

# 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.

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

This will be the final bulletin for 2012. Information over the holiday period will be announced in the service or send via email for those who received the notices from the church. If anyone would like to be added to the church mailing list, please send an email to Tony [tonycalman@gmail.com](mailto:tonycalman@gmail.com).

Pray for Gabriel while in Uganda and the family here in Sydney, particularly difficult for them over the Christmas period.

## ***From Matt and Becky***

“We hope you are enjoying your Christmas season. We have been very busy preparing for our return to Australia and for Christmas here. This morning we received some sad news that Matt's Nan has been given three months to live. Her cancer has spread to her spleen and has doubled in size in her liver in the last few weeks. We are really hoping that we can see her when we get



back to Australia. Please pray first and foremost for her salvation. ...that God would sustain her until she comes to know Him. Please also pray for comfort for Matt's family. It is difficult to be far away at this time but we know God is in control, thank you for your prayers....We would appreciate prayer for all our tasks we need to accomplish before we return to Australia in less

than three weeks (Becky's Australian partner visa, packing our things, transferring to the Arnhem Land program & other admin tasks).

### ***JJ and Soona***

Congratulations to JJ who has completed and passed all his subjects for 2012. JJ and Soona are in Bateman's Bay visiting Soona's family then next week going to QLD to visit both their family. Only a shore break, his studies resume on 23<sup>rd</sup> January!

For those people who have asked about giving money to assist in JJ's second year of college, anyone is able to direct their gifts through the giving box at any time and that money will be set aside for the cost related to his studies.

### ***Christmas/New Year Program***

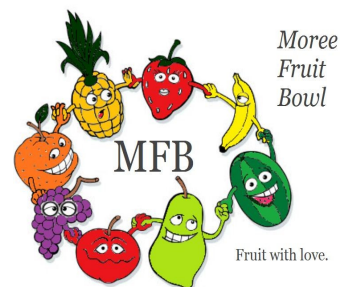
From the 23<sup>rd</sup> December to the 13<sup>th</sup> January we will have our shortened holiday program.

Our Christmas Day Service will commence at 9.30am and will conclude at approximately 10.15am to allow everyone to go onto family activities as they might need.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> January, we will be having a combined service with Doonside Church of Christ who will be coming to us.

### ***A Note from Alison***

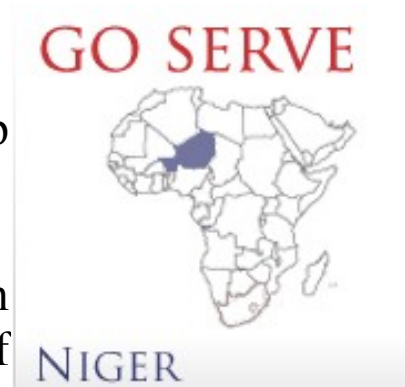
EMMANUEL - the secret to living on your own without living on your own! I know many of you have been praying for me for the transition to living on my own here in Turkey - not just because you told me you are, but because I can feel the effects of those prayers. I'm not saying there won't be times when it's hard and I feel lonely, but I can testify to a beautiful sense of God being with me. I wake up and He's here, when I go to sleep He's here, when I watch a movie He reminds me He's with me, when I'm eating dinner - one of those things where I'd normally be talking with my flatmate, I'm having dinner with Jesus. Thanks for your prayers, and thank you Lord for the reality of "GOD WITH US".



Thanks so much for your prayers and for being with me on the journey too. That's the reality of the body of Christ. With my love, Alison.

***Mission Project 2013 – Fulfulde Ministry  
Training Centre (FMTC)***

FMTC is a ministry training centre set up by SIM missionaries in the west African country of Niger in 2010. Its mission is to train Fulani believers to reach out to their own families and communities with the message of Jesus. It costs \$516 a year to train a student at the centre. The goal is to see people trained to establish a vibrant, growing Fulani church across Niger. Our mission projects have traditionally set a target, not so much of money to raise, but of something tangible to achieve. Perhaps this time we could set ourselves the target of providing training for four people at the FMTC. This would mean raising \$2064 in 2013. That would equate to approximately \$38 a week over the course of a year. This would require sacrificial giving, over and above our regular support for our own church, but if 20 of us committed to giving up something that cost us \$2 a week we would easily reach our goal. Of course, targets are just something to aim at, we can always go above and beyond those we set ourselves. For more information go to <http://www.sim.org.au/fulfulde-ministry-training-centre>



***CHRISTMAS IN THE FREE WEST***

Whilst public schools in Sweden are by law non-confessional, Advent services are part of the compulsory curriculum. This year, however, the government has ruled that, though the Advent services are still compulsory, in public schools they must be Christ-less and prayer-less, to try to balance Sweden's Christian cultural tradition with the 'new secularism'. Last year the Scottish government promoted all Scotland's winter festivals except Christmas. This year the European Union

Commission published three million secondary school diaries that detailed the feasts, festivals and holidays of all faiths except Christianity, even omitting Christmas and Easter. The West has forgotten the Lord. Revival and returning to him are urgent or else anti-Christian repression, intolerance and hostility will only escalate. Please pray for a Christmas awakening in the West.

## The Promised Messiah Old Testament to John the Baptist

The birth of Jesus was not the start of Jesus

Creation Gen 1:26

After sin entered the world Gen 3:14-15;

Abraham's Promise Gen 12:3

Moses' Promise Deut 18:15

### The Prophets

II Samuel 7:14; Ezekiel 37:26-27; Haggai 2:6-9; Hosea 11:1;  
Isaiah 7:14; 9:1-2; 9:5-6; 11:12; 53:5; Jeremiah 31:15; Micah 5:2;  
Psalm 2; 16; 22; 34; 69; 110; 112; Daniel 9:24-27; Zechariah 9:9;  
12:10

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