeWay's AGM will be held in Epping on Sunday 24th November after a combined worship service.

It will now be held in Epping as the Supercars Race is on in Newcastle where all accommodation is well and truly booked out. We will be running a bus from Newcastle, so please see Pastor Mat or Sab to register your interest.



Come and join the community in getting into the real spirit of Christmas.

We will need lots of volunteers on the day and people to help with set-up. This is an important part of our ministry in serving the local community, so please plan now for a day off to help set up or to assist with stalls in the evening.



Join us on 15 October at Event Cinemas Macquarie Centre to see JOKER.

We will meet at TGI Fridays for drinks and snacks beforehand. Meeting time will be advertised the week before. See Shane Albances for more details.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Heavenly Father, through your Son Jesus, you have made us your sons and daughters. Not only children but also heirs to the kingdom of Heaven. Empower us by the Holy Spirit, to come to you as a loving father with all our needs and concerns, and to seek your love and protection so that your kingdom might be alive in us and reflected through us that many more are drawn into your arms of grace and love. We ask this in the name of your Son, our brother and Lord. Amen.

WE PRAY...

- Give thanks to God for the love, care and protection which he gives to his people as a loving, Heavenly Father.
- For those whose fathers have let them down or broken the trust which should exist between a father and his children, that they would find safety and comfort in the arms of their Heavenly Father.
- For earthly fathers, that God would empower them to love as he loves and that they would faithfully care for and nurture their children.
- For families, that they might be places where the love of God is present, and where life is encouraged and nurtured.
- For other figures in authority whose role is also to serve and protect, that God might guide and protect them as they serve our communities and the world.
- For us at LifeWay, that God would continue to use us to advance his kingdom locally and globally as we share his life-transforming grace wherever we go.
- For those travelling or preparing for school holidays, that they may enjoy safety in their travel and be restored during the break
- Give thanks for teachers and the selfless dedication they display in caring for and teaching our children. That they also would be resotred and enjoy some recreation time these school holidays.
- For the sick and those in need in our LifeWay family - especially Matthew Kassulke, John Fletcher, Esa and Barbara Lehtonen, Jenny Schneider, Emily Cooke, Hedi Krause, Erna Kutas, Audrey and John Scarce.

prayer for all nations

*"For my house
will be called a
house of prayer
for all nations."*

ISAIAH 56:7B

Come and join us as we gather
together in prayer for God's church
and the community of Newcastle at
our monthly prayer meeting
Monday 21st October
5:30pm-6:30pm at LifeWay Newcastle

Come for the whole hour or just for a few minutes because
the prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective!

ACR is getting a new website.
Over the past six months, our
Christian online bookstore Australian
Christian Resources (ACR) has
been working hard to develop a
new website to make it easier for all
customers to browse, search and
order books and other resources.
The website will be launched soon
and you will be the first to know!

EXCITING
NEWS



活道信义会舞蹈学习班 Dance Class STARTING SOON

Join us for Line dancing, Praise dancing and
Chinese fan dancing, every 1st, 3rd and 5th
Wednesday of the month.
From 12pm - 1.30pm at LifeWay Epping.
Begins Wednesday 2nd October.

REMINDER DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND

Put your clocks forward 1 hour before you
go to sleep so you don't miss Church!

NEXT WEEK
SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER



A SHEEP TO THE SHEPHERD

Epping 9.30am

with holy communion

Reading: John 10:11-16; 27-30

A SON TO THE FATHER

Newcastle 9.30am

with holy communion

and Live Stream

Galatians 4:1-7; Luke 15:25-32

SERVING...

EPPING

Reading	David Hazell
Prayers	Charles Bertelsmeier
HC	Charles Bertelsmeier, Kathy Ironside
Ushers	Walter & Andrea Firgau
Morning Tea	Daina & Sam Lee, Kaye Simpfendorfer
Flowers	Josi Weiss
Data	Helen Witt
Music	Band 1
Sound	Rod Witt

NEWCASTLE

Reading	Sabina Pichler
HC	Sue Gesswein
Ushers	Ruth MacConnachie
Morning Tea	Sabina Pichler, Abbie Bagnall
Flowers	Ruth MacConnachie
Data	Carolyn Keane