

# 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

9.9 - 3 John

16.9 - Jude

23.9 - Be Love

Sunday -  
Abwaid

30.9 - QBox

**Community  
Prayer**

23 Sept.

## *Happy Father's Day*

Today is a day which our culture celebrates “fatherhood”, a celebration we can enter into as we consider our own fathers and God our Heavenly Father. Fathers are to reflect characteristics of God in heaven, and although each of our fathers may have various failings, we can discover something good in every father.

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

We continue today in Peter's second letter, with out focus on chapter 3. Truth and preservation of the truth has been an important focus of Peter's short letter.

## *Family News and Prayers*

Quite a few people are travelling or with family elsewhere today. JJ and Soona will be away two weeks enjoying their prize from a competition, 10 days in Samoa! Tony and Lin send their greetings to the

church on their holiday and express their sorrow at Joyce's passing. Allan and Jan; Tony and Lynne; Bob S; Steve and Sue are but some of those who will be absent from our gathering this morning.

Last Friday was the funeral for Joyce who passed away in Blacktown Hospital last Sunday as the result of a fall in which she broke two ribs.

Pneumonia set in and worsened over the last few weeks. She would have been 97 next month. She leaves one son, Ian; it would be good to remember him in your prayers as he copes with the loss of his mother.

### ***God's Mission to the World***

Continue to pray for Matt and Becky as they seek to prepare well for their road trip in the US. Matt is working hard to gain his pilot's licence, and he has had to recently do overland solo flights to accomplish this. There is still considerable work for him to do. They are going on their road trip on the 10<sup>th</sup> September. Also, Matt has an additional concern for his grandmother who is undergoing chemotherapy. They would appreciate your prayers for her.

Praise God with Milard and Joyce that the church meeting in their house is growing and that through the marriage course, new couples have joined

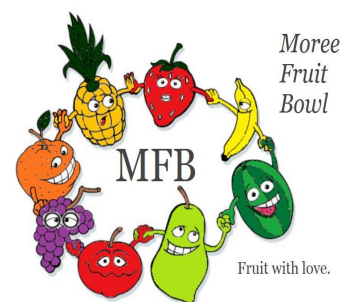


their small group to explore issues of faith. Pray for the resources needed to renovate a building to become their new meeting place.

Many will remember our connection to WEC Australia through Shirley Strong. Recent news is that Shirley's health has slowly declined, but she believes that the Lord has enabled her to complete the particular task he had for her, 'for just such a time as this' in WEC Australia. With this belief, added to how she feels physically and a prognosis that does not promise improvement, Shirley has concluded that the time has come for her to step down from leadership. She will take sick leave, with no intention to take up the leadership role again. Shirley testifies to being totally at peace in herself about the decision. Please continue in your prayers for WEC Australia during a time of uncertainty and transition.

### ***Doonside Church of Christ***

News from Ian during the week that the D CofC are celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We do thank God for his faithfulness to Doonside in establishing the presence of the church for such a long time. We pray that it will continue to grow in maturity and numbers and that we would see each other as partners in Christ for the gospel here in Doonside.



## **SMS From God – 2 John**

Truth and Love in The Church 1-3

Truth's effect upon life: Love 4-6

Truth and Deception 7-11

Final Greetings 12-13

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