

# *Westview Baptist Church*

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*“people learning to live Jesus’ way”*

Sunday, 24th March, 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***

Today is what is traditionally known as Palm Sunday. In ancient times, palm branches symbolised goodness and victory. They were often depicted on coins and important buildings. Solomon had palm branches carved into the walls and doors of the temple (1 Kings 6:29). Again at the end of the Bible, people from every nation raise palm branches to honor Jesus (Revelation 7:9). Palm Sunday commemorates the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-9), when palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest on Thursday and his crucifixion on Good Friday.

## ***Good Friday Service***

A service will be held next Friday at 9.30am as we remember the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross. Good Friday is a significant day of mixed emotions as we remember Jesus’ death to pay the punishment we deserve.

## ***Teaching Today***

We continue with John’s signposts to joy that Jesus is the Son of God with Jesus’ statement: I am the light of the world. It is only as we hear and accept Jesus’ claims that we find the firm

foundation needed for life.

## **Love and Service**

### ***Church Directory***

The directory has been printed. Please make sure that you get your printed version if required. Two sizes are available, large print and extra large print.

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

Picnic Anyone? Easter Saturday meeting around 11am. Feel free to bring your family and friends to join us. Tench Reserve, Jamisontown. Bring your own everything and enjoy the park next to the river. If the weather is doubtful and you want to check if it is still on, SMS Tony 0430 027 636 or call the home phone number 8212 4534.

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Community Prayer Night TONIGHT.

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Daylight savings [changes](#) first week in April. On Sunday 7 April 2013 at 3:00 am, clocks are put back one hour.

### ***WRAP Meeting***

A full report is now available. The minutes will be on the back table or can be found [online](#).

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

Val van Niekerk went to hospital by ambulance Thursday night. She has remained in intensive care. It is suspected to be related to blood sugar. Please keep her in your prayers.

Keep Margaret Egger's brother Warren in your prayers as he battles cancer.

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

#### ***Doonside High Need***

The staff at Doonside are having difficulty finding the time to

maintain a breakfast club for the school. “Breakfast Club” allows kids who have often not eaten that day to have some breakfast. It is a good opportunity to meet with the students as you serve them some food for the day. Bay would like local churches to be aware of the need so that anyone who might be interested could give some time. It would be one day per week, probably Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 8-9am. What better way could we live faithfully in our world than to feed the hungry? If you are interested in find out more, please talk to Tony.

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

Fulflude Ministry Training Centre (FMTC) -  
The Wodaabe are a nomadic people who make their home in the sandy, windswept margins of the Sahara Desert in modern-day Niger. They are a subgroup of the Fulani.



The Wodaabe roam the semi-arid regions of south western Niger and northern Nigeria. They live in the bush where the landscape consists of sand-swept plains, dusted with green in the rainy season and dotted by a few small trees. Despite the apparent isolation, people, camels, donkeys, sheep and goats appear out of nowhere! Visiting Wodaabe in the bush is not easy. The groups move about and are hard to find since their tracks disappear in the shifting sand.

Most Wodaabe are cattle herders and traders. Unlike some Fulani who have settled in towns over time, the Wodaabe remain nomadic, roaming between villages and wells in a constant search for water and grazing land. They trade dairy products as well as a uniquely woven and dyed fabric that brings a high price in markets across West Africa and around the world.

SIM is looking for more workers to serve the Wodaabe people, to live among them and share the good news of Jesus' love. Pray that the Lord would raise up workers to accomplish

the task of evangelism and to disciple new Wodaabe Christians.

## **Teaching Notes**

John: Signposts to Joy      John 8:12 – 59

John 8:12 – 18 I am the light of the world

- Pharisees lack of understanding
- All who follow will know the nature and glory of God

John 8:25 – 30 “Who are you?” I AM

- Are they seeking truth or their own agenda?
- Jesus knows his mission and who sent him

John 8:30 – 33 Careful whee you put your faith

- Hold to Jesus teaching: abide, be at home in his word

John 8:34 – 39 What did Abraham do?

- A bit of historical amnesia
- The offence continues
- The crucial test – believe

John 8:54 – 59 “Before Abraham was born...”

- Jesus settles the “who are you “ question...
- ...and quietly slips away

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