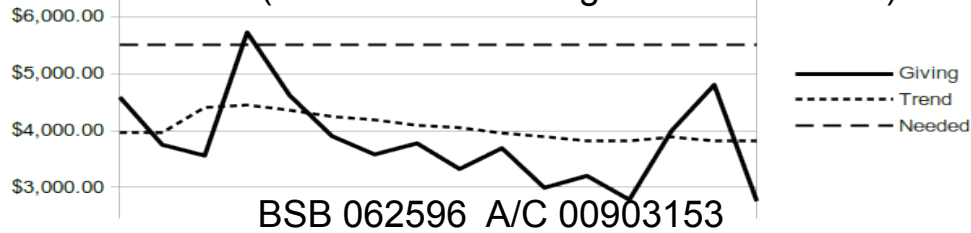


## Financials (NOTE Earmarked gifts NOT included)



Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

And God said...

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Saturday June 3  
9:30am to 2pm  
Speakers:  
Phillip Gummerson  
Andrew Cowell  
Josh Groenstyn

# THE DISCIPLESHIP DILEMMA

ISN'T BEING SAVED ENOUGH?

- #1 Can you be saved and not be a disciple?
- #2 What are the defining characteristics of a disciple?
- #3 Why would you choose to be a disciple of Christ?

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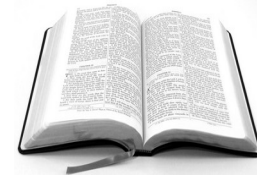
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# Connect

News from Riverstone Community Church

21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Topic: Ezra: Returning  
 Speaker: Oskars Stubis  
 Chairman: Brett Davis  
 Creche: Jono & Lisa



Next Sunday

*Ezra: Rebuilding*

Sp: Linc Marlow  
 Ch: Andrew Cowell  
 Cr: Ralph & Jess

The Sunday After..

*A Better Story:  
Perfect Rest*

Sp: Dave Byrne  
 Ch: Brett Davis  
 Cr: Estelle & Emilia

## The Program (D.V.)

10:00am  
 Church which includes:  
 Prayer and Praise  
 Kids' Church  
 Creche  
 Worship  
 Communion  
 Preaching

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\* **Dr Ken Elliott** – Australian missionary held by Islamists.

**Praise** – After spending seven years as a hostage in Western Africa, **Dr Ken Elliott has been freed!**

**Prayers have been answered.**

\* **Ken Harding’s sister; Olive** – Growth in her throat – Appeared suddenly.

Olive is on antibiotics. The doctors are hoping to avoid surgery.

**Pray** – For a good result.

\* **Derek & Margaret’s grandson; Kyle** – Collapsed lung due to a small hole.

**Praise** – That the procedure to repair the hole was successful.

\* **Heather Davis** – (to be monitored every 3 months).

**Praise** – Treatment has shrunk the tumour.

\* **Andrew Webb** – Battling cancer – 3<sup>rd</sup> immunotherapy completed.

He has difficulty eating, is on prescription pain medications.

**Pray** – For a miracle recovery.

\* **Dave Ward** – Small fragment of previous blood clot near heart.

**Pray** – That the procedure to correct arrhythmia goes ahead.

**Pray** – That Dave is able to have good support for depression.

\* **Playgroup, Kids’ Church, Kids’ Club, & Impact Youth.**

**Pray** – That these will be used by God to grow the family.

\* **Scripture in school** –

**Pray** – That this opportunity remains open to share the Gospel.

\* **Riverstone Sports Centre** –

**Pray** – That this continues to be a witness in the community.

\* **Emmaus Correspondence School & Billy Graham Online Evangelism**

**Pray** – That many more are saved through these channels.

\* **Church finances** –

**Pray** – For resources to do the Lord’s work here and abroad.

\* **Phillip Gummerson** – Preaching at Lithgow this morning.

### Birthdays this week

Today	Andrew Cowell
Thursday	Ron King
“ “	Jade Cowell
“ “	Isabelle McNaught
Friday	Jono Jackson
Saturday	Monica Wallace
“ “	Alyssa Hearsey



## Google Co-founder Wants to Build AI as a “Digital God”

According to tech mogul Elon Musk, for some, such as Google co-founder Larry Page, the ultimate goal of the race to build artificial intelligence is to create a “digital god,” a silicon-based lifeform that “would understand everything in the world. . . . and give you back the exact right thing instantly.” Who would have even thought about discussions concerning a “digital god” just a few years ago? Will this dream become a reality?

Ever since the events of Genesis chapter 3, humans have been trying to create their own gods based on their own wisdom. This was the very temptation that Eve and then Adam fell for—attempting to become their own gods. So, it’s no surprise that their descendants want to do the same thing by crafting a god that, in their view, will solve their problems, answer their questions, and usher in utopia.

But digital AI is developed and programmed by . . . sinful human beings! So, their “god” will reflect that! As we’ve pointed out before, today’s AI, such as ChatGPT, is incredibly biased with leftist ideologies because it reflects the viewpoints of both those who program it and the voices it pulls from to answer questions.

Digital AI makes a sad god—a god crafted by humans and limited in its abilities by what we can create and program. It won’t save anyone, and it won’t turn this world into a utopia because it cannot solve the biggest problem every human being has—sin!

It’s only the one true God who solves our biggest problem. He came to earth in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ, and died on the cross, paying the penalty that we deserve because of our sin. Then he rose from the grave—conquering sin and death—and offers eternal life to all who will put their faith and trust in him.

Don’t put your faith in a puny, man-made digital god who can’t save. Put your faith in Jesus who made us and can redeem us.

Ken Ham writing in “answersingenesis.org”