

Westview Baptist Church

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“people learning to live Jesus’ way”

16th February 2014

We aim to be thankful, humble & enthusiastic disciples of Jesus in harmony with one another appreciating his ministry to enable us to be Christlike in serving others selflessly for his name’s sake.

Transformed by Enjoying Christ

“A believing, humble, thankful glorying in God, is the root and sum of all religion. But proud, vain- glorious boasting in God, and in the outward profession of his name, is the root and sum of all hypocrisy. Spiritual pride is the most dangerous of all kinds of pride.” - Matthew Henry on Romans 2:17- 24

Teaching Sessions

We continue in Mark's gospel, looking at events during the first year of Jesus' public ministry. After announcing the good news that God's kingdom is very close, he calls his first disciples to change their priorities and leave their businesses and families to join him in his ministry. In the same way as they did, we who serve God in Western Sydney learn to be more Christlike by being with him and learning how to stay close to him.

Visit from Pip Minor

Next week we will have Pip with us who has returned from Cambodia. She will be able to update us on the work

and the future for her in Australia. It might be nice to bring a small plate for morning tea to share.

Love and Service

WRAP Meeting

The **W**estview **R**eview **A**nd **P**lanning Meeting (WRAP) is on 23rd February. Please see Lee for more information or if you would like something included on the agenda.

Introducing Jonathan Preece



Born 10:05 PM 8th February at Gove District Hospital. Weighing 4.012 kg's (8 lbs 14 oz) and 54 cm's long. Mum and bub doing well. They are both home now.

Family News and Prayers

Community Prayer tonight at the Doonside property. An opportunity for anyone who can to gather and pray as a community for our community. We commence at 7pm and conclude by 8pm.

John would like people to know that the FGBM dinner is on 17th Feb with Dinner 6.30 pm, Talk 8.00 pm at Blacktown RSL Club, Second Avenue. Please see John for more information.

Homegroups

Two new homegroups have been formed in addition to those already mentioned: One with a focus on young married people on a Wednesday night at the Calmans and a child friendly group at Spike's home on a Friday night. Please make contact if you would like to be involved.

Living Faithfully in Our World

Praying for the Persecuted

From the Open Doors' [World Watch List](#) we seek to pray for the persecuted church from rated most severe.

#10 Persecuted Country in 2014: Yemen

Perhaps similar to Saudi Arabia; however there are a few expat churches in the country. The main persecution dynamic in Yemen is 'Islamic extremism' with the country's constitution recognising Islamic law. If conversion to Christianity is known, Christians from a Muslim background (referred to as Muslim Background Believers, or MBBs) do not only face strong persecution from the authorities but also from family and other parts of society. They are not allowed to have their own gatherings, so they meet in secret locations. Members of family, society and extremist Islamic groups threaten 'apostates' with death if they do not revert to Islam. Threats from family, society and extremist groups against MBBs are very serious and indigenous Christians have been killed for their faith in the very recent past. Due to this risk, many MBBs have had to go into hiding in-country or even flee from their country. Female MBBs are under the threat of a forced marriage once their conversion is revealed.

Persecution in Burma (Myanmar)

Behind a smokescreen of political 'reform', the Burmese Army is continuing its campaign of ethnic cleansing in Kachin State. The Christian Kachin have long resisted the Burman Buddhist regime's brutal dictatorship. Whilst the Kachin seek autonomy so they can freely maintain their culture, the regime wants full control so it can exploit the Kachin's resource-rich lands. The extreme military violence meted out against the Kachin is motivated by greed and fuelled by State-sanctioned racial and religious hatred. Fighting rages in south Kachin State where the Burma Army is attacking village after village, employing heavy artillery, rape and torture, kidnapping villagers and looting. The Kachin are traumatised, the regime controls the aid supplies and the West appears to have abandoned them for economic gain. Please pray for Burma and its Church.

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF)

MAF have just announced that their second aircraft for Timor-Leste (East Timor) has been fully funded after raising \$500,000. That is a remarkable achievement which can only happen with the generosity of God's people. If you would like more information or to be on the MAF prayer list, please talk to Lin Low.

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