

# *Westview Baptist Church*

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*“people learning to live Jesus’ way”*

Sunday, 16th June, 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***

### ***Teaching Today***

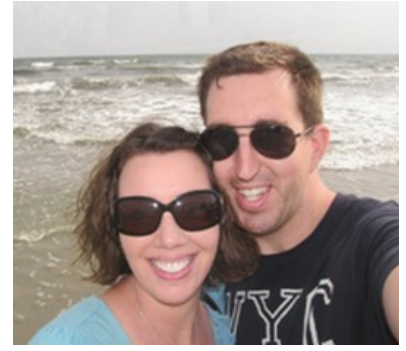
Our teaching focuses on the 12 ‘judges’ of Israel. They were leaders raised up by God to bring a freedom to Israel who were suffering through their tendency to ignore God and forget what he has done. The surprising thing about these people were that often their own actions were less than good. Still, the message is not the individual but the “big players” in this account. God’s faithfulness and Israel’s unfaithfulness. Israel’s failure to open their hearts fully to God resulted in terrible consequences for them. There is a lesson for us all. If you would like to prepare for next week, please read Judges 17-21.

### ***Love and Service***

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

Keep Matt and Becky have returned home to Gove after a great time away. She has returned with a partner’s visa that allows her to remain in Australia

and now has a Medicare Number entitling her to health care service. This alone has saved them a considerable monthly expense. They are in good spirits and Matt will return to work next Tuesday.



**Community Prayer Night:** The regular 4th Sunday night of the month prayer night will have to be moved back to the 30th June.

**WRAP:** Our next WRAP (Westview Review and Planning) meeting will be held after our time together. If you would like to include an item on the agenda, please talk to Lee.

**Baptism:** On 30th June Hayley is to be baptised. It is a significant occasion in her life and the life of the church. Over the last few years, we have seen through passages like 1 Cor 12:12-14 that as we are baptised into Christ's body we are to also recognise those we baptise as a formal member of the church. On the day, a certificate will be available for the church community to sign to signify their presence and commemorate Hayley's part in our community.

## **Living Faithfully in Our World**

### ***Mission Project 2013***

Training and equipping Fulani believers to reach out to their own communities The Fulfulde Ministry Training Centre is equipping believers to become lay teachers who can mentor believers, read the Bible in their own language and explain it to their relatives and communities. As these lay teachers make

disciples and train believers, we will see growing, worshipping communities spreading out across Niger. The Centre opened in February 2010 in central Niger, in a region frequented by many Wodaabe. The motivation for this ministry grew out of a concern that the work among the Fulani and Wodaabe seemed to be stagnating. Believers were not being adequately taught and trained. The three year course takes place in the dry-season, from Feb-April, in the Fulfulde language.



### ***Persecuted Believers***

Islamic leaders maintain that Somalia remains a strictly Islamic state with no room for Christians. Children attend mandatory Madrasa Islamic classes, people are buried with Islamic burial rights whatever their religion might be and it is extremely difficult to openly declare faith. It is too dangerous to meet openly and families of converts are fearful that they might be suspected of conversion and risk execution.

In September 2012, the election of a president by the new parliament created a framework for a more accountable, legitimate and transparent government. However, for Christians and the church the prospects are significantly less positive, bearing in mind that the provisional constitution that was passed does not allow for religious freedom. There is some hope though as returnees have been exposed to Christianity, and are bringing more tolerance towards Christians. The government is starting to take charge and house fellowships are emerging. Somalia ranks fifth on the World Watch List of

persecuted countries, and is included in the category 'Extreme Persecution'. (Source [World Watch List](#))

## **Teaching Notes**

Consequences

Theology (a spiritual understanding) of the Problem

Judges 2:10-19

Example of Othniel Judges 3:7-11

The Example of Deborah Judges 4-5

The Dangers of Leadership: Gideon 8:22-27

What does this teach us?

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