

Westview Baptist Church

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“people learning to live Jesus’ way”

Sunday, 5th May, 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
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Transformed by Enjoying Christ

What greater thing could there be for those Jesus has made children of God than what Paul says... "so we make it our goal to please him" (2 Cor 5:9). To do this, we need to be intentional in our thinking. It would have to start with the question sometime in our day, "How might I please my Heavenly Father today?" It is worth asking, don't you think?

Teaching Today

Today we commence a new series "Love Only One Way → God's Desire for a Kingdom". We generally spend one of our four series throughout the year with a focus on the Old Testament (OT). Although the gospel message of Jesus Christ is not as easily seen in the OT, careful reading can find it everywhere because the fulfilment of the OT is found in Jesus.

Love only one way is a reminder that we can only love God as we live under obedience to him. In the OT stories, we see how God's people failed to love God and yet

God's love for them was always evident. Surely we find echos of this in our life too, so these stories are recorded as warnings and to teach us about how to be God's faithful people.

If you would like to prepare for next week, please read Joshua 3 & 4.

Love and Service

Up and Coming

Community Prayer Night 27th May.

Family News and Prayers

Many may have seen Bob being interviewed on Ten News last Thursday night. It was a part of a news story which was making people aware for the need of a drug to be available on the PBS so that it is affordable for those in need. The segment can be viewed from Ten's News website. Near the noticeboard, a suggested letter can be found that you might wish to write in support of the change. Wendy has written a letter online which can be found [here](#), however is it best to make some changes to the letter and then please send it to your Federal MP.

John S. would like to make known that the FGB Dinner will be on 13th May this month. Further information can be received from him.

Matt and Becky would value prayers as they work and live in Arnhem Land. They are going to an indigenous church to connect with the culture. Pray for good health, paperwork for Becky's visa and medical certification in Australia, and for them to be established into their community there.



Living Faithfully in Our World

School Ministries

Please keep in your prayers the school work which we are involved in. Scripture will be starting next Wednesday. COBIS are looking for someone to replace Tash as BGHS. Evans High scripture day is on 13 May.

Mission Project 2013

Keep the Fulfulde Ministry Training Centre in your prayers as they seek to equip people to faithfully proclaim the gospel message to the Fulani and Wodaabe people of West Africa.

Persecuted Believers

Azerbaijan: Baptists hit with fines - Forum 18 reports that two Baptists in Azerbaijan's north-eastern Zakatala District have been fined the equivalent of more than a year's minimum wage for violating Article 299.0.3 of the Code of Administrative Offences, that punishes clergy and religious associations holding unregistered meetings. The two Baptists - Pastor Zaur Balaev and Hamid Shabanov - have both previously spent time in prison for their faith. Their church has been seeking state registration since 1994, but to no avail. Pastor Balaev (whose wife is suffering with cancer) said that, though he cannot pay, he will not appeal the fine as he knows he broke the law. 'I would rather take the State Committee to court for refusing to register us for so many years,' he said. Pray for the Balaev and Shabanov families and for the Church in Azerbaijan.

Teaching Notes

Love Only One Way → God's Desire for a Kingdom:
Who gave us this land?

FAQ

- Why do we look at the Old Testament (OT)?
- Where does Joshua and Judges fit in the Biblical story?
- How do we understand God's command for Israel to violence and war?

God Provides the Land for His People Josh 1:1-4

A New Leader for God's Nation Josh 1:5-11

Impressions from the Other Side 2:1-13

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