

Westview Baptist Church

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“people learning to live Jesus’ way”

Holiday Bulletin

30th June - 14 July, 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

Baptism Service

Today is a great day as family and friends gather to witness Hayley’s confession of faith as she submits to baptism. Baptism is a public declaration of a person’s intention to live under the loving rule of Jesus the King. It marks a person as a part of God’s family, inclusion in the kingdom of God, a member of Christ’s church by a person associating themselves with his death and resurrection:

Colossians 2:11 ... Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13 When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ.

Love and Service

Family News and Prayers

During the week, Matt had to fly from Nhulunbuy (Arnhem Land) to Sydney to attend his grandmother's funeral at Wellington. Although it was a quick visit JJ and Soona were able to offer him a room for a night. Matt had a peace from the funeral and drew great comfort from the pastor's words who attended his grandmother in the last few days of her life. This visit, however, will only add to his tiredness in battling his chronic fatigue. Please keep them both in your prayers



Keep Bob in your prayers. Bob's son-in-law has taken him on a trip on the Ghan from Darwin to Adelaide. He is very excited about the trip and will be away till next Friday. He did receive news however that he will need to undergo further chemotherapy in two weeks. This particular chemo had a good effect previously, but also causing a lot of tiredness as a side effect.

Today Kath will return from her 6 week visit to the UK visiting family and friends. It seems to have gone well and we look forward to seeing her face to face.

Community Prayer Night: Tonight at 7pm.

QBOX Sunday Next Week: Get any questions that you would like answered into the giving box today for next week. On QBox Sunday we explore the questions people ask.

Community Finances: At the last WRAP meeting, Juliet reported to us that up unto the 16 June, the church expenses exceeded our income by \$7,878. The church leadership will be looking at this situation before our next budget but would ask the church family to consider their own giving.

Living Faithfully in Our World

COBIS

Even though there is now a holiday break, keep the COBIS workers in your prayers. The break is a time of refreshment. Terms 2-3 are always busy so pray that there might be good rest for Chris, Bernie, Bay and Kate. On the 14th July, we are going to have most of them come and share in our service. Tash will also return and we will get an opportunity to thank her for her work at BGHS.

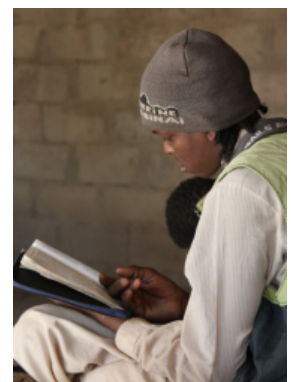
During the break, the COBIS Committee will be meeting and later the workers will join us to seek to express our care. If anyone would like to give, please go to <http://www.givenow.com.au/supportcobis> or talk to Tony. A gift by 30th June can be claimed on your tax return.

Scripture in Schools

Keep the work of scripture in your prayers. Wendy and Tony do scripture at Crawford and Doonside Public Schools, and Tony goes to Doonside High weekly and Evans once a month. A meeting at Doonside Public last week changed the time to 2-3pm on Mondays. Pray for settled students and helpful classroom teachers.

Mission Project 2013

The Fulani are different to other people groups. Their society is closed, and while influenced by animism, is predominantly Islamic. Their language is paramount to them being Fulani. A small minority of them have turned to Christ and they see the immensity of the task of evangelisation. Most Fulani believers are illiterate and have had minimal teaching, with few teachers



living among them. Training them to read and teach the Bible in their own language will enable them to make disciples. Currently the centre is operating on the grounds of a small indigenous church. Land has been purchased and a security wall is currently being built. Funds are needed to finish the wall, fund the building of long-term accommodation, and for the ongoing running of the centre.

Persecuted Believers

Keep Alison and the team in your prayers in Turkey. Turks who are objecting against Prime Minister Erdogan's dictatorial rule, along with his re-Islamisation and re-Ottomanisation of Turkey, are continuing their protests despite mass arrests and heavy-handed police responses. At organised mass rallies, PM Erdogan has described the pro-religious - freedom, pro-secular demonstrators as terrorists and hooligans who are being manipulated by foreign forces in a conspiracy led by Western media. Above all, the demonstrators are being accused of offending Islam. Pray for Turkey, particularly that the Holy Spirit will guide the Church in holy wisdom. Source:

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