

# *Westview Baptist Church*

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*“people learning to live Jesus’ way”*

Sunday, 24th February, 2013

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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
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## **Transformed by Enjoying Christ**

Last week, the clip from INF showed us a woman who had 13 of her children die and was widowed with her only surviving baby girl. In many cultures, such desperate people are shunned by their community because they are considered “cursed”, so no one wants to be involved with anyone who is cursed in such a way. Think of the freedom that we can enjoy because we know that Jesus is Lord! We need not fear those considered “cursed”, for those who bear Jesus name enjoy his protection. We can welcome those “shunned” by society knowing that we can welcome them in Jesus’ name. Of course, our culture would scoff at such ideas, still there are many “shunned” by our society, who are viewed with fear and ignorance. How will the knowledge that Jesus is Lord change how you relate to such people?

## ***Teaching Today***

John gives us another signpost to joy this morning in the healing of the invalid. Through this account John shows us that: Jesus has power and authority to heal because He is the Son of God.

The fact that Jesus can heal shows God's stamp of approval, it is God's testimony to the world that this Jesus is His Son

Our focus will continue on John's Gospel next week moving to John 6:1-15. Take note how the people read the signposts but come to a wrong conclusion and see what they want to see. They only see Jesus in the image of their hopes and dreams, and not who he really is. Surely, we could never do that, could we?



### **Love and Service**

#### ***Up and Coming***

*Community Prayer Night* is an opportunity for the church family to meet together and pray for our church, our wider community and our world. The next prayer night tonight at 7pm.

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.

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



Matt and Becky are now in Nhulunbuy (aka Gove) in Arnhem Land NT. Their short trip to PNG went well and they were able to visit

many people during their trip and say goodbye. They spent four days in Cairns, where they had a short break and celebrated Matt's 30th birthday.

They ask for continued prayer for Matt's Nan undergoing chemotherapy treatment and for her salvation and his Aunt recovering from a serious health scare. Please note their new postal address: PO Box 821 Nhulunbuy NT 0881 Australia.



Nellie continues to recover. Please pray for her as her rehabilitation continues.

### **Living Faithfully in Our World**

#### ***Mission Project 2013***

Fulflude Ministry Training Centre (FMTC) Aim of the project: The training centre teaches Fulani believers literacy and bible, equips believers with the skills to be lay pastors, teachers, and mentors to their own families and communities. (More information on this project next week)



## **Teaching Notes**

### ***John 5 - Healing the Invalid***

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