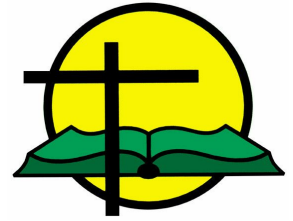


Westview Baptist Church



19th July 2015

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;*
- 3. And proclaim Jesus by faithfully living in a fallen world*

Colossians Series

This Sunday we start a new series through the book of Colossians. Although Paul had likely not met the Colossian Christians he wrote to, he wrote to them encouraging words from his prison cell, in chains for his preaching about Jesus. These believers had heard the gospel through Epaphras who has shared with them the good news of Jesus – and they had come to place their trust in Him.

Paul had heard about false teachers and teaching surrounding this new church, focusing on plausible arguments that could mislead people, mystical views of special powers and insights into things – people puffed up with pride – people who were not holding fast to Christ Jesus – the Head of the body – Christ who knits together the body of His church so that it grows with a growth that is from God.

Paul combats this false teaching by showing that **everything we need is found in Christ Jesus. Its ALL about Jesus.** Not visions, and special knowledge, and mystical understandings. But **the truth, the way, the life is found in Jesus Christ alone.** All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are in Him. He is the image of the invisible God. **It's all about Him.**

Family News

Some sad news

Some sad news this week with Sammy's younger brother Mick passing away very suddenly on Monday from a heart attack. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sammy and Amie and the rest of the family during this very difficult time.

MAF thank you to Westview!

"Thank you for your gifts! Because of the donations we have received, we have been able to fund nearly half the medevacs in PNG and raise much needed support for the relief efforts in Nepal! It is a huge encouragement for us and all our staff, knowing that you are behind us in this ministry – fuelling it and funding it with both your prayers and generosity. We are so blessed. Thank you. Ian McDougall, Interim CEO MAF Australia."

"In the 5 week period since MAF began coordinating helicopters in Nepal, the facility has: Flown 507 hours to 206 locations, Conducted 1248 separate flight legs, Carried 1788 passengers, Carried 220,416kg of relief airfreight, Conducted 19 medevacs, Taken off or landed every 8.7 minutes. What all this means is that real people have been delivered real hope! Thank you!"

July Birthdays!

Happy birthday to all those in the month of July! Juliet (8/7), Sammy (11/7), Nelly (17/7), Sue (18/7), Keith (23/7), Lynne K. (28/7), and Lionel (29/7).

Using Coveny Street and no longer Crawford Road

From now on we could just use the entrance on Coveny St to the church and no longer come in or leave through Crawford Rd entrance that would be helpful. Soon a fence will be put up by our new neighbours but it would be great if even now we could stop using it. Thankyou. For more info please speak to Lee.

What's coming up?

Soccer in the Park – Sunday 19th July – 2pm!

Weather permitting. All are welcome on Sunday July 19th from 2pm for Soccer in the Park at Charlie Bali Reserve. Please feel free to invite anyone along. This is a great opportunity to build relationships with people from the community, get exercise, and to have fun!

Community Prayer Night – Sunday 26th July

Our next community prayer night will be on Sunday 28th June from 7pm. This is a great opportunity to pray together for our church and our community. All are welcome.

Church Anniversary! 2nd August.

The 2nd of August will be a significant Sunday, marking 37 years since the start of Westview. It would be great if people could bring something to share after the service for morning tea. This will be a big day in the life of our church with Upendra and Devika getting married later that afternoon.

Men's community group – Tuesday 4th August

The next men's community group night is on Tuesday 4th August from 6pm for dinner. It is a good opportunity to meet some other men from the community. Please let JJ know if you can make it.

Maintenance questions or concerns?

If you have any questions or concerns about anything to do with the church building maintenance please speak to Tony Kenning.

Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters

Country: Egypt

Leader: President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi

Population: 84.7 million

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Republic

Main Source of Persecution: Islamic Extremism

The situation in Egypt

In recent years, Christians in Egypt – not only Christian converts from a Muslim background, but also the large indigenous Coptic community – have come increasingly under pressure. Former President Morsi's failure to adequately address the country's economic challenges was the main trigger for the massive protests in July 2013, which led to his ousting by the military, backed by the majority of the Egyptians. Shortly after the overthrow of Morsi, there was an upsurge in sectarian violence toward Coptic Christians. During the 2015 World Watch List reporting period, 65 churches, Christian bookshops, Christian schools and convents were completely burned down, destroyed or looted by mobs, who are often encouraged by radical Islamic movements.

In the case of Christian converts from a Muslim background, their family members are often the source of persecution. Muslim background believers (MBBs) face severe limitations within their homes and extended families. Family members might punish converts to Christianity for abandoning the Islamic faith. In recent years, things have changed, causing the historical Christian communities to be targeted as well. As radical Islam is fervently trying to take over the country's culture, there is a growing response to reject Christianity.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Egypt

For more information visit: <http://www.worldwatchlist.org.au/>



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