

# *Westview Baptist Church*

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*“people learning to live Jesus’ way”*

Sunday, 19th May, 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*

### ***Pentecost Sunday***

Today we remember that remarkable event in the life of the church with the coming of the Holy Spirit after Jesus returned to be with the Father.

We can now see the first Pentecost Sunday as the birth of the church, when believers are bound together in unity through the Spirit of God.

### ***Teaching Today***

“Love Only One Way → God’s Desire for a Kingdom”. Through the account of the Israel’s entering and taking possession of the land God is giving them, we are confronted with a number of themes: remembering what God has done, breaking down our fears, re-establishing the essential of relationship with God, being set apart for God, the problem of sin in the community and the need for a earnest personal devotion to God. The issues that Israel faced are the same issues that we face today, for our essential need is to have

faith in our God. If you would like to prepare for next week, please read Joshua 9-12.

## **Love and Service**

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

Community Prayer Night 27th May.

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

Kath will be flying to the UK for a special family reunion and will be away for 6 weeks. Please keep her in your prayers. We are thankful for the safe return of Allan. Lin and Keith would appreciate your prayers as they travel too.

It was mentioned last week that Upendra's uncle did pass away. His uncle was the head of the wider family so it is a significant death for the family group. He returned to Nepal last Monday and will be return during this week. He would welcome your prayers.

Matt and Becky have had great news with Becky's spouse's visa being approved. This allows her to remain in Australia and receive other government benefits like medicare, as well as being able to work. This generally moves to a full residential visa in time. It does mean that she will need to leave the country and return within a month, but that might be a good excuse for a short holiday in Bali or Thailand.



## **Living Faithfully in Our World**

### ***School's Work***

We are so thankful for a very successful day of scripture last Monday at Evans High. 15 classes were delivered over 5 periods and the student were well behaved and interactive. Feedback from the staff was very positive.

A replacement worker for Blacktown Girls High has been made. More information to come but please pray for Kate as she is introduced and starts at the school.

## ***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 in Iraq***

Pray for Christians living in Iraq facing persecution, that God would strengthen them. There are thousands of internally displaced people, pray that God would provide for them in this great time of need and his protection over His people in Iraq. As a minority, Christians are an easy target for kidnappers as they are not part of a tribe who can protect them.

Pray that those who have lost loved ones will find comfort and strength in God, and be able to forgive their persecutors. Open Doors provide trauma counselling training, generate livelihood projects, assist with translating the Bible into Kurdish, and train Christian leaders.

Praise God for the unity of believers in Iraq. Pray that the 14 denominations will continue to meet together in prayer during such difficult circumstances. (Source, [Open Doors](#))

## **Teaching Notes**

Love Only One Way → God's Desire for a Kingdom Josh 5-8

Remembering what God has done

The Fame of God Spread Joshua 5:1

Wasted Time in the Waste Lands Num 13:27-28

Re-Establishing the Essential

Circumcision 5:2-9

Passover 5:10-12

The Sin of Achan 7:1

Terrible Consequences of Sin 7:2-5

Joshua's Plea 7:10-12

Achan Discovered 7:19-21

Personal Devotion to God 8:30-35

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