

Westview Baptist Church

“people learning to live Jesus' way”

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Our purpose is to bring glory to God. We will do this as we:

1. are transformed by enjoying Christ;
2. love by serving others; and
3. proclaim Jesus by faithfully living in a fallen world.

Up & Coming

Isaiah - The Vision We All Need

20.05.12 - Judah's sins condemned 5.1-30

27.05.12 - Pentecost - The Birth of the/our Church

03.06.12 - God Future for His People: Forgiveness: Grace through judgement for Isaiah Is 6:1-13

10.06.12 - God Future for His People: Forgiveness: Grace through judgement for Judah Is 7:1-9:7

Community Prayer

27th May

Mothers' Day

A welcome to everyone today and a special welcome to all the mothers with us. We pray that your day will be very special. In the scriptures we see the importance of mothers and are reminded how dependant we are upon each other:

For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God. (1 Cor 11:12)

Each one of us can thank God for the provision of our mothers who has given us life, and thank God the Creator of all things.

Isaiah: Judah's hope, guilt, hope 2.1-4.6

Today we are going to revisit the relationship we have with the Old Testament as we continue our series on Isaiah's book. As Israel and Judah were located in the “promised land”, the promise of God realised for them, their prosperity and wealth was closely linked to their faithfulness to the covenant of God. We have not yet reached our “promised land” and are found in the

period which can be described as a time we are “being saved” - trusting on the promises of God yet experiencing his presence in a special way. Isaiah looked forward to this era and beyond – the future for the people of God. Their present reality was so far short, but Isaiah receives the beautiful vision of what will be.

Family News and Prayers

Clarice has been moved to Mt Druitt hospital in rehab. Allan continues with daily visits to the doctor to have his dressing replaced. Continue to pay for Helen and David during a difficult time and Bill and Esme who are with their sister-in-law who has recently been diagnosed with an aggressive cancer. They spent time with John and Dot Cody who were at Westview years ago. They expect to return sometime today.

Matt and Becky leave for a two week trip to Queensland on Tuesday and will visit family members on the way up. We do pray for a refreshing time for them, that Matt will find the rest that he needs to get over his glandular fever, and that the support required to return will be raised. The leave at the end of June for the USA to visit Becky's family and church.

The Wiggling Wombat Playgroup has resumed and had a wonderful Mothers' Day BBQ last Thursday. Fusion runs the group with help from Lin Low and others who come and attend. 24 mothers were there last week and good conversations and opportunity is ever present to talk about faith.

The Doonside Drop-in has also recommenced with Tony helping the new worker at the Doonside Cottage – Lauren. It also is a great opportunity for good conversations, and one of the young guys (let's call him Mr. T) is very open and willing to talk about faith.

A very notable birthday tomorrow when Bethany turns 18. During the week, the Jones reached their 36th wedding anniversary. This is one area we could all try to strive for and to keep up with the Joneses!

Baptism

A request has been made for baptism and we take the opportunity to encourage others to consider baptism themselves. If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, why not consider Jesus' command to be baptised. Baptism is simply an outward expression of an inward reality. If you would like to talk further about this, please talk to Tony.

Church Membership Target Group

The following changes are being recommended to the constitution to allow for our recent thinking to become more inclusive in our membership requirements:

- Delete “3.1.2. and renumber the following paragraph
- 3.3.1. Delete the words “AND HAVING BEEN BAPTIZED AS MEMBERS OF HIS CHURCH”
- 3.6 Change this to “Everyone within the congregation is encouraged to share as fully as they can in all aspects of the life of the church.”
- Delete 3.6.1

If you would like to discuss this further or have any concerns, please talk to any member of the Target Group - Tony, Bob, David, Lee, Allan, Bill or Wendy.



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Our Relationship with the Old Testament/Covenant

Blessings and Curses under the Old Covenant Lev 26:3-26

The future for the people of God 2:1-5

The present reality of Judah 2:6-11

Judgement 3:1-3 (+ a glimmer of hope) 3.8-9; 3.10-11; 3.16-23

The beautiful vision 4.2-6

The presence of God is with us today

