

# 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

29.7 - SMS From God Titus 3

5.8 - Church Anniversary - SMS From God Philemon

12.8 - SMS From God 2 Peter 1

19.8 - SMS From God 2 Peter 2

**Community Prayer**

**TONIGHT!**

## ***SMS From God - Exploring the Short Letters***

Last week, we saw that faith and knowledge has the firmest foundations upon the hope of eternal life promised by God himself before time began. This faith and knowledge lead to godly living, the fruit of the gospel message.

Today we will see that the gospel teaches us to live godly lives as we wait for Jesus, that it is only the gospel that leads us to godly living and that godly living makes the gospel attractive to those around us. The focus being on grace, not law, so it is only the gospel that gives us hope.

## ***Community Prayer Night***

Come to the Doonside Centre at 7pm tonight for an hour of community prayer. Here we bring before our loving Father in heaven our cares, worries, concerns and pray for the further growth of his kingdom in the world.

## ***Family News and Prayers***

It has been a difficult week for the Rollason family with the passing of Helen in the early hours of Friday morning. Helen was admitted into Mount Druitt Hospital Palliative Care Unit on Thursday. For almost all of her illness she was cared for by David at home which was her wish. God our Father concluded Helen's earthly suffering around 3am on Friday morning. Our sympathies, prayers and best

wishes go to David, Andrew, Gina and Janelle at this time of loss.

Pray for Bob who is going to commence a new round of chemotherapy on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August, once every three weeks. Joyce also is being treated for very nasty skin cancers. Pray for her as she decides the best way forward.

Keith and Lin Low will soon be on a holiday cruise and have asked that the church folk might remember them while away. Perhaps the greatest concern is for good health while away.

David Low has been to Vietnam and has returned during July. He wrote this.. “Dear Westview Baptist church, Thank you for all your support and prayers. I really appreciate your willingness to support me in the journey. Thanks, David”. If you would like to give to the work in Vietnam, donations are still open.

Tomorrow the scripture seminar program will be presented at Evans High. Please pray for a good response from student and teachers.

Upendra raising funds through sponsorship on the City to Surf for INF Australia, serving the people of Nepal by effective development. If you would like to give, see Upendra or go to [http://www.fundraise.city2surf.com.au/Upendra\\_Singh\\_6454](http://www.fundraise.city2surf.com.au/Upendra_Singh_6454)

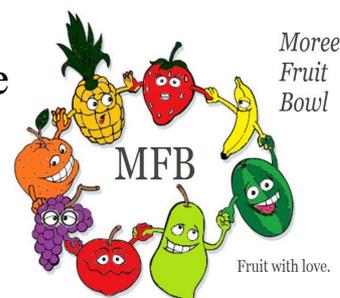
### ***Church Anniversary***

Church anniversary could be just a time for reminiscing, however we prefer it to be a recognition of the journey which God has taken us and a renewing our our minds for the future. It is a time of celebration for what God has done in our midst, in our community, in our nation and in our world.

As we come together on August 5<sup>th</sup>, please bring some food for a special morning tea so that we can celebrate and enjoy our time together.

### ***Woodcroft Festival***

The Woodcroft Festival is on the 29<sup>th</sup> September. Some of the local churches are considering joining together for a united presence. Why not think about being involved?



## ***Membership Reports***

Last week, three reports on five different people were presented to the church for membership: Matt & Becky, Tony & Lynne, and Amie D'annunzio. The reports will be available today too for anyone to read and sign.

## ***News From the Preeces***

Tony had a skype conversation with Matt during the week. They are both well and are seeking to remain faithful to their priorities, their marriage relationship under God, raising support, connecting with Becky's family and flight training for Matt.



They have spoken at Becky's sending church which went well and the flight training has been rather intensive. Matt is attempting to complete the training before a two month road trip around the US in September which will be an opportunity to raise support. Presently they are at 40% of support for one year. Continue to pray for them at this time.

## ***Ministry Opportunity***

A group originating from St Mary's Baptist Church are seeking to form a ministry to the women involved in prostitution in the St Mary's area. They are looking for Christian women who may be interested in being involved and to support the work. For more information contact Kirsty Tepper, mobile 0417 217 210, email [thewell123@gmail.com](mailto:thewell123@gmail.com) or website [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au).

## ***Our Fallen World***

On Saturday 7 July some 100 Fulani (Muslim) herdsmen launched attacks on nine Berom (Christian) villages in Riyom and Barkin Ladi Local Government Areas of Plateau State. Wearing bullet-proof vests and armed with sophisticated weapons, they killed 63 people, wounded dozens and torched more than 60 homes. The next day they attacked the funeral, killing another 22. A further 50 bodies were found later in the burnt-out home of a local pastor who had sheltered fleeing Christians. Boko Haram claimed responsibility but

the terror bears all the hallmarks of a Fulani raid aimed at ethnic cleansing and colonisation. Boko Haram incites and participates in the killings, with rogue elements in the military aiding both Boko Haram and the Fulani. Christians are not safe anywhere. Please pray.

## ***SMS From God***

### ***Titus 2***

The gospel teaches us to live godly lives as we wait for Jesus

1. The gospel leads to godly living

2. Godly living makes the gospel attractive

3. The gospel gives us hope

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