

# *Westview Baptist Church*

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*“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
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## *Transformed by Enjoying Christ*

Did you know that there are almost 70 occasions in the Bible where either God or Jesus tells those with faith “do not be afraid”? Have you ever stopped and wondered why?

## ***Teaching Today***

When John wrote his account of Jesus’ life he made the amazing claim that the One through whom the Universe was created actually spent a lifetime as a person in the world he had made. It was a glorious, gracious life that displayed the glory of God.

This week we’ll look at an event in which Jesus demonstrated the Creator’s remarkable power to save his followers. We will have another opportunity to review the evidence for who Jesus is, and, if we haven’t done so already, come to him and receive his gift of life.

## ***Love and Service***

## ***Up and Coming***

Today after our gathering we are having a WRAP (Westview Review and Planning) Meeting. It is a time of discussion about current and future issues. 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***

Margaret Egger's brother Warren has been diagnosed with cancer. It is expected by doctors that his health will only decline. Pray for Margaret, her husband Harry and Warren during this difficult time.

Nellie continues to recover and was able to come to the Wednesday Friendship Group. Keep her in your prayers for a good recover.

There is some uncertainty for Paul Burmon's work and he may need to look for another job. Please pray for God's leading at this time.

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

### ***Evans High Scripture***

The program at Evans High went very well. Without the support of the COBIS workers, there would be no Christian message at that school. They are presently trying to gather Christian students together to form a lunchtime group. Please keep them in your prayers.

### ***Mission Project***

Fulflude Ministry Training Centre (FMTC) At the opening ceremony, Pastor Tanko

acknowledged the example and testimony of national and mission leaders on his life. He told a story about a moment,



34 years earlier, when as a bible student he had been witnessing in the Wodaabe grazing lands. A father of a Wodaabe family had asked him to pray for his newborn son. He said, "You are a religious teacher, would you pray for my baby, that God would bless him?"

Tanko took the three-day old baby, Tambaya, in his arms and prayed that God would place his hand on this infant and set him apart to become a man of God; an instrument for God to use in the spread of the gospel. As Pastor Tanko spoke, that baby, now grown to manhood, stood beside him, translating his words into Hausa for the non-Fulani speakers. Tambaya is now a gifted leader and one of the teachers at the Fulani Ministry Training Centre.

### ***Persecution Soaring in Sudan***

Islamist discontent is rising, forcing Sudan's President Omar el-Bashir to prove his Islamist credentials. As churches are demolished, property is seized, Coptic priests are detained and foreign Christians are deported, despair is setting in and Sudanese Christians are wondering if the day is coming when they will no longer be able to practise their faith at all. Meanwhile the 54 member states of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UNECOSOC) showed how little they care about Sudanese citizens when they elected Sudan as a Vice-President and nominated it to chair proceedings on humanitarian affairs. The US and Canada protested, forcing Sudan to cede the humanitarian post reluctantly to Pakistan. Only God can be trusted! Please pray for the Church in Sudan.

### ***Signpost to Jesus' Creation Power - Walking on Water (John 6:16-22)***

‘Looking for a clearer picture of Jesus, and therefore a

clearer picture of God the Father.'

After the picnic – an anti-climax? (Matthew 14:22-23)

The journey begins (John 6:16-18)

Jesus sent them into h\_\_\_\_\_ r.

The sign part 1 (John 6:19-20)

Why didn't the crew recognize Jesus in the first place?

The sign part 2 (John 6:21-22)

Immediate arrival!

Joining the dots – 'You really are the Son of God.'

Who could confirm the miracle? (2 sets of people)

Two for the price of one

The whole point of the story is to show \_\_\_\_\_.

Light from the Old Testament

Exodus 3:14; Job 9:8; Psalm 107: 29-30

Why this sign?

So that we may b\_\_\_\_\_ and h\_\_\_\_\_ l\_\_\_\_\_ in his name.  
(John 20:30-31)

A time to agree and receive life

'Truly you are the Son of God.' (Matthew 14:33)

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