

### Have you chosen the right life?

This week I encourage you to look at the scripture scripter from Luke 3:7-18 and the question above.

Often we don't realise it, but when we follow Jesus Christ with all our hearts we live permanently in that space of the promise of God and the blessing of God. It's 'the prophetic' and 'the actual' crossing over in our lives. We live in the promises of God even as we wait for the fulfilment of the promises. A clear example of this was how Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, even before they give birth, were so excited and celebrate the promises of God given to them as if it had already taken place. Jesus was already making all the difference in their lives!

The above reading is calling us to live in this space, not blindly or by chance, but intentionally. So, what does living in the life of Jesus actually look like? Our reading has a lot to say to us about this reality.

I encourage you to read this reading throughout the week multiple time and let is completely sink in so that you may truthfully answer the question have i chosen the right life?

Blessings Ronald.

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## OFFICIAL LAUNCH

### **5PM SUNDAY 30TH APRIL**

AT THE SALVATION ARMY MARYBOROUGH 27 WILLS ST, MARYBOROUGH

RSVP BY WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL FOR CATERING PURPOSES

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"It is written," he said to them "My house will be called a house of prayer" Matt 21:13

"Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise" James 5:13

- Those who are unwell physically, emotionally, spiritually, mentally
- For people to start following Jesus as their Lord and Saviour
- For all the corps, programs & services in Central Vic Salvos - Maryborough, Eaglehawk, Castlemaine, Bendigo, Avoca and St. Arnaud.
- Our leaders National, State, Local (Government, Community & Salvo)
- CVS programs & services
- Brisbane City Area Leadership Team of The Salvation Army.

### Praise God for:

- Answers to prayer
- People making decisions to follow Jesus! Our 2023 CVS total = 5.
- New faces joining our various CVS programs & services

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# SALVO LEGGINGS FUNDRAISER natopia leggings



Full & Capri \$35 each\* Length:

Kids Full Length: \$30 each\*

\$30 each\*

Shorts Length:

ADULT SIZES AVAILABLE: ONE SIZE (8-14), PLUS SIZE (16-20) & EXTRA CURVY (22-26)

**4-7 YEARS & 8-12 YEARS KIDS SIZES AVAILABLE:** 

<u> \$10- \$20 from each pair goes to the local</u> work of the Salvos in Central Vic.

To purchase contact Amy Jones at amy.jones@salvationarmy.org.au \*Postage is an additional cost.





### FAITH, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday May 14 at 10am (Second Sunday of every month) Join us for church with a difference. The perfect opportunity to invite your family and friends. Bendigo Salvos



### **BENDIGO THRIFT SHOP**

2B Thistle Street, Golden Square Ph: 03 5441 7608

**Open Hours:** 9am-4:30pm Monday to Friday 9am-1pm Saturday

### EAGLEHAWK THRIFT SHOP

4 Marong Rd, Ironbark Ph: 03 5446 7928

**Open Hours:** 9:30am-5pm Monday to Friday 9:30am-4pm Saturday

### FUNDRAISER FOR CANCER

Biggest Morning Tea 16th May 2023 @ 10am Salvation Army Hall Church St, Eaglehawk Gold Coin Donation.

### Bendigo & Eaglehawk Banking Details

Account Name: The Salvation Army BSB: 033-688 Number: 811 119



Foundations is an in-depth course in Christian teachings from a Salvation Army perspective.

Easy-to-understand, Foundations is for anyone who wants to go deeper into the Christian faith.

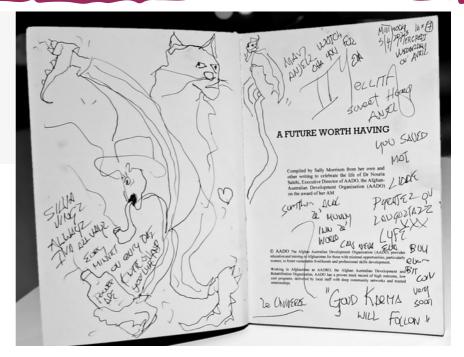
It can help you build an intelligent, informed, compassionate faith and will explain the Salvation Army doctrines, and show where they come from.



### CASTLEMAINE THRIFT SHOP

46 Forest Street, Castlemaine Ph: 03 5470 5636 **Open Hours:** 10am-4pm Monday to Friday 10am-3pm Saturday

Good News Story



A caseworker was leaving for the day when a community member yelled out "can you help me, I'm homeless". The case worker said, "we are closed but what are you needing I may be able to assist you". The community member was after blankets, they had just arrived by train and all their bags had been ripped resulting in their belongings scattered all over the car park. The community member grumped at the case worker to pick up their belongings and buy them a coffee, the case worker politely declined but offered to go make them a coffee. The case worker returned with a hot coffee, bags of food/drinks, extra blankets, and bags to replace the broken ones. The community member was surprised with the replacement bags and their whole demeanor begun to improve and started to talk about their 40+ years of being without a home. The case worker was compassionate and patient and gave them pamphlets on information for supports in the area. After 3 coffees, several stories and a few laughs, the community member drew the caseworker some art and thanked them for the kind exchange. A week later the caseworker was picking their young child up from childcare and the cleaner stopped them. "I just wanted to say, I saw you at the train station and you are defiantly doing what you're supposed to for a job". The cleaner continued to say how they admired the way the homeless person responded to the caseworker, going from being rude and grumpy to settled and kind. The best part of this story is that from witnessing this the cleaner has a newfound compassion for people who present to be living rough, "I was always scared of people like that but now I see they are people too".



