# Westview Baptist Church

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"people learning to live Jesus' way"

1st - 8th December, 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

#### Transformed by Enjoying Christ

### **Teaching Sessions**

Paul conclude his letter to the Galatians by focusing on the need to restore those who fall away. As we give ourselves to the God's Principle: "You reap what you sow", he applies it to our attitude towards bible teaching, godliness and doing good. Paul's final words focuses us on the gospel message which he has argued and pleaded the Galatians to remain firm upon. A plea that has been relevant to each generation since.

Next week JJ will be focusing our attention on a growing passion for him this year, from Luke 4.

#### **Love and Service**

#### Family News and Prayers

Advanced notice for Christmas service which will be held at 9.30am Christmas day.

Quite of few "end of year" celebrations are happening at the present time. The Wednesday Friendship Group, coming up to their 17th year next April will be having their Christmas gathering next Wednesday which will conclude the group for the year. The Thursday morning prayer group have had their last meeting. There will be no community prayer night this month as it would fall in the busy time around Christmas.

#### Living Faithfully in Our World

#### Christmas Carols

Blacktown Anglican Church are running "Carols in the Park" on Saturday 14 December, 7.30-9.00 pm at Francis Green Park (Blacktown Showground Precinct). They are inviting all churches in Blacktown to come along and assist in evening. They particularly require volunteers to help with venue management, information agents, selling battery operated candles and so on. Please speak to Tony for more information.

#### Praying for the Persecuted

The World Watch List identifies the most persecuted countries. Please continue to pray for each country. So far 1. North Korea; 2. Saudi Arabia; 3. Afghanistan, 4. Iraq, 5. Somalia, 6. Maldives #7 Persecuted Country: Mali

The capture of the northern part of the country by Tuareg separatist rebels and Islamists fighters has resulted in the proclamation of the creation of the independent state of Azawad in Northern Mali implementing a stern Sharia law regime in the North. Christians couldn't stay. They also were very hard on traditional Muslims, killing people, amputating limbs and destroying Sufi sanctuaries. Since the fighting started in March 2012, tens of thousands of Malians have fled the North to the South or neighbouring countries. There is a very high degree of hostility - Christians and churches simply cannot exist. In the Southern part, Christians can live but have to be cautious. Much will depend on the success of the intended intervention of the international community against the occupation of Northern Mali.

## **Teaching**

Galatians: Jesus Alone!

Sharing Life Together 5:25 - 6:5

Overall attitude 25-26

Restore others 1-5

God's Principle: "You reap what you sow" 6:6-10

Commitment to biblical teaching 6

Commitment to godliness 8

Commitment to doing good 9-10

Final Words 6:11-18

The offense of the gospel v.12-14

The heart of the gospel v.15

The effect of the gospel v.16-17

The result of the gospel v.18

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