

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.

Define: humble ˈhʌmb(ə)l ADJECTIVE 1. Having or showing a modest or low estimate of one’s importance:

[Oxford Online Dictionary](#)

Transformed by Enjoying Christ

Today in Mark 8-9 we see Jesus make known his real mission, what it is to be a real disciple and hear him call for real faith. This section would have been both an encouragement and warning for Mark's first readers to stand firm and take heart in the face of persecution and hardship as it is for us today.

The Lens

Several are taking the opportunity to do the Morling Course. It’s not too late to join.

Love and Service

Community Prayer

On the 4th Sunday night of the month a group gather to pray together for our church, local and global communities. The next meeting will be on 23rd March at 7pm at the Doonside Centre. All welcome.

Family News and Prayers

Prayer for Upendra who is visiting his brother in Bangkok and then visiting his sister in the USA.

We wish Bob a lovely trip to NZ with his son Peter as they leave for two weeks starting Tuesday. Pray for good health for Bob during this time and that they will enjoy their time away.



Snapshot of Westview

In an attempt to give a bigger picture of Westview and activities during the week, “Snapshot of Westview” will seek to describe what happens and who is involved.

Wednesday Friendship Group has been meeting for morning tea, devotion, games and lunch for almost 18 years. It is a time of companionship and friendship and has attracted many from outside the church community. Kath heads up the group but is supported by many others that make up the group. Bus trips, friendship, morning teas, lunches (esp. at Christmas), laughter and faith are key components to the time together.

Ladies’ Italian Dinner

Windsor Baptist are having a dinner on 22nd March, 6.30pm for 7pm, with Lyn Hames speaking. A good night to invite a friend. Call Jan Finlayson 45765508.

Living Faithfully in Our World

GWFC - Greater West For Christ

GWFC is non-denominational group seeking to serve God in Western Sydney. It is a program supported by Ministry Support and Development within the Baptist Union of NSW, Morling College, and the local Baptist Pastors Network. The objective is to equip and mobilise church leaders from the Greater Western Sydney area to serve in churches in the Greater Western Sydney area, finding and training local people to love and serve local people. Mark Chapple from Hawkesbury

Valley Baptist has been the main leader for the group and he has just been appointed as the Regional Minister for the Greater West Sydney region 2 days per week for the next 4 years commencing this new role in May. This is a great appointment for the region.

The pastors' network have previously met at the Doonside property and will again later in the year in September. Mark has already expressed a desire to visit Westview after his commencement in May. There is a [facebook page](#) for those interested to discover more.

Praying for the Persecuted

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

#14 Persecuted Country in 2014: Nigeria

The radical group [Boko Haram](#) is most often associated with persecution of Christians in Northern Nigerian in the 12 Northern Sharia states where local government and social groups leave hardly any space for Christians to live their own lives. Persecution is most pronounced in the Sharia states, but also partly extended into neighboring states, and played heavily upon Christians in their family and community spheres of life.

Levels of violence in Nigeria remained extremely high. Based on media research by the World Watch Unit, 612 Nigerian Christians were killed during this reporting period, hundreds of cases of physical aggression were recorded and nearly 300 churches were destroyed. The current situation in Nigeria casts dark clouds ahead, notwithstanding good news about spiritual revitalisation of the Church under the yoke of persecution. The emerging links between al-Qaeda in the Maghreb and Boko Haram, and other Islamist terrorist groups in the region, make it likely that the church will suffer more violent persecution in the near future.

Letter-Box Drop Ministry

A box can be found near the door containing packets of approximately 50 pamphlets to make know the church to the community. Please take one or two to distribute near your home. If you would like to know other areas to deliver them, please talk to Tony.

Teaching Mk 8:31-9:29

The Real Mission (8:31-33, 9:1-13, 9:30-32)

The Real Disciple (8:34-38)

The Real Faith (9:14-29)

How does this fit with your aim in 2014?

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