

Westview Baptist Church

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“people learning to live Jesus’ way”

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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

Today we have Pip Miner return to inform us of her work in Cambodia. She was last with us in October 2012 when she spoke of her work particularly using sport to reach the community. She will speak of her work there and her future.

The communion reading will continue the series on Mark’s Gospel. The passage we will use can be one that is easily overlooked, however as we reflect upon it the lasting consequences has been imperative for the church as a whole.

The Lens

[Morling College](#) offer a bible course by correspondence over the internet for people 15 years and over who are interested in developing a deeper understanding of the bible. “The Lens” has the following units as a part of the course :Introduction to the Books of the New Testament; Mark’s Gospel; Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians ; The Person and Work of Christ; Introduction

to the Books of the Old Testament 1&2; Hosea; and Jeremiah.

If you are interested in doing the course, please talk to Tony. We could do it together with a combination of individual and group work. There is no cost to the course unless you would like a Morling award which require Morling faculty to assess assignments (\$110 per unit or \$44 for concession holders). We can also cater for anyone who does not have access to the internet.

With the central aspect of our aim for 2014 being “appreciating his (Christ’s) ministry”, this would prove to be a very important aspect of being thankful, humble and enthusiastic disciples of Jesus. For more information please talk to Tony or go to [FAQ](#).



Love and Service

WRAP Meeting

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

Family News and Prayers

Tony and Wendy wish to thank the church for the way they have kept Bethany in their thoughts and prayers. Bethany is expected to return home early tomorrow

morning. She has had a wonderful time away and we do thank God for the opportunity she has been given.

Many of us will know that John S has had remarkable events happen throughout his life including WW2, communism in Hungary, living in England before coming to Australia. John would like to offer his insights to interested people. Please talk to John if you would be interested in hearing the way God has blessed him through some of the most difficult times of the 20th Century.

Upendra's brother Ashok has had a health scare and is in an international Bangkok Hospital. Ashok works for World Vision in Laos and spoke at our church last time he and the family were here. The doctors are uncertain as to why he is so poor in health and will continue to do further tests.

The joy of the birth of Wendy's great-nephew "Theo" has been diminished with the news that he was born profoundly deaf. It is expected that he will be given hearing aids soon and a cochlear implant at about 6 months. Your prayers for Matt and Emma (Dad and Mum) and the whole family would be appreciated.

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.

#11 Persecuted Country in 2014: Sudan (different to South Sudan)

Sudan is a poverty stricken Muslim country. In the recent past, South Sudan became independent from the North. It has become harder for believers there because a) the breakaway of Christian-oriented South Sudan from

Sudan, b) efforts of the current regime to maintain its leading role and c) an increase of Islamic extremist tendencies within Sudan's society.

The regime's leaders are mainly radical Islamist and the ruling National Congress Party a means to further an Islamic agenda. Next to a tiny expatriate Christian community, other Christians affected by persecution belong to historical Christian communities, non-traditional protestant background communities, and Muslim Background Believers. The latter suffer severely in all spheres of life. A variety of incidents are reported, such as faith related killings, damaging Christian properties, detention and forced marriage. Christians fled the country for faith based reasons as well.

Baptist Union Assembly

If you are interested to attend the assembly it will be held at Parramatta Baptist Church on Saturday, 29 March. If you would like to attend as a delegate, please talk to Lee. For more information [click here](#).

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