

Westview Baptist Church

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“people learning to live Jesus’ way”

Sunday, 2nd June, 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

Titus 2:11-13 "For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,"

Teaching Today

We conclude our focus on Joshua today and continue next week looking at Judges. Today’s passage is important in understanding the movement from Joshua to Judges, how such a good start could end so poorly. We will see how God persists with his plans to their conclusion. Joshua will encourage the community to stay faithful to God, to be holy, and we will look at what that means for them and us today.

If you would like to prepare for next week, please read Judges 1-2.

Love and Service

Family News and Prayers

WRAP: Our next WRAP (Westview Review and Planning) meeting will be held after our morning gathering on the 16th June. This is a time for the community to stop and listen to one another, seeking to discern God's purpose for us. If you would like to include an item on the agenda, please talk to Lee.

Baptism: Recently in our teaching we have spoken about baptism as a sign of entry into the kingdom of God. It is an outward sign of what has already happened in a person's mind and heart. We hold baptism as important for Christ himself was baptised and it was the practiced from the very start that all who follow Jesus would also be baptised. Recently, Hayley has asked to be baptised and we are working towards that happening on 30th June. It is a good time for anyone who has not yet been baptised and who would like to consider baptism to talk to Tony.

Living Faithfully in Our World

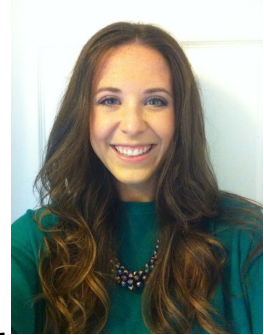
Mission Project 2013

SIM is the mission agency that supports the Fulfulde Ministry Training Centre. They have devised a novel way to raise money for the project. Send an eCard to your family and friends. It's free! For every card you send, their sponsors will donate \$1 towards a project in West Africa - up to a maximum of \$5000. It does require access to Facebook, but some people may be interested.

<http://ecards.sim.org.au/>

COBIS

Blacktown Girls High has had a new worker appointed, Kate Shmack. Kate commences at the school this week after a short handover period from Tash who has left to work full time with autistic children. Would you please pray for Kate as she settles into working at the school and as she meets the students and staff? Pray that she would be well accepted.



Baptist Union News

Baptist Union E-News Together is a new initiative of the Baptist Union of NSW. If you are interested in signing up for this, please [click here](#).

Persecuted Believers

Iranian authorities continue to pressure churches of Armenian or Assyrian heritage to cancel all services in the Farsi language, or face permanent closure. Pastor Robert Asseriyani was arrested on May 21, two days after the church refused to voluntarily terminate its Farsi services. He is being held in Tehran's notorious Evin prison. "If the Iranian government manages to close this church, the few remaining churches that have Farsi-speaking services will follow." Historically, the Iranian government has tolerated Christians of predominantly Armenian or Assyrian descent and their churches. However, churches which refuse to stop Farsi services face opposition. Iran is No. 8 on the World Watch List of 50 countries where oppression of Christians is most severe. [Source](#)
Worldwatch Monitor

Teaching Notes

Joshua 13-24

God persists with his plans

Division of the land but....

Cities of Refuge Joshua 20

Cities for Priests and families Joshua 21

Evaluating God's Promised Outcome 21.43-45

Joshua's Last Speech Josh 23

The Importance of Holiness

Four Acts Of Creation

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