

Westview Baptist Church

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“people learning to live Jesus’ way”

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We aim to be thankful, humble & enthusiastic disciples of Jesus in harmony with one another appreciating his ministry to enable us to be Christlike in serving others selflessly for his name’s sake.

Transformed by Enjoying Christ

Today we continue our focus on 1 Corinthians in chapter 11 looking specifically at the Lord’s Supper. It is important for us to rethink our understand lest it simply becomes a ritual we perform instead of it been an opportunity to be renewed by the grace and mercy of a loving God.

Love and Service

News from Matt, Becky, and Jonathan...



“It is with mixed emotions that we need to announce that we will be taking a leave of absence for 12 months from Arnhem Land. As you may know Matt has been struggling with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome for a long time. In the last few months we have been seeking the Lord for direction for next year. In late July Matt had a relapse with his illness. This made it even more difficult for

him to work part time or even manage life at home well. Becky has also felt overwhelmed recently. Our desire has been to stay but for us to do God's will. ...We are unsure what the future holds for us, but our plan is to relocate to Sydney where we have family, friends and church family. As well we will continue to work on getting Becky's permanent residency for Australia. We will be preparing to move over the next six weeks. We still need to talk to MAF Australia in the coming days to clarify a few things and will update you more. Thank you for your love and support.”

Prayercare

We will be commencing soon but wish to give people another week to be involved. The aim is the intentional sharing of lives, sharing life concerns, and committing them to our Father in Heaven through prayer. Notes are on the table at the back where you can write your name and place in the box, or you can indicate [online](#). Willing people will be matched up with one other person of the same gender who also wishes to be involved, to commit to praying intentionally for each other over the following 12 months.

Building

We have had some movement during the week with the building application submitted to council.

Family News and Prayers

June has expressed her appreciation for the cards and flowers sent to her during her recuperation. It was a difficult week for June as the operation was much larger than the surgeons expected, however the skin cancers have been removed. To add to the family concerns was the

still-born birth of June's great-grandson, and the death of her favourite dog which gave her so much comfort. June will see the doctors Monday when they may start removing the many stitches over her face and neck. She needs to sleep upright which adds to the difficulty. We thank God for this much loved sister in Christ and pray her recovery might continue well.

As mentioned last week, Sandra and Wendy's great-nephew Theo will be having their operations tomorrow. Sandra will be in Hornsby Hospital for 7 days. Pray for a good recovery.

Morning Tea Opportunities - See the noticeboard to volunteer.

Living Faithfully in Our World

Doonside Men's Group

A great opportunity to support and meet local men in the community. Meeting on the first Monday of the month (tomorrow) from 6-8pm. Talk to Tony for more information.

Praying for the Persecuted

From the Open Doors' [World Watch List](#) we seek to pray for the persecuted church.

#34 Persecuted Country: Palestinian Territories

There is noticeably more pressure on believers in Gaza than in the West Bank because the authorities are increasingly under the influence of Islamic extremists. Christians experience oppression from radical Muslim groups and the authorities fail to uphold and protect the rights of individual Christians. On the West Bank the situation is different: the ruling Fatah party is based on

secular principles. However, fear is growing because of mounting tension between Israel and Iran, and the church is suffering from the restrictions that result from the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

COBIS

Continue to pray for the COBIS workers Bay, Kate, Bernie and Chris. Pray especially for Kate that she might have great wisdom in caring for BGHS after the tragic suicide of a Year 11 student. Pray also for Mitchell High with the recent scripture presentation last week. Our own Steve Kwan has taken leave from work and assisted in the last two seminars. Remember that financial support can be given at www.givenow.com.au/supportcobis.

KCC Oxygen Conference

Recently, JJ, Wendy and Tony went to a 4 day conference with wonderful speakers such as Don Carson, John Lennox, Francis Chan, and David Tripp. The talks can be downloaded and listened to from the following [link](#).

MAF

This Father's Day, MAF are encouraging people to donate to fill a jerrycan of fuel or help stock a toolbox in honour of the dad in your life. This can be done [online](#) or Lin will place a red back at the back on the table where money can be donated.

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