

Westview Baptist Church

“people learning to live Jesus' way”

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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; and
3. proclaim Jesus by faithfully living in a fallen world.

Up & Coming

Isaiah - The Vision
We All Need

1.7 - Isaiah: God's
Final End Is 24:1-
27:13

8.7- Reflections
from JJ: The Most
Important Thing I
Learnt from
College This Year

**Community
Prayer**

Tonight at 7pm

Grace for the World "Is 13:1–23:18

We are drawing near to the end of the series on the prophet Isaiah, and many have spoken of the wonderful way God has used the ancient text to inform us about life today. Isaiah's name which means “Yahweh is salvation” is a helpful reminder to us when we see other things as a means by which we will be saved, ie, politics, economics, education, other people.

God's desire is for his kingdom, where God's people live willingly under God's rule in God's place. This would be near impossible if we did not understand that “the righteous will live by faith”. The enduring message of Isaiah is that God is God, and our joy is found in that truth.

Although we will conclude Isaiah next week (covering about a third of the book as a whole), why not continue reading through this majestic and wonderful book which continues to point us to the wonderful work of Jesus.

Family News and Prayers

Thanks for all who kept Hayley in your prayers during her time Cockatoo Island (in Sydney Harbour). It was a wonderful time for her and an incredible experience to have her film produced professionally. This next week is no let up as she travels to Rotorua (NZ) to be involved

in a school music festival.

It was with great sadness that we discovered that a few weeks ago Alex's mother passed away. Please pray for him at this time as he grieves his loss and as he deals with other responsibilities as the eldest son.

Alex has also made a request seeking help with his son's driving lessons during the school holiday in early July. The requirements for learner drivers to log 120 hours is considerable, especially when other family members do not drive. Please talk to Tony or Alex if you could help out.

Missions – Our Wider Focus

Matt and Becky had a “scare” this week when his passport went missing with an all important American Student Visa in it which was required on Friday for a security clearance to learn to fly in the USA. They acknowledge their thanks to God that it arrived on Friday morning even though the Embassy were unsure where it was, just in time for the interview. Continue to pray for their preparations as they leave for the USA on the 28th June.

Alison will be returning from Tarsus today until November 5. She will be doing a few short courses and one 3-day spiritual retreat; sharing/speaking in different places, groups, churches (hopefully at Westview); having various medical appointments, checkups, some treatment for neck/back; spending time with family, friends, church... time to really catch up/share; a couple of short breaks; remembering what it is to be Australian! Her desire is for it to be a time to be refreshed and renewed in God, time to hear from Him afresh... time to debrief and be ministered to and encouraged by others even as I hope to be able to encourage others too. Please keep her in your prayers and we are hopeful to find time to have her come to Westview.

Pip Minor is also home from Cambodia. We are trying to make a time when she can visit us. Please keep the evening of October 7 free.

COBIS – Churches of Blacktown in Schools

We have had a long association with COBIS and the work in schools. At the last committee meeting, two needs were highlighted. There has been a reduction in giving resulting in available funds getting low. If you can give (it is nearly tax time), please go to <http://www.givenow.com.au/supportcobis> or see Tony. The second need is that of a bookkeeper as Susan Lim who has kept the books since the start can no longer do it. The bookkeeping is quite simple, but necessary.

Marriage and Society

There has been much discussion regarding legislation regarding marriage. The statement agreed to by Baptist Union assembly which is also endorsed by us is:

- (i) Marriage, according to the biblical pattern, is a lifelong and exclusive commitment between a man and a woman, instituted by God for the benefit and enrichment of mankind, and calling for mutual love, faithfulness and understanding.
- (ii) It is a Christian responsibility, incumbent upon individuals, churches and this Union, to give high priority to all reasonable means of promoting and strengthening truly Christian marriage and healthy family life (such as biblical instruction, counselling and Marriage Enrichment programmes).

Church Parking

When you arrive each Sunday morning, you will find an area nearest the door under the “Jesus All About Life” sign where nobody has parked. That is the area set aside for the 'turn around' and 'setting down' of those with mobility limitations.

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| www.whereisgodinmylife.com ... because life sometimes gets out of control. | |

God's judgement and grace for the world Is 13:1 – 23:18

Let God be God – the full measure of his joy

The frustration of our limitations – the decisiveness of
God's judgement Is 13:9 – 11

Eternal truths that surpass time and circumstances

God opposes the proud Is 16:6

The example of kings – our warning

God is not a spectator – he is the main game Is 14:24 – 27

An outrageous suggestion - but God is in control Is 23:17 –
18

Who will you look to? Is 17:7 - 8