Westview Baptist Church

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"people learning to live Jesus' way"

Sunday, 14th - 21st April, 2013

Holiday Edition

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

Teaching Today

Today we conclude our present series on John's Gospel entitled "Signposts to Joy". From John 11, we have one of the most dramatic signposts that John will present: Lazarus being raised to life. Lazarus' new life in itself is not the joy. The joy comes from knowing the one who had authority to call him from the grave.

Next week the focus of our teaching will be on church leadership and how we are to respond to the leaders that God gives. The following week JJ will lead us in a mission focus, giving some news about his recently work in Greenacre.

Love and Service

Up and Coming

Community Prayer Night 28th April.

Family News and Prayers

A note from Val from a few weeks ago: "Thank you all very much for your prayers, kind thoughts and visits over this last week. I could not have done this on my own, it is so comforting to know that you all have me covered and together through Faith and God's Grace I will be strong. Love Val"

Margaret would appreciate continued prayer as her brother Warren continues his treatment with with cancer.

JJ concludes his college mission in Greenacre today. Next weekend JJ and Soona will be away on a break. Pray for a great time away with plenty of rest and fun.

Remember Matt and Becky at Nhulunbuy (Gove).

During the week, Matt flew to Lake Evella, 130km east of home where he had to repair a cargo door. This is a picture from the

airplane after leaving Lake Evella. Those

with internet can see a better picture by <u>clicking here</u>. Don't forget Matt and Becky's blog which can be found <u>here</u>. Do you know that you can financially support them by going to this website



http://preeces.com/support-us/? The gift can be re-ocurring or one off.

Living Faithfully in Our World Sleimans

A newsletter from Milard can be found on the back table. He speaks about the instability of Lebanon politically and economically. One million Syrian refugees have flooded the small nation which has a population of 4 million people. He is to return at the end of June for 10 weeks and asks for prayer that the church plant and the home groups continue to grow and to be OK as they leave them for 10 weeks; for the salvation and peace of Lebanon; for their family as they prepare to come back home to Australia.

Doonside High Need

Are you able to help out with a breakfast club at Doonside High? If you are interested in finding out more, please talk to Tony.

Abwaid

Perhaps you would've heard that in the 1960's there were less than 50 major disaster events recorded each year; now that number is over 350! That's why Baptist World Aid has launched Disaster Plus. Disaster Plus helps people before, during, and after a disaster. A compelling video is available online regarding this program. It has been suggested that every dollar spent before a disaster is worth seven dollars in response and recovery work. Please consider your present situation and give.

Teaching Notes

John 11 - The resurrection of Lazarus

Two groups of people: 1. Those with Jesus

"for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified..." 11.4

11:6 "yet" or "so when"

His death was for their good 11:14-15

Martha's tremendous (but limited) faith 11:21-24; 25-27

"Do you think it was worth the pain and suffering Mary and Martha experienced to see the glory of God in such a way?"

That is why we need to know with all certainty that Jesus is the Christ, that he is the Son of God, because our lives are in his hands.

11: 55 ..ceremonial cleansing before the Passover.

Extravagant or not?

Two groups of people: 2. those who heard from the eyewitnesses

From wine to life - the journey with Jesus

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