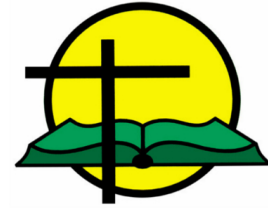


January 2015 Edition



Westview Baptist Church

Another new year?

The new year comes with different feelings. Anticipation and excitement, maybe fear and worries, regret, maybe a mix of these and more. But what a wonderful gift that God has given us His Word, His Spirit and His people to encourage us and equip us with all we need to live faithfully in a fallen world. As we enter into 2015, we don't enter alone, but with God and one another. What a gift! We weren't meant to do life alone as Hebrews 10 reminds us, *'...let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.* (Heb 10:24-25). We don't know what this year holds for each of us, but thanks to God we do know that he has given us His Word, His Spirit and His people so that we might face it with hope because he is always good and faithful.

**'May the Lord direct [our] hearts into
God's love and Christ's perseverance.'**

(2 Thessalonians 3:5).



What's happening at Westview?

Homegroups – God has given us each other, what better way to face the trials and hardships, joys and achievements than by meeting up to encourage, pray for and spur on one another. If you are not already involved in a Homegroup during the week, please strongly consider the value it would be to your life and the value it would be to others in your group. Please speak to Tony or JJ if you would like more information.

PrayerCare 2015 – How's it going? Meeting together and or praying for another is a great way to "begin loving as you struggle within to consider the needs of others higher than your own" – our focus for 2015. Hebrews 4:16 says: *'Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.'* If you'd like to participate in PrayerCare talk to Wendy or Tony.

New Church Directory – A 2015 Church Directory is in process. JJ & Soona will be taking photos over the next few weeks after the service for those who do not yet have photo and would like to be included in the new directory. Please speak to JJ if you have any questions regarding this.

New Look Website – Bill and JJ have been working on a new look Westview website. Please visit: www.westviewbaptistchurch.com.au to have a look. Please feel free to speak to either of them if you have any suggestions or feedback. Our Facebook page continues to be a great tool, and another way to share and stay in each others lives. Check it out and feel welcome to share: www.facebook.com/westviewbaptistchurchdoonside

Coming up...

Alison Roeth – Alison is coming to visit us on Sunday 1st Feb. We will have a lunch afterwards. Please bring some food along to enjoy together but please speak to Kath about what you will bring.

WRAP Meeting – Our next Westview Review and Planning meeting is coming up on the 15th Feb. This will commence after the service around 11am. This will be a very significant meeting in the life of the church as the Elders share their vision for the church in the future. Please make every effort to attend.

Friendship Group – This will be resuming on Wednesday 28th January.

YWAM Graduation – YWAM Graduation Wednesday night January 28th
More details will be made available closer to the date.

Family News

Alex Kenyi's son Abe was in a serious car accident this week and he was injured. At this stage he appears to be slowly recovering at Concord hospital. There was at least one other person in the car who is also injured. Please keep him, Alex and the rest of the family in your prayers

Matt, Becky and Jonathan will be leaving for the US this coming Tuesday, where they will be spending time with Becky's family. They will return in April, and at this stage this will be back into the church flat.

Eric & Gretchen are away for two week holiday in Manila. It's been 28 years since Eric has been there. There hope is that it will be a time of refreshment for them both. Please keep these people in your prayers.

Other News

Last years Mission Project – Last year we as a church partnered with MAF in supplying tablets with Bible resources. The final amount was: \$2362

New Mission Project for 2015

We are in need of a new missions project for 2015. If you have any suggestions please speak to Tony.

COBIS Thank you – COBIS has thanked us for our support in 2014 writing: '...please thank the faithful givers at Westview. What a blessing you are.' If you would like to give to the work of Scripture teachers through COBIS please visit: <http://www.givenow.com.au/supportcobis>

Free Tickets for Seniors concert – Tuesday 17th March at the Entertainment centre (Qantas Arena). Good seats. Speak to Kath today.

Birthdays

The first birthdays for 2015 are: Val (11/01), Gretchen (16/01), Donna (17/01), Klara (18/01) and Sujin (27/01). Happy birthday to each one of you. We are thankful to God for your lives.

Pray for our Persecuted brothers and sisters

We want to continue again this year to remember our Christian brothers and sisters who are persecuted so greatly for their faith in Jesus. What a privilege that we can pray from so far away for people we have never met, and God in his great power can take our prayers and use them to work in their lives. What a privilege! What a God! We are working through Open Doors 'World Watch List' of the countries with the highest Christian persecution. For more info: <http://www.worldwatchlist.org.au/>

#1 North Korea – Please pray:

- For the 50,000-70,000 Christians imprisoned in labor camps; ask God to sustain them
- For the many Christians who don't have enough food to survive and are forced to flee to China
- That Christians may stay strong in their faith under unrelenting pressure from government spies

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