

# Epping SDA Church Newsletter

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Welcome to our weekly Church Newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition with articles, news and photos.

If there is any **information** you would like to share or a **photo** you would like us to view, please email it to the address below.

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This newsletter can also be downloaded on our website: <http://www.eppingsda.org.au>

## This Sabbath @ Epping

This week's service at Epping will be taken by **Pastor Chris Manthey**. A warm welcome back to Epping for Pastor Chris, as he returns from leave and after recovering from illness. We look forward to your message this week. The Elder in charge is **Pastor Michael Worker**.

This week's offering is for **Education**.

## Last Sabbath @ Epping

Last week's service at Epping was taken by **Barent Nieuwstraten**. Barent's message was entitled "**When bad things happen to Good people**" and was based on the book of Job.

One of Barent's key points was that the Book of Job is not really about Job but about God. Satan was really attacking God, not Job.

Nevertheless the response of Job despite all his suffering was poignant

Job 1:20,21

"At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised."

Another take home message for me was that Job eventually withdraws his need for any explanation, and lives and walks by faith.

Job 42:3

*You asked, 'Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know.*

*There was also a special Scripture reading:*



## Condolences

Our condolences and sympathies to the family of **Sue Johnson**. Sue passed away during the week after battling illness. Sue is Michael Worker's mother, and we ask you to remember Sue's husband Andrew, and Sue's family in your prayers.

## Pathfinder News

### 1. Pathfinder Meeting: This Sabbath 1 pm

From Henry:

The meeting this week will be the first in our series to prepare you with skills for the fair. We will commence about 1:00 (depends on when church finishes) and run until 5:00 pm. Because of the limited time we have in the run up to the fair, we need to extend the meeting time.

The skills we will be practising are marching, first aid, knots and lashing.

We are booked in at **Yellow Rock for the 6th March** for one night camp where we will concentrate on the Fair building skills. One of the events involves the water balloon catapults and we will need to use some of the time to build this as a trial run.

We plan to leave the church straight after lunch and head to Budgewoi. I will include a map as we get closer to the camp.

Please let me know if you are not able to make this event.

Some of you have purchased club shirts, please bring the money this week. Those who need to purchase them, they cost \$35 each.

In regards to dress uniform, please check out your current uniform and let me know about whether it fits properly.

Because of the high cost of the uniforms and the rapid growth of all the kids, when you return the uniform, it must be clean and in a reusable state. Failing that, you will be asked to contribute towards the purchase of a larger uniform for your child. A fully outfitted dress uniform costs close to \$200. Some of the accessories will have to be purchased by you. If you are not using a uniform anymore, please return it so we can reissue it to a smaller Pathfinder.

### 2. Camporee 2011

Australian Union Conference Camporee, Jan 4-9, 2011.

**The place is: Toowoomba, Queensland and it is at 700m elevation.**

The fee structure is:

Early bird \$170 (pay before 1 Sep 2010)

Regular fee \$190

Late fee \$220 (pay after 1 Dec 2010)

Anyone who is age 10 by the beginning of the camporee can attend.

For those who went to 12th Gate, you will love this one. The theme is UNDER OATH.

When the website is running, I'll let you know.

Seriously, you will regret NOT going to this camporee.

## Light Your World Series

### A Message from the Personal Ministry Team:

We will be holding the "**Light Your World**" series starting **February 20th**. This is a 5 week program which will help you learn more about Jesus and help the church refocus on our mission. It will combine some simple daily readings with **Weekly sermons** and **Cell groups**.

The Cell Groups will be held on **Friday evenings (7-9pm)** commencing **Feb 26th at 3 venues (Ben Go, Henry Tung and Rod Kuo's homes)** - please let Michael or Rod know which venue you plan to attend.

We will distribute the Light Your World booklets over the next couple of weeks.

We encourage everyone to support the program and invite you to participate in the Cell Groups.

### Timetable:

20 Feb - Sermon 1

26 Feb - Cell group wk 1

27 Feb - Sermon 2

5 Mar - Cell group wk 2

6 Mar - Sermon 3

12 Mar - Cell group wk 3

13 Mar - Sermon 4

19 Mar - Cell group wk 4

20 Mar - Sermon 5 - Praise Service

26 Mar - Inspire weekend



## **Inspire 2010 Growing in Discipleship – 25-28 March 2010**

From Pastor Michael Worker:

*“Worshipping, Growing in God's Word, Serving, Connecting and Sharing our faith. These are the five reasons we exist as a conference and the five reasons that you are on this planet. The process of growing in these five areas is what we call discipleship. I am excited to announce that in 2010 our conference is going to be putting a huge effort into resourcing you and your congregation for discipleship and it all starts with Inspire 2010.*”

*Inspire 2010 brings together three keynote speakers and a range of workshop presenters who God has especially gifted for communicating in the area of discipleship. The focus is both on your personal spiritual growth and on how that works together as a church to then impact Sydney. We will also be launching some exciting discipleship initiatives in our conference along with some great resources.*

*I am would love to see you at Inspire 2010. Together we'll connect in community, grow spiritually, worship God and be equipped to serve and share in inspiring ways. Please highlight this weekend on your calendar and make it a priority for your life”*

Check out the program and more details on the Inspire website:

<http://www.inspire2010.gscadventist.org.au/home/>

# Chinese New Year Social. This Saturday Evening 6:30pm

From Arthur:

In celebration of Chinese New Year we are having a **potluck dinner and games night this Saturday!**

## **Details:**

Potluck dinner at **6:30pm**, bring your best vegetarian Chinese dish, maybe something you learnt from the cooking classes last year

There will be a prize for the best dressed male/female so pull out those happy coats that you have been too embarrassed to wear.

Massive games night after dinner!

## **Help Needed!**

We need volunteers for the lion dance, no experience needed...just watch a few episodes of 'So you think you can dance' and that should be sufficient.

Bring yourself and your friends, you will be sorry if you miss out!



# Credit Card Donation Form



## Epping Mission Project

**Note:** This donation is to support the ICC Happy Valley Elementary School building project, ICC Orphanage, Philippines.

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**THANK YOU !!!**

## Prayer Requests:

<b>Sue Johnson's family</b>	<i>Please remembers Sue's family in your prayers at this difficult time</i>
<b>Sue Wood</b>	<i>Sue was readmitted to the SAN during the week, so we ask that you keep her and Ken in your prayers.</i>
<b>Bob and Nerelle McIntyre</b>	<i>Please remember Bob, Nerelle and Colleen in your prayers.</i>
<b>Harold Lin</b>	<i>Please remember Harold in your prayers</i>
<b>Margaret Long</b>	<i>Please remember Margaret in your prayers</i>
<b>Pastor Chris Manthey</b>	<i>Please keep Pastor Chris in your prayers as he recovers from illness</i>
<b>Ivan Baxter</b>	<i>Please remember Ivan in your prayers.</i>

## Dates to Keep in your Diary:

<b>February 20</b>	<i>Pathfinder Meeting this week</i>
<b>February 20</b>	<i>Light Your World Series Commences</i>
<b>February 20</b>	<i>Chinese New Year Social</i>
<b>February 27</b>	<i>Board Meeting</i>
<b>March 6</b>	<i>Pathfinder Camp - Yellowrock</i>
<b>March 25-28</b>	<i>INSPIRE 2010</i>

## Photo of the Week

I'll be presenting some of National Geographic's Top 10 photos of 2009 over the coming weeks:



Photo by Randy Olson

Kamchatka Salmon: August 2009

*Fattening up for winter, a brown bear waits to snatch salmon in Kuril Lake.*

## Thought for the Week:

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Romans 8:38-39