



And GOD said....
 Saturday June 3rd 9:30am to 2pm @ Lithgow

Speakers:
 Phillip Gummerson
 Andrew Cowell
 Josh Groenstyn

#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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 News from Riverstone Community Church

28th May 2023

Topic: Ezra: Rebuilding
 Speaker: Linc Marlow
 Chairman: Phillip Gummerson
 Creche:



The Program (D.V.)
10:00am
 Church which includes:
 Prayer and Praise
 Kids' Church
 Creche
 Worship
 Communion
 Preaching

Next Sunday

*A Better Story:
 Perfect Rest*

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

The Sunday After..

*Ezra:
 Restrictions*

Sp: Kevin Rosolen
 Ch: Brett Davis
 Cr: Oskars & Lucy

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Prayer, Praise & News.

- * **Heather Davis** – (to be monitored every 3 months).
Praise – Treatment has shrunk the tumour.
- * **Ken Harding's sister, Olive** – Growth in her throat – Appeared suddenly.
Olive is on antibiotics and improving steadily.
Pray – For a good result.
- * **Derek & Margaret's grandson, Kyle** – Collapsed lung due to a small hole.
Pray – That the attempts to repair the hole will succeed.
- * **Wayne Speirs' dad, Richard** – Hospital – complications from Covid.
Pray – That the recovery continues.
- * **Andrew Webb** – Battling cancer – He has difficulty eating.
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.
- * **Marie Davies' neighbour – has cancer – Family has asked us to pray.**
Pray – For the opportunity to present the Gospel.
- * **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.

The Baby Wheel

Actor Christopher Meloni (Law and Order) appeared on a recent episode of "Finding Your Roots" with ancestry expert Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. It was then that he learned that his great-grandfather on his father's side was saved as an infant by a church in Italy.

Meloni's great-grandfather Enrico was from a tiny town in Italy, but his parents were not listed on his marriage license, which led the "Finding Your Roots" team to delve deeper. Henry Gates gave Meloni a document to read regarding Enrico.

"Enrico, at birth, received from 'the wheel,' wrapped in swaddling clothes of cotton rags," read Meloni, then he asked Dr Henry Gates, *"What does 'received from the wheel mean?"*

Henry Gates replied, "Essentially, they were wooden cradles built into the sides of religious buildings where parents unable to care for their newborn child were able to leave the child to be cared for. You'd have the baby and you'd go to the foundling wheel. The wheel was a rotating platform in the outside wall of the building. The person leaving the baby would rotate the wheel and the baby into the building and then ring a bell to alert the attendant and they would leave without being identified."

Nothing is known about Enrico's parents, but the fact that he was left in 'the wheel,' or a rudimentary baby box, means they were likely very poor, and surrendered their son to give him a better chance at a successful life. It appears that he was raised by a nurse up to the age of 12.

This is essentially the same concept as a "Baby Safe Haven", which is in use today in the US and other countries around the world — albeit with more safeguards to ensure the infant's safety and quick rescue.

Since 2016, Safe Haven Baby Boxes have allowed mothers to safely surrender a new born instead of leaving them in harm's way. Every single state in America has a Safe Haven law that allows parents to anonymously surrender their baby of a certain age at specific locations.

According to the National Safe Haven Alliance, 4,778 babies have been saved by these laws.

No such provision exists in Australia.

See also <https://www.nationalsafehavenalliance.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/babysafehavensaustralia/>