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WEEK 5 OF SERIES:



TODAY'S READINGS

**Psalms 32:8-11 & Luke 4:1-13**

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 9.30am service, or lunch after 'The Gathering' at Epping.

Welcome to LifeWay. It's a joy to have you with us as we continue to explore what it means to live in the fullness of the Father's love. 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.

Like a stalker, it harasses you and your identity with unwanted and obsessive attention. It never leaves you alone, following you wherever you go - at home, in the schoolyard, at your workplace, in shops, restaurants, even your car. It knows your history, your routines and where you are most vulnerable. Every step you take there is an orchestrated and calculated attempt to deceive you and shift your allegiance, trust, and confidence away from God and toward some substitute that promises a more secure identity. The only way through is to pray for the Father's Guidance, and that's what Jesus invites us to do today.

## THREE WEEKS OF FINANCIAL YEAR LEFT TO GO

There are only three weeks 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 over the next three weeks.

lifegroups

### MANDARIN LIFEGROUP

A new Mandarin LifeGroup has begun on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 6.30pm at LifeWay Epping. See Wilkinson for more information or email him at [wilkinson.hu@lifeway.net.au](mailto:wilkinson.hu@lifeway.net.au)

#### WHAT'S ON?

##### THIS WEEK

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| <b>SUN</b><br><b>8</b>   | <b>LifeWay Bushwalkers Group</b><br>meeting at 1.30pm         |
| <b>MON</b><br><b>9</b>   | <b>Conversational English Classes</b><br>Epping 10am          |
|                          | <b>North Epping Carols Meeting</b><br>7.30pm                  |
| <b>WED</b><br><b>11</b>  | <b>Band Practice</b><br>Epping 7.30pm                         |
| <b>THUR</b><br><b>12</b> | <b>Songbirds</b> Mandarin Singing Group<br>Epping 10am        |
|                          | <b>Mainly Music</b> , Term 3<br>Newcastle 10am                |
|                          | <b>Prayer for Epping Boys &amp; Cheltenham Girls</b><br>8-9pm |
| <b>FRI</b><br><b>13</b>  | <b>Mainly Music</b> , Term 3<br>Epping 10am                   |



## EXCITING NEWS

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. Stay tuned for the website will be launched very soon and you will be the first to know!



### THANKYOU!

A big thankyou to Pastor Michael Dutschke for leading the Amplify conference at Newcastle this weekend and preaching this morning. We pray with expectant hearts to see what God does next as he grows us in his gifts.



### 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.



# Chinese Moon Festival Dinner

Last night, over 100 people gathered to celebrate the Chinese Moon Festival at Epping. We thank God for the opportunity to engage with our neighbours in this way and to celebrate the God who provides all good things that we have in this world!

## Did you know...

- In the last month, 177 people watched our stream services either live or at a later date
- 22,300 visits were made to our website
- 2467 visits to our sermon page
- 1892 downloads of a LifeGroup guide.
- 3209 people read a Daily verse

## Pray For Cheltenham Girls' and Epping Boys' High Schools

A group of people from local churches meet together for one hour, once a term, to pray for Cheltenham Girls' and Epping Boys' High Schools to support the students, staff, chaplains and Scripture program. Please join us on Thursday 12 September from 8-9pm at 9 Gloucester Road Epping. We will finish promptly.

Enquiries - Katrina Collins - phone: 0400 488 459  
email: ckjsge@gmail.com



# Exiles

**Back 2 Base 7-11 October**  
For Year 7-12 at Warrambui  
Go to [www.tpm.org.au](http://www.tpm.org.au) for more details.

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Gracious and merciful Father, with every step we take in life we are confronted with choices between belief and unbelief, obedience and disobedience. Give us courage to face and name our own temptations, and to direct our lives toward you that we may walk in spirit and truth as the Holy Spirit leads, guides, fills and empowers us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

## WE PRAY...

- That God would lead us to walk in his righteous paths.
- For those who face temptations that seem too great, that they may know the Father's heart and care for them.
- For those who are hungry or homeless, that they may not be tempted to despair.
- For those in positions of leadership or power, that they may resist the temptation to abuse their power.
- For the Church that it may have the wisdom to see the temptation to walk an easier path than the cross of Jesus Christ.
- For all those who attended the Amplify Conference this weekend, that God would draw them all deeper into his fullness of life.
- For Helga and Craig Anderson, Stephanie and Nicola, as they mourn the loss of Helga's mum this past week that God would comfort them with the hope of the resurrection.
- For Alex and Annie Duarte, Oliver Witt, Calvin Simpfendorfer and Daniel McEwen as they go into the recording studio this week that the music they record would be a blessing to many and draw them into the Father's embrace.
- 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.



## LIFEWAY MUSICIANS HEAD INTO THE STUDIO

Tomorrow Alex and Annie Duarte, Oliver Witt, Calvin Simpfordorfer and Daniel McEwen head into Psalter Studios to begin recording 5 original songs. It's a new experience for us as a Church, so please pray that the week goes well and the results are a blessing that draw many more into the Father's heart.



**Join us TODAY for the Spit Bridge to Manly Wharf walk. If you'd like more information, please see John Klingberg.**

It's 9.5km from the Spit Bridge to Manly wharf, but it's fairly easy and shouldn't take any more than 2.5hrs. We'll meet in the car park at the southern end of the Spit Bridge. You'll need to make your own arrangements to be there in time for a 1:30pm departure. Remember that parking in the area is fairly expensive, so hook up with someone else and car pool - or catch the bus. There are buses back to the Spit from Manly at the end.

## NEXT WEEK SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER



**Epping 9.30am**  
with holy communion  
and Live Stream

**Epping 11.30am**  
The Gathering

**Newcastle 9.30am**  
with holy communion

READINGS  
**Psalm 121. John 17:6-12a**

## SERVING...

### EPPING

<b>Reading</b>	Bronwyn Klingberg
<b>Prayers</b>	Trevor Harders
<b>HC</b>	Jo Schultz, Rod Witt
<b>Ushers</b>	Jo & Adam Brownnett
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Ed & Em Burke, Elysia McEwen
<b>Flowers</b>	Helga Anderson
<b>Data</b>	Georgia Schultz
<b>Music</b>	Band 3
<b>Sound</b>	John Klingberg

### NEWCASTLE

<b>Reading</b>	Ruth MacConnachie
<b>HC</b>	Sue Gesswein
<b>Ushers</b>	Sabina Pichler
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Maureen Macpherson, Janette Gollgedge
<b>Flowers</b>	Ruth MacConnachie
<b>Data</b>	Carolyn Keane