



**WESTVIEW**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Making Passionate Disciples of Jesus

*Monthly*  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**OCTOBER 2019**



**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Women of Westview**  
**Gingerbread House Making**  
**30th November 9:30am**

If you are interested or would like more information please speak to Esme.  
RSVP is needed.



**ALPHA COURSE: Postponed**

Both of the other churches we were going to partner with for our combined Alpha in October have decided a few weeks ago not to go ahead with this at this stage and we have now decided that it will be better to postpone this for our church community also. At this stage we hope to launch it in early 2020.

We are encouraging you to continue to prayerfully consider who God might be leading you to invite along.

Please speak to JJ for any further details.



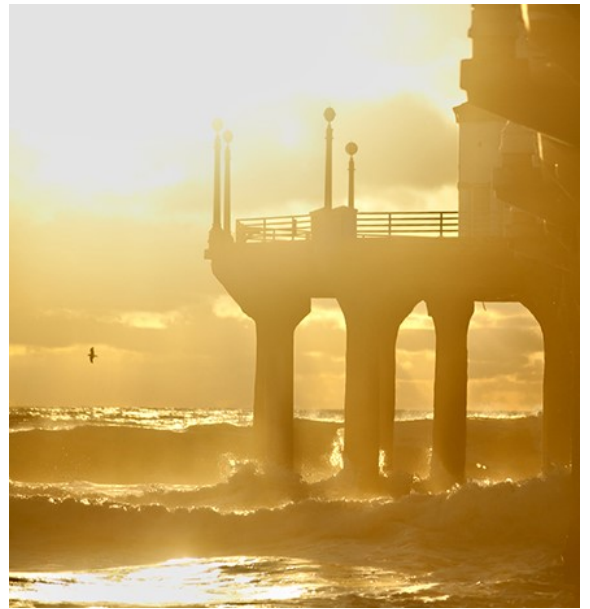
**Next CHURCH MEETING (WRAP):**  
**All welcome & encouraged to come**  
**Sunday 27th October**

Please save the date for our next meeting together as a church family. This is an important time in the life of our church as we talk together about what the Lord has been doing and discern the future together.

Please speak to Lee about any matters you would like raised at the meeting.

## **Important Notice for the Church Family: CONSIDERATION FOR ELDERSHIP**

The Elders, with the support of the Deacons would like to invite the wider church body in with us as we discern together whether God is raising up Jerry Co to be recognised as an Elder at Westview Baptist Church.



We have been praying for some time for God to raise up leaders in our church community and especially Elders with the loss of Bob (to glory) and David Jones not long before him (moving to Victoria to be closer to family), and with a lot more recently Tony Calman being set aside for Shepherding roles outside of Westview. As a result we currently have just two Elders, JJ Bomford and Lee Arundel, with three Deacons, Tony and Lynne Kenning and Steve Kwan.

As we have prayed and considered who the Lord may be calling and raising up for this important role in the life of our church community Jerry's name has come to our attention. There are some very clear and extremely helpful passages of Scripture (see below) that help us to discern who God may have given us for such a role. Jerry alongside his wife Liza and their children joined our church family in early 2015, becoming members of our church at the end of that year.

Over the past four years the Elders have observed Jerry and Liza and we have noted them as people of godly character and witness. They have served us in the music ministry, and serve us through their example of suffering well for Christ's sake as Liza has battled much over these years with her pain related to illness. Jerry has shown himself to be a man who values God's word very highly, who cares for his wife and family well and who seeks to serve the church in the use of his gifts.

Recently Jerry has served us through some teaching (in which we have noted he is gifted) and which has greater triggered our realisation to consider, to pray and to bring this to the wider church. We believe as a church that this discernment is for the body, the whole church.

And so we now want to invite you in to consider this with us, and with Jerry and Liza (who have agreed to this).

So we are asking now, that Westview prayerfully consider in line with God's word if we believe Jerry Co's character, attitude and abilities are consistent to that of an Elder described in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. These passages of Scripture are set out below.

We are asking that people share all feedback, questions or concerns with the Elders: JJ or Lee.

*"This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you--if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination.*

*For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.*

*He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it." (Titus 1:5-9)*

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*"The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?*

*He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.*

*Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil." (1 Timothy 3:1-7)*

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



John Q. - 10th  
Joseph - 14th  
Hazel - 18th  
Janelle - 21st

Serenity Faith - 24th  
Esme - 25th  
Christina - 25th

*We thank the Lord for each of you  
and wish everyone a very Happy Birthday!*



### KinderCare Homework Club REVIEW

We are up for our 6 month review of the Homework Club being run by KinderCare using our church property during before and after school, as well as vacation care.

If you have any feedback (positive or negative) and especially if you feel for any reason that we should not continue this arrangement please speak to Lee. Thank you.

### *Regular Meetings*

**SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER:** Weekly at 9:00am

**SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE:** Weekly at 9:30am

**COMMUNITY PRAYER NIGHT:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month at 7:00pm

**FRIENDSHIP GROUP:** Wednesdays at 9:45am

**WIGGLING WOMBATS PLAYGROUP:** Thursdays at 10:00am

#### **ELDERSHIP CONTACT:**

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