

Westview Baptist Church

“people learning to live Jesus' way”

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Romans

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

9.12 Reviewing Romans

16.12 The Promised Messiah OT to John the Baptist

Christmas Service

9.30am

Christmas Day

We are drawing near to the end of our series on Romans. It has been extended another week to capture some of Chapter 8 and have a time of review. It has been a remarkable series. We are reminded of the power of the gospel message in salvation when we have understood the depths of our offence towards God, our holy, almighty Creator. We exchanged our adoration (worship) of him for anything and everything else. The result has been that God has allowed us to continue on our path of destruction, leaving us in no doubt that we deserve his wrath and punishment. But when a way to be right with God was revealed in Jesus, apart from law which could never save us, faith in Jesus' sacrifice means that we can have peace with God. Today, we explore what must have been a hard concept for those who entered the New Covenant from the Old Covenant: a right understanding about Law. We will discover that being dead to the law means that we are no longer under sin's greatest power: DEATH.

Family News and Prayers

Pray for Gabriel while in Uganda and the family here in Sydney.

Bob S. has had some good news lately. It seems that the treatment that he is having for his cancer is having the desired effect. Continue to pray for him as the treatment has many unpleasant side effects. He has completed 6 treatments over the last 18 weeks. He is most appreciative of Tony and Lynne's commitment to take him for his treatments.

Matt is working hard to complete his flight training. Please keep him in your prayers. Pray for them both in their return to Australia on January 4th and their adjustment as they move to Arnhem Land, Northern Territory.



Various groups are having their final meetings and/or Christmas Party for the year. The Wednesday Friendship group will conclude this next Wednesday. Scripture at Crawford Public ended last week and next week for Doonside Public. Doonside High will continue to the 18th December.

Pray for those away at this time: Sue K, Gretchen, Hayden.

Soona has organised a Mobile Blood Bank to come to her work: Animal Supplies – Eastern Creek Business Park, on Wednesday the 12th of December between 8.30am and 2pm. Talk to Soona if you would like more information about giving blood.

Photos for the Church Directory

Please be aware that JJ and Soona are trying to get as many photos as they can over the next two weeks. Please be ready for “click” and let's make it as easy as possible for them!

COBIS Calenders

Westview has been most supportive toward the work of COBIS (Churches of Blacktown in Schools). Their desire is to place Christian youth workers in the local schools, particularly high schools. The COBIS Committee has commissioned another calendar and ask for a \$5 or \$10 donation for it.

Christmas/New Year Program

From the 23rd December to the 13th January we will have our shortened holiday program. That means that the communion reading will be the focus of our teaching (approximately 15-20 minutes) and the shorter service will mean that there will be no Sunday School during that period.

Our Christmas Day Service will commence at 9.30am and will conclude at approximately 10.15am to allow everyone to go onto family activites as they might need.

On the 20th January, we will be having a combined service with Doonside Church of Christ who will be coming to us.

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The Law, Sin, Death and Freedom
Romans 7

The Law Has Authority Only As Long As One Lives 7.1-6

Is The Law Bad? 7.7-12

Is Death the Unintentional Consequence of Law? 7-13-25

The Place of the Law for the Christian

