

Westview Baptist Church

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“people learning to live Jesus’ way”

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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

New Series - What we believe

In our 35th Year as a Church, over the term we celebrate our anniversary, it is good to remind ourselves of what we hold as true. Our statement of faith is found in our constitution. It is an attempt to summarise the core teaching of scripture that we

hold as important. Words can fail at time to communicate well everything we intend by these statements, and the words that have been chosen to express the truth are our words which may have their limitations. It is therefore good to think again and reflect upon these statements that communicate to people the essential beliefs of this community. They are:

1. The Holy Scriptures as penned in the original languages are inspired by the Holy Spirit, and therefore are inerrant and fully authoritative in all matters.
2. The Trinity of the Godhead.
3. The Deity and full humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. The Deity and true personality of the Holy Spirit.
5. The sinfulness of humanity and their responsibility for their revolt against God's law.
6. God's prior electing grace for faith and salvation, and human responsibility for their response to the Divine requirements of repentance and faith.
7. Christ's atonement for His Church.
8. Conversion is that work of the Holy Spirit by which He enables those who are dead in their trespasses and sins to repent, believe and live.
9. The church as the body of regenerate believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.
10. The priesthood of all believers.
11. The baptism of believers only by immersion.

12. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper as instituted by Christ Himself.
13. The visible bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ in power and great glory.
14. The resurrection of the dead - the just to eternal life and the unrighteous to eternal punishment.

These statements will be address through a series of questions addressed each week:

1. How do we know what we know about God?
2. What does the Bible reveal about God?
3. What does the Bible reveal about Jesus?
4. What is the Church?
5. What does the Bible reveal about the Holy Spirit?
6. How does sin and grace come together?
7. How are we saved?
8. What are the aspects of church life we observe?
9. What will happen at the end?

Love and Service

Church Anniversary

On August 4th it is the 35th anniversary of the church.

Family News and Prayers

Nellie has been in hospital for over a week now. She has suffered a crack in her hip bone near her hip replacement. At this stage she will be in hospital 5-6

weeks at Mt Druitt Hospital to see if it will mend without further intervention. Please keep her in your prayers. Perhaps a visit, card or call.

Keep Freddie and Juliet in your prayers as they are now caring for Freddie's mother. Pray that Mrs Co might feel settled in her new home.

Continue to pray for Matt and Becky as they work in Arhem land. Pray for good health and for Matt as he works both in the hangar and in the workshop office.

JJ has commenced college again in the last week. He will have a new time table, new assignments, new exams to face.



Community Prayer Night: 28th July at 7pm.

FGB Dinner is to be held tomorrow night.

Please talk to John S. for more details.

Living Faithfully in Our World

Knitting at Mitchell High School

Bernie spoke about a knitting day at the High School on 2nd August. It is a good opportunity to meet with students, show them how to knit and perhaps talk about faith in Jesus. If you are available, please talk to Wendy who is going to participate.

Mission Project 2013

Haawa's story: The acceptance of women students

into the FMTC is a vital step to enabling and equipping families to live “Christianly” in their own culture. Those who model the teaching of Jesus, and reach other women with the liberating Gospel message of love and freedom from fear, become a powerful influence for good in the community.

Haawa’s life took a turn for the worst, it seemed, when she became a Christian. She was raised in the west of the country in a strict M* family. Marriage at 14 years and being the fourth wife of a M* had inevitable hardship. She became a servant to the other wives. To add to her woes, Haawa was unable to conceive a child. On learning that she had become a believer in Jesus, an “infidel”, Haawa’s husband cast her out into the street, making her a public disgrace. Her family refused to have her back and instead insisted that she take care of a 9 year old nephew, thinking that in time, she would tire and return to Islam. Hundreds of kilometres away, her older brother, also a believer, learned of her plight and invited her to live with his family for a period of time. While she was there, he contacted the leaders of the FMTC to enquire whether his sister could become a student. Haawa was accepted, and like a dry sponge, is soaking up the teaching. Her nephew is with her, delighting in the teaching he also receives in the children’s club and Sunday school. Where there was no hope before, now Haawa’s eyes shine



because she knows how much God's love and watchful care has transformed her life. Haawa's story reminds us of how God uses unlikely instruments in His plan to bring many into His kingdom.

Teaching Notes

What we believe: Week 1. How do we know what we know about God?

People claim to have a knowledge of God.

Revelation: God reveals himself John 1.1, 14, 18

Psalms 19

2 Tim 3:16 - 17

2 Peter 3:15 - 16

How then are we to live?

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