Westview Baptist Church

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"people learning to live Jesus' way"
Sunday, 10th February, 2013

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

Transformed by Enjoying Christ

"The church is the expression of the gospel". How does that statement sit with you? We know that it is true, however what has been seen as "the church" has expressed the gospel so very poorly. What would it take for us to do in a way that pleases God our Father and glorifies his name in the earth?

Teaching Today

If you remember the purpose of John's Gospel (for people to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God) and his desired outcome (in believing you might have life), you might wonder why John included this miraculous sign as a signpost for us to discover God: Jesus turns water into wine!

Signposts to Joy

Such questions are to be commended, for how else will we discover the truth so that the truth might set us free to live?

In this account, the disciples glimpsed Jesus' glory and it changed them forever. Jesus' glory

has something to do with something that is abundant and of the highest quality. Spend some time and try to discover what the disciples saw so that we might enjoy the glory of Jesus too.

For next week, read John 4. As you are reading, be aware of the various responses and the cause of their response.

Love and Service

Up and Coming

WRAP (Westview Review and Planning) Meeting will be held on the 10th March. As the name suggests, we review and plan for the community at these times. It is a time where people are encouraged to present hopes, dreams and visions. Please talk to Lee if you would like to include something on the agenda.

Windsor Baptist are having a Ladies' Movie Night on 23rd February, 6pm for 6.30pm start. RSVP by 17.2 to Lyn Hill 4572 7227. Cost for the night, \$15.

The FGB Dinner is to be held on the 18th February at Blacktown RSL at 6.30pm. Please see John S for more information.

Family News and Prayers

Nellie has recently had a shoulder operation and is recovering after surgery. The recovery and rehabilitation has been quite painful and long. Keep her in your prayers through this process.

Matt and Becky flew to PNG last Thursday for a week as they pack up and say goodbye to their colleagues. After that they will return to Cairns for a few days before travelling to Arnhem Land. Please pray for good health, energy, healthy goodbyes, and all administrative paperwork to be completed on time. Pray also for Matt's aunt who has had a very serious stroke which required surgery. MAF's magazine has a section on the work in Arnhem Land including a work with indigenous people. For

more information please go to <u>maf.org.au/yirrkala</u>. Matt and Becky are mentioned in the "movements" section, however they may have been mistaken by listing him as a pilot.

Church Directory

The final photos are required for the church directory which will soon be published. Please see JJ or Soona today if you have not had your photo taken yet.

Living Faithfully in Our World

Mission Project 2013

Remember in your prayers the Fulflude Ministry Training Centre (FMTC) located in Niger which is our project for this year. It costs \$516 a year to train a student at the centre. Gifts can be given through the box marked "Mission". Internal

INF Australia

The International Nepal Fellowship has been made known to us recently through Upendra who raised money recently in the City to Surf Fun Run. INF are a partner organisation with Abwaid who direct funds to INF for important projects like clean water. On the 17th February we will have a INF representative join us to give us a short presentation on the work INF is involved with.

Teaching Notes

Signposts to Joy

John 2:1 – 11 Signpost to Jesus' glory.

What is the work of God? John 6:29

The first sign – at a wedding in Cana

The unthinkable happens – but is it the right time?

A mother and her son - a model of humility?

The stone jars – symbols of change.

Quality and quantity – you can have it all with Jesus

Finding joy in the life giver – his glory revealed – put your faith in Him

John Piper article:

www.desiringgod.org/resources-library/articles/

Title of article: The glory of God as the goal of history

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