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“The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.” Will Ferrell, *Elf*

Merry and Blessed Christmas to you all!
祝你圣诞快乐,平安幸福!

Welcome to LifeWay! We are delighted to have you here as we celebrate and add a song of joy and life to our Christmas Playlist. May these tunes be stuck in your heart and heard from your lips throughout the coming year that the whole world may know the joy and life that the Christchild brings for all. For God has come near to us and that changes everything.

Whether you are new to the area and checking us out, visiting with family or friends, or are a regular, we are thrilled that you are here. 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, on your seat or in the offering plate – we would love to keep in contact with you and acknowledge your time with us today. May the presence of Jesus with you and in you be the greatest gift you receive again this Christmas.



Good news from heaven the angels bring,
Glad tidings to the earth they sing;
To us this day a child is given,
To crown us with the joy of heaven.

Martin Luther



FROM ALL THE STAFF HERE AT LIFEWAY, WE WISH YOU A
BLESSED CHRISTMAS THAT CONTINUES RIGHT THROUGH 2020.



OPENHOUSE AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION

at the Newcastle Manse,

Monday 27 January from 11am.

BYO Drinks. Please let Mat know if
you are coming. RSVP on the App or
website by Friday 24th January.

OFFICE HOURS

There will only be skeleton staff on over the next two weeks. For any help or assistance, please contact Pastor Mark and Mat, who are around all of December and January. Many of the other staff will be taking breaks over this New Year/January period.

New Time Out daily devotional available.

See Mark Simpendorfer or
Pastor Mat to order yours today
at the reduced price of \$20.
Four LifeWay writers have
contributed to this edition.



*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**

Thursday 23rd January
from 7pm at LifeWay Newcastle



**CAMBODIA
MISSION**

a HOPE & a FUTURE

CAMBODIA MT2020 IS A GO!!

'Please come again.' That's the request of Pastor Vibol this last week via Messenger! If you are interested in joining us on our 4th Mission Team to Cambodia, please register your name on the App. Departing Monday July 6th, we will return on Sunday 19th. There will be a house to build in Tang Krang, and helping in running a children's and youth camp.

GET READY TO TAKE-OFF IN 2020

Details of an exciting new
adventure for LifeWay coming soon.



GIVING ON THE APP & WEBSITE NOW LIVE



**You can now give offerings or
donations for Cambodia or even
pay for mainly music online.**

Simply go to the menu on the App and scroll
down to **Give** or alternatively choose **Give**
from the menu bar on the website. You
can even set up a recurring debit through
this portal. It's just another way to make it
convenient for you to bless the mission and
ministry here at LifeWay.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Most loving Father, thank you for this day and for
all it represents. Thank you for the song of peace
that you place on our lips, lifting us from despair,
the song of promise that fills us with faith to keep
going when nothing seems to be happening, and
the song of hope that comes to transform the
world with a revolution of love. Add to that playlist
the song of joy and life by your presence with us
this day that we may sing boldly of your grace
which has come to live with us forever and ever.
We ask this in the name of your Son, our Lord,
Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE PRAY...

- For all who proclaim the good news of Jesus at
Christmas and for those who hear it that they
may sing louder than ever before.
- For all the nations of the world that they may
see God's glory revealed in Jesus Christ.
- For those whose lives are in despair from
natural disasters in our region, fire, drought,
volcanic eruption, that they may know the
presence of Jesus in the midst of the struggle,
grief and mess.
- For the homeless and the lonely, for those who
are experiencing Christmas without loved ones,
that God would dwell with them in Christ.
- For those who work on this day or who are
separated from families and friends that they
may experience the presence of Christ's love.
- For all those in the emergency services and
hospitals who deal with suffering and care for
those who are weak, sick or struggling on this
day that Christ's presence may shine brightly
through them.

How to download the LifeWay app

- 1 **Download/install the 'container' app**
'Church Central' (Android) from Google Play
or 'Church Central Australia' (iOS) from the App Store.
- 2 **Open the app & click 'Find a Church'.**
Scroll down and select **LifeWay** and **'yes'** add as favourite.
- 3 **Enjoy all the great features...**
Stay up to date with news, daily Bible
verse with thought to ponder,
LifeGroup Guides, sermons
and much more.

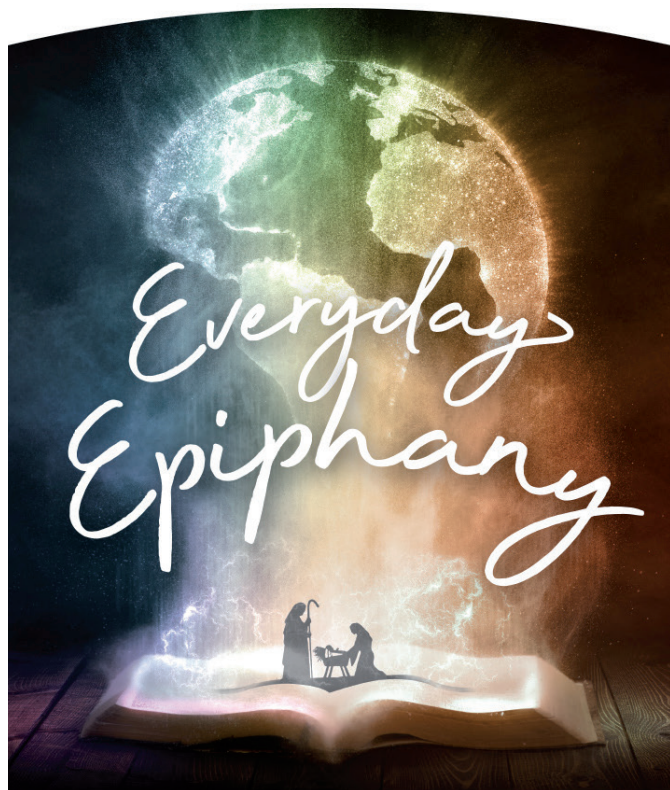


We've all had those 'Aha moments' -

those moments where the light turns on and everything becomes clear, those experiences that reorient and transform our lives in ways we never saw coming. But often those epiphanies are rare, that's why we remember them.

*What if you could experience an everyday epiphany?
What if you could live in 2020 with a clarity and insight that transformed every moment? It's possible.*

The coming of Jesus, the light of the world, intersects with our everyday lives illuminating a new way and revealing a clearer purpose. Let the light of Christ brighten your new year and turn every moment into an Everyday Epiphany of his grace in you and around you.



Light Shines *Light Strengthens* *Light Heals* *Light Reigns*
5 JANUARY 12 JANUARY 19 JANUARY 26 JANUARY

NEXT WEEK
SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST



**Join us this Sunday as we
conclude our Christmas
Playlist and round out 2019
with a Song for Eternity.**

Epping 9.30am
with holy communion
and Live Stream

Newcastle 9.30am
with holy communion

Reading: Luke 2:22-38

SERVING...

EPHING

Reading	Jim Ironside
Prayers	Dianne Bergen
HC	G Lane, D Bergen D Dietz
Ushers	B MacDonald, M Pusep
Morning Tea	Paul & Ruth Niemczyk, Ian Bittner
Flowers	NA
Data	Josh Simpfordorfer
Music	Band 5
Sound	Ed Burke

NEWCASTLE

Reading	Ruth MacConnachie
HC	Kim Johns
Usher	Ruth MacConnachie
Morning Tea	Maureen Macpherson, Janette Jolledge
Flowers	Ruth MacConnachie
Data	Sabina Pichler