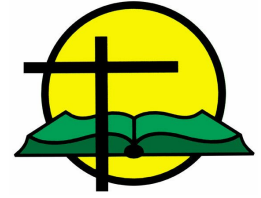


Westview Baptist Church



Sunday 3rd April 2016

Our purpose is to bring glory to God.

We will do this as we: Are transformed by enjoying Christ; Love by serving others; and proclaim Jesus by faithfully living in a fallen world

Question Box Sunday

Every few months we seek to address questions that have been asked by Westviewers. Below are the questions that have been asked and will be addressed this Sunday:

Question 1: "Since we are reading Leviticus, my question is: why is it necessary for all the Old Testament rules to be kept in the canon of scripture?"

Question 2: "And secondly, how do we know which rules should be kept today.. i.e. under the new covenant."

Question 3: "What does "each must bear his own cross" mean for us today?"

We consider the question in light of what the Scriptures might have to say. God has given us His Word so that we can know how to live faithful lives in light of the calling with which we have received, to be His children. God does not want us to be ignorant but has given us all that we need to live in a way that is pleasing to Him. So it is our aim to please Him, to seek out answers in light of His word. To come together as the people of God and encourage one another in our faith. Thank you for your questions!

Got questions? You can put it anonymously in the giving box on the back table or by email: questionbox@westview-baptists.info and we will seek to address them in our next QBox Sunday.

Family News

Sunday 10th April - Special Presentation

Please make every effort to join our morning service next Sunday April 10th, where Tony will be bringing to us the latest for our thinking as a church about our purpose, mission, values and vision for the future life of our church.

Focus, think & pray - daily devotionals

From next Sunday we will be asking the church to join us in reading through daily devotionals based on passages of Scripture to do with our purpose, mission, values and vision. More information will be given next Sunday. These will be written by Tony, Lee and JJ. It would be great if people could join us as we focus, think and pray through these for the next month.

WOW (Women of Westview)

Tea & Trade!

Saturday 7th May 9:30am.

Fundraiser for Mission Project!

Calling all women! This is an event where you can bring along a few items you're happy to donate, that you think someone else will love & be willing to pay for. Some cash to buy what you like and a friend or a couple (if you like)! This will be a great opportunity to spend time together, to enjoy a cuppa and chat and raise some money for our mission project.

For more information please speak to Wendy.



What's Coming Up?

Sunday Morning Prayer Time.

3rd April 8:15am

All are welcome. It's held at the church property.



Community Prayer Night
Sunday 3rd April 7-8pm

All are welcome. It's held at the church property.



Indoor Soccer Sunday 3rd April
2:30-3:30pm

All are welcome. Emerton Leisure Centre.
Jersey Road, Emerton. Please let JJ know if you intend to come. It should be about \$5 per person.



Men's Community Group
Tuesday 5th | 6-8pm

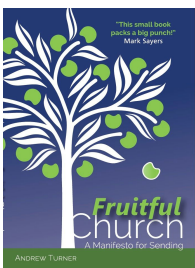
A great opportunity to meet with other men from the community. It is held at Doonside Cottage. Speak to JJ for further info.

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Fruitful Church Seminar "Growing Church by giving it away"

Pennant Hills Baptist Church on Saturday 30th April from 9:00am. Our Eldership would like to encourage people who can make this to attend as it will be a good opportunity to help our thinking in this area. The cost for the day, which includes the book, lunch, and materials will be covered for anyone who would like to come. There are some fliers with more information on the back table, but if you intend to come along could you please let one of the Elders know ASAP so we can book in the numbers. Thank you.



Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters

Country: Bahrain

Leader: King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa **Population:** 1.4million

Main Religion: Islam **Government:** Constitutional Monarchy

Main Source of Persecution: Dictatorial Paranoia

A rise in radical Islam

Bahrain is back on the World Watch List for 2016 due to a rise in Islamic Extremism in the country and Islamic State's influence in the region. This rise has added further tension and restriction to a nation where freedoms were already limited by authoritarian rule.

Relationships under pressure

According to some traditions, Christianity in Bahrain preceded Islam. However, the development of churches and Christian communities did not come until late 19th century due to the dominance of the Turkish Empire.

In the early and mid-20th century, efforts were made to establish new churches in Bahrain. Social and political instability though in recent years, has hindered the growth of Christianity. Relations between Muslims and Christians are under increasing pressure.

Permitted but unwelcome

Expatriate Christians are relatively free to worship but the number of church compounds is limited, so dozens of congregations must use the same building.

Christians who have converted from Islam face many challenges. For example, public school curriculums include Islamic teachings. Christians are not obliged to take the courses but anyone who is suspected of conversion is discriminated against. So converts who do not want to reveal their new Christian faith for their safety are still required to attend the Islamic teaching.

Please Pray:

- > That the Church in Bahrain would continue to flourish and grow, despite the pressure placed upon it by the government and the rise of radical Islam.
- > For Christians from Muslim backgrounds, that they would have faith in God's goodness when they face challenges.
- > For tensions to ease between Muslims and Christian so the gospel can be shared.



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