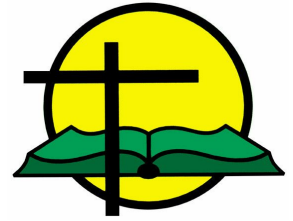


Westview Baptist Church



26th 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*

Who is Jesus to you?

Is he nothing or is he everything?

Who He is, and what has been brought about through Him, and how we should respond to him are questions that Paul deals with in Colossians 1:15-23. With this section we continue this Sunday going through his letter to the church. Paul has heard about some of the false teachings going around the church at this time. These **JESUS + ...** teachings. And as a concerned shepherd he is wanting to protect these sheep from these errors, from these delusions and very dangerous influences.

These false teachers were not holding fast to Jesus. To them Jesus was just a footnote* in the bigger picture of all this mystical special knowledge that could be known. Paul was writing to this church to teach them, to remind them that Jesus, the Son, was not a footnote, but the Image of the Invisible God. The Supreme One over all others. By Him, through Him and for Him all these were created and continue to hold together. He is the Head of the church. The purpose is that in everything HE might have the supremacy. He is everything. It's all about Him.

But who is Jesus to you? **He is nothing or he is everything.**

Family News

Preece's flat renovations complete!

A big thanks to all those who were involved putting up some partitions for Matt & Becky to make the flat better suited for their growing family. They have been very encouraged by the generosity and help shown by their church family. Thank you.

Westview Church Fliers

Just a reminder that there are a large number of church fliers for anyone who is interested in mail box dropping around Doonside or their area. The fliers just have some information about our church and are designed to be able to hand out to people or to put into people's mail boxes. The aim of them is to be a tool to welcome people to come along. There are some for anyone interested in handing these out. They are located on the back table and there are plenty more if needed (almost 5000!). Please speak to JJ for more information.

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

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

What's coming up?

Community Prayer Night – Sunday 26th July

Our next community prayer night will be on Sunday 26th June from 7pm. This is a great opportunity to pray together for our church and our community. All are welcome.

Church Anniversary! 2nd August & Wedding!

Next Sunday will be a significant Sunday in the life of our church, It will mark 37 years since the start of 'Westview'. All are welcome to join us after the service for morning tea together. It would be great if people could bring something to share for morning tea. This will be a big day in the life of our church also with Upendra and Devika getting married later that afternoon at 4pm. All are welcome to come to the service.

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: Djibouti

Leader: President Ismail Omar Guelleh

Population: 900,000

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Republic

Main Source of Persecution: Islamic Extremism/Dictatorial Paranoia

The situation in Djibouti

The situation for Christians in poverty-stricken Djibouti is worsening, with a dramatic increase in the pressure on Christians. Islamic radicalism is growing, following the trend in other East African Countries and neighbours like Yemen and Somalia. This rise in Islamic radicalism has also become a concern for the government itself - as a result, sermons and the activities in mosques are monitored and controlled by the government. Located at a very strategic location of the Gulf of Aden, Djibouti has been a transit for many radical jihadists who leave their footprint behind.

Different types of Christianity face different levels of pressure, while expatriate Christians experience very minimal restriction. Tolerance towards Orthodox Christians originating from Ethiopia and local Christian background believers is withering away. Life is more difficult for the non-traditional Protestant churches and Christian converts from a Muslim background, who face pressure in almost all spheres of life. Hiding their faith is one of the means to protect themselves from family persecution, but "the Somali culture makes it difficult to hide any change," according to a researcher. Finally, with the general situation in Somalia always hostile towards Christians and Djibouti and Somalia being very close in culture, language, and history, the animosity towards Christians in Djibouti might also increase. **Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Djibouti**
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