Weekly Scripture Acts 2:22–41; John 14:25–26; 16:12–15

### MARYBOROUGH THRIFT SHOP

78-80 Alma Street, Maryborough Ph: 03 5459 0501

### **Open Hours:**

9:30am-4:30pm Monday to Friday 9:30am-2pm Saturday

### **AVOCA THRIFT SHOP**

114 High Street, Avoca Ph: 03 5459 0502

### **Open Hours:**

10:00am - 3:30pm Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri 10am-2pm Saturday

### ST ARNAUD THRIFT SHOP

70-72 Napier Street, St Arnaud Ph: 03 5459 0503

### **Open Hours:**

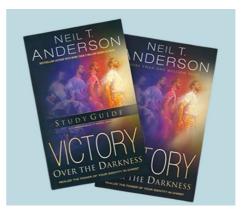
9:30am - 3:30pm Monday to Friday 10am-2pm Saturday

### **Drop in Centre**

come have a chat, play games and pick up some bread. Monday, Wednesday or Friday 9.30 - 1.30pm



Victory Over Darkness Starts Friday 28th at 1.00pm in the Prayer Room - Contact Liz Conway



### Library

open for you to come borrow a book or movie and grow in your faith. Located in the prayer and resource room





### **WEEKLY PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

### MONDAY

10:30am - Women's Bible Study\* | M 3:30pm - Just Brass | C

### WEDNESDAY

8:30am - Prayer Meeting | C 2pm - Bible Study | E 3pm- Timbrels | E 3pm - Band Practice | C & E

### THURSDAY

9:30am - Mainly Music (0-5years)\* | M 2pm - Indoor Bowls | M 4pm - Kids Club (Primary school)\* | M 5:15pm - Junior Soldiers\* | M 6:30pm - Prayer & Bible Study – Epsom

#### FRIDAY

12pm - Community Meal @Hilltop Cafe | B 5pm - Youth Life Group (High school)\* | M 6pm - Youth (High school)\* | B M

#### SUNDAY

9:15am - Prayer Meeting | M 9:45am - Band Rehearsal | C 10am - Celebration Service | B E M 10:30am - Celebration Service | C 11.00am - Audio Service | 105.0FM 5pm (monthly) - Prayer & Worship Service | CVS

\*School terms only

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

#### SUNDAY 30TH APRIL CVS Launch @ 5pm | M

SUNDAY 14TH MAY Mothers Day

### **SALVO RESOURCES**

- Salvos Online For Salvation Army news, articles & resources go to <u>www.salvosonline.org.au</u>
- KidZone Magazine Check out the KidZone website for extra resources that you can download to your device, or print and do at home! Go to <u>kidzonemag.com.au</u>

I still have many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them now. But when the Spirit of truth has arrived, he will teach the whole truth to you. For he will not be speaking from himself. Instead, whatever he will hear, he will speak. And he will announce to you the things that are to come. John 16:12-13

For more information on any of the above mentioned events, programs or services, please contact the relevant Corps centre listed.

Contact details for each centre can be found on the back page.

BENDIGO (B) | EAGLEHAWK (E) | CASTLEMAINE (C) MARYBOROUGH (M) | CENTRAL VIC SALVOS(CVS)



### THE SALVATION ARMY CENTRAL VIC SALVOS

### BENDIGO

Corps Officer: Maj. Andrew Walker 65 – 71 Mundy Street, Bendigo | 03 5440 8431 corpsofficer.bendigo@salvationarmy.org.au

### EAGLEHAWK

Corps Contact: Ken Hollis 51 Church Street, Eaglehawk | 0447 489 914 ken.hollis@salvationarmy.org.au

### CASTLEMAINE

Corps Officer: Amy Jones 47 Kennedy Street, Castlemaine | 03 5470 5389 corpsofficer.castlemaine@salvationarmy.org.au

### MARYBOROUGH

Corps Officers: Capt. Amy & Ronald Stobie 27 Wills St, Maryborough | 03 5459 0500 corpsoffice.maryborough@salvationarmy.org.au



Doorways is our Community Support program. It is the entryway through which those experiencing hardship and/or disadvantage can take proactive steps to find the support they need to overcome life's challenges and find long-term solutions. We offer a range of services from emergency relief to case management and more.

### If you are experiencing hardship or financial difficulties, please call the Salvos Phone Assistance Line (PAL) on <u>03 8873 5288.</u> This service operates Monday to Friday between 9am and 4pm.

Please be aware no assistance interviews will be conducted from our local sites. Community members presenting to any of our Central Vic Salvos sites will be invited to contact Salvos PAL.



The Salvation Army Central Victoria acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung Peoples of the Kulin Nation, the Traditional owners of the land on which we meet and work and pay our respect to Elders past, present and future. We value and include people of all cultures, languages, abilities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions and intersex status. We are committed to providing programs that are fully inclusive. We are committed to the safety and wellbeing of people of all ages, particularly children.