

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

Transformed by Enjoying Christ

Teaching Sessions

Today we commence a new series on Paul’s letter to the Galatian church, a group of churches Paul established on his first missionary journey with Barnabas (Acts 13-14) in the region known as Galatia in modern day Turkey. It is a letter of desperation as Paul outlines the foolishness of moving from faith based salvation in Jesus (the gospel) to a trusting in obedience to traditions and laws.

The issue which prompted the letter was false teachers preaching the need for something more than faith. Today we have to guard against moving past faith in any way. Why would we move past the gift of grace? To boast in what we can achieve in our own salvation which finally is the greatest lie of all.

Today will be a focus on an introduction and Paul’s strong defence of his apostleship and his message. It

will also be an opportunity to search our hearts as we look for things that comfort us in our faith apart from Jesus. We will discover that these things are no comfort at all.

Love and Service

Family News and Prayers

“Prayer is God’s appointed means of appropriating the blessings ***that are ours in*** Christ Jesus.” (Don Carson, A Call to Spiritual Reformation, 99)

Doonside Property Spring Clean - We all know it has to happen sometime. Come on Saturday 19th October to give the property its annual spring clean. If you have the following, please bring them along: steam cleaner for furniture, high pressure water cleaning unit, hedge trimmer, and general cleaning products.

FGB Dinner is next scheduled for 21st October. Please see John for more details.

Matt and Becky send their greetings. Becky is “showing” more these days (almost 24 weeks). Matt has good days and bad days with his chronic fatigue. They attend the local Yolngu church which have moved to Sunday nights. Keep them in your prayer.



Community prayer night is generally on the 4th Sunday of the month which is the 27th October.

Westview Review and Planning Meeting (WRAP)

This will be held on 20th October after the morning service. Please see Lee if you wish to include something on the agenda. This meeting is open to anyone who considers Westview their church family.

Two changes to our Constitution have already been foreshadowed. The first was to clearly express our definition of the scriptures. This was extensively discussed in 2008 and it was decided that we should not proceed until we had addressed pastoral issues; these have now been resolved. In reviewing the wording recently, the Elders believed that perhaps we need to consider it again before any change. The original statement was seen to raise more questions than give a clear meaning. The previously proposed statement could be seen to focus on the church rather than the Scriptures. The Elders would like the church to consider a revised statement which brings the two together.

Present statement

“2.1.1. 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.”

Previously proposed statement

“2.1.1. The life of the church is guided by God through the Scriptures which are uniquely inspired and the final authority for faith and practice.”

Elders' suggestion

"2.1.1. The Holy Scriptures are inspired by the Holy Spirit and are the final authority for faith and living."

The second change brings together baptism and membership. As baptism is the formal recognition of a person who recognises Jesus as Lord and who joins the church, the second requirement of applying for church

membership could suggest either membership to be optional or that we can reject someone's application whom we have baptised. The proposal is that under the section outlining church membership, "3.2. All applications for membership will be overseen by the Westview Baptist Eldership", 3.2.1 and sub-clauses regarding those who wish to join the church remain the same, and 3.2.2. be included which will say, "Alternatively, those who have been baptised within Westview Baptist will be accepted into membership on that same day."

The Elders invite comments on both points. It will be further discussed at the next WRAP meeting on 20th of October but please do not leave it till then to comment.

Giving at Westview

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Living Faithfully in Our World

Walk to Water

Our Nurragingy Walk to Water walk has raised \$1990 in total. Thanks to everyone involved in any way and for your generosity for a great cause. The overall amount raised to date by all how walked this year all over Australia is over \$63,000 so far. The website is still open & able to take sponsorship if you'd like to still contribute [online](#).

Chaplain in Public High Schools

For the second time, SU QLD has been called before the High Court of Australia to defend the school chaplaincy program. This second challenge has the potential to impact the funding of thousands of chaplains across the nation. This time, the same plaintiff, a resident of Toowoomba, is challenging the new legislation which was put in place to protect government support of the chaplain. Public support had a positive effect last time with politicians who changed legislation to allow it to continue to happen. There is a call now for people to sign an online petition in support of the work which can be found at www.backourchappies.com.au.

Teaching

Galatians: Jesus Alone! Introduction: Galatians 1:1-9

The Importance of Paul's Apostleship Gal 1:1-2

The Message of the Gospel in a Nutshell 1:3-5

Paul's message to the is so harsh 1:6-9

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