

Westview Baptist Church

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“people learning to live Jesus’ way”

Sunday, 12th May, 2013

Happy Mothers’ Day

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

Mothers’ Day

A special welcome to all mothers. Mother's Day is a celebration honoring mothers and motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in March or May.

The day can have mixed emotions for many people, for a variety of reasons, however it is good to thank God that he designed us to grow and develop best in the environment of a family with a mother (and father, but that is another story), and the unique touch a mother can have on a life.

Teaching Today

“Love Only One Way → God’s Desire for a Kingdom”. Where Israel were invited to share in an intimate relationship of love and obedience with their God, the love

generally only flowed one way: from God to his unfaithful people.

Our Old Testament focus on Joshua and Judges is a confronting reminder of the seriousness God takes sin.

The stories found in these books are intended to be instructive to us to understand how we are to live. We have much in common with the people of faith in the Old Testament: faith being the basis of relationship, loving obedience the expression of our faith, and dependence on the promises of God.

If you would like to prepare for next week, please read Joshua 5-8.

Love and Service

Up and Coming

Community Prayer Night 27th May.

Family News and Prayers

Kath will be leaving Australia for 6 weeks as she visits family and friends in England next Saturday. We are glad she has this opportunity and pray that it will be a time of great joy for her. Tomorrow Allan returns from England after visiting his family and friends. Pray for a good trip back and that jet-lag will be minimal for both Allan and Kath.

Matt and Becky have undergone cultural and language training in Arhem land. Further can be read on [their blog](#). The Yolngu or Yolŋu are the local indigenous people. Yirrkala is the closest indigenous community where Matt and Becky have been attending



the local church.

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.

Living Faithfully in Our World

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

North Korean church leaders can only keep watch and ask Christians worldwide to continue to pray for their country. Underground Christians describe the current atmosphere in North Korea as warlike...Despite Kim Jong Un declaring all citizens need to be "combat ready", Christians and other citizens of North Korea greatly fear war and its consequences. Underground Christians in the country are grateful for the strength they receive from believers around the world and urge them to continue upholding North Korea in their prayers.

Thank God for the bravery of all Christians in North Korea, to stand boldly for Him in a country where discovery of their faith can mean death. Pray for the protection of Christians in North Korea, especially those imprisoned in labour camps, and all those assisting believers who have escaped into surrounding countries.

Pray for a calm resolution to the current crisis and that Kim Jong Un and those around him will come to know Jesus as their saviour. (Source, [Open Doors](#))

Teaching Notes

Love Only One Way – God's Desire For A Kingdom

Joshua 3 and 4: What do these stones mean?

3:1 – 5 Greater than the Red Sea

God's leading – the ark of the covenant – reminder of relationship

God is holy – you will see amazing things – consecrate yourself

3:6 – 17 The crossing

Indicators of leadership – God will be with Joshua as he was with Moses

A river - a flood – a nation – amazing things

4:1 – 14 What are these stones for?

A memorial to God's salvation – but let's not spoil it

These stones are made for teaching

4:15 – 24 The bigger picture

All the earth might know the hand of the Lord is powerful

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