# Westview Baptist Church

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"people learning to live Jesus' way" 28 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 New Series - What we believe

Today we continue our series in exploring our "Statement of Faith", clarifying the truths that we hold dear and what it means to our lives. Today we look at what the bible reveals about God, specifically the understanding which the early church develop which is referred to as the Trinity. Of course, we can only touch on certain points, but each person is

asked to search the bible for themselves and share their thoughts in ways that will maintain unity in Christ.

#### Love and Service

# Church Anniversary

Next week is Westview's 35th year. The teaching will focus on the question "What is the church?" as we consider our past and as we move into our future. Please bring along a morning tea to share together as we celebrate the occasion.

## Family News and Prayers

Nellie remains in Mt Druitt hospital. It is a difficult time for her and family. Please keep her in your prayers. Perhaps a visit, card or call.

It was not a slow boat from China but a very slow boat from PNG. Matt and Becky have just received their personal possessions from PNG, including Matt's own tools.

Colin and Pudge have had a difficult week when a previous tear in Colin's eye reopened after two years. He is having eye surgery on Wednesday in Macquarie Street. Keep them in your prayers.

Community Prayer Night: Tonight at 7pm.

# Living Faithfully in Our World

#### Walk to Water

Imagine our local community had to walk to get to clean water! Doonside -Prospect Reservoir is a 13km walk! On Saturday 14th September, 9am Westview is hosting a team who are going to do just that! In 2012, over \$72,000 AUD was raised from Walk to Water. This helped supply many people with clean running water, without having to walk (on average) 8km. This year, Open Doors is going back to Northern Nigeria to build more boreholes in remote villages, despite ongoing conflict. We will soon see a video showing the need.

### 3 Ways you can be involved

- 1. Do the walk and encourage friends & family to join you see Wendy for more info.
- 2. Sponsor an individual walker or the whole groupthis can be done in person or simply <u>online</u>
- 3. Welcome the walkers with a sausage sizzle at Prospect Reservoir from 11.30am, 14th September & possibly transport walkers back to Doonside afterwards.

## Mission Project 2013

Musa was in the first intake of students for the Fulfulde Ministry Training Centre in 2010. He had grown up following the practices of his farming family and their M\* religion, and now was breaking away to study the teachings of Jesus and the Christian faith.

The change had come about following the

witness of a Wodaabe pastor who lived in a market town nearby. At first he had taught the people about health and medicine, and then later had shown the "Jesus" film. Musa was impressed that he had not asked for money, as the M\* clerics did. He was invited to visit the teacher's home and became convinced that Jesus was the true way. Studying in the training centre far away from his wife and new baby, was not easy, but Musa's heart was full of joy as his knowledge and understanding grew. After the three month course had ended, the teachers had

encouraged the students to teach their families all that they had learned so that when they returned for the following year's module, they would be able to share stories of God's work in their communities.

Musa started a meeting in his home for prayer and Bible reading and this attracted other



young men from his area who began to see the truth of this new way. They observed Musa's life too and his generous spirit. They saw love demonstrated in the lives of Musa and his wife, and a lack of jealousy. Musa had the privilege of helping teach five of them who became new believers.

### **Teaching Notes**

What we believe: the trinity of the Godhead.

- Bring your worms, it's worth the effort.
- Three into one won't go but it will reveal crucial truths.
- 1. The Father, Son and Holy spirit are three distinct persons

Phil 1:2

Titus 2:11 – 14

Acts 5:3 - 4

2. Each person of the Godhead is fully God.

Col 2:9

1 Pet 1:1 -2

3. There is only one God.

Deut 6:4 - 5

Is 45:21 - 22

Matt 28:18 – 20

• Don't just hold the soap, use it

Eph 1:17 - 19

Eph 3:16 - 19

John 17 – just because you should

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