

Westview Baptist Church

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“people learning to live Jesus’ way”

23rd March 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.

Define: enthusiastic en|thu|si|as|tic /m,θju:zi’astɪk

*ADJECTIVE Having or showing intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval: [*Oxford Online Dictionary*](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/english/enthusiastic)*

Transformed by Enjoying Christ

We continue our teaching in Mark’s Gospel which was seen as a manual on how to be a disciple of Jesus first written for the Roman Christians suffering possible persecution. Today we focus on the responses of the first disciples to Jesus’ teaching. We will see a sometimes painful and confusing process shaping them to leave behind burdensome and unhelpful concepts of God, culture and personal desire. Today, we have opportunity to be shaped in a similar way.

Love and Service

Community Prayer

Tonight at 7pm at the Doonside Centre. All welcome.

Family News and Prayers

Ashok (Upendra's brother) is still at Bumrungrad International hospital in BKK. They are planning to bring Ashok to Australia for bone-marrow transplant and are trying to make it all happen on time. Please keep praying for Ashok and his possible successful transfer to Australia

Look out for Janelle who may be on TV on the 3rd May at 6.30pm or 4th May at 1pm on the ABC.

Continue to uphold those suffering from ongoing illness: June, Jan, and Freddie.



Snapshot of Westview

During the week the property is used by various community groups and churches. For sometime now the Tongan Wesleyan Church have meet on Sunday afternoons between 1-3.30pm and Saturday between 4-5.30pm. A Samoan Congregational Church have just commenced meeting Saturday between 1-3pm and Sunday 6.30-8.30pm. The property and building is a scarce resource and it is wonderful that we can allow others to use it at an affordable cost.

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

Praying for the Persecuted

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

#15 Persecuted Country in 2014: Uzbekistan

No religious activities beyond state-run and controlled

institutions are allowed. Protestants and are branded as “extremists” for their practice of religion outside state-sanctioned structures. Pressure from this side is unlikely to dwindle as the leadership is preparing for transition, taking into account the president’s age and health. Protestants are seen as a destabilizing element in society, so they need not only to be controlled, but if necessary, even eradicated. Security forces increased wire-tapping homes in order to find extremists which also affected believers and churches. Another strand of crackdown targets religious education of all types, and many control systems and mechanisms derived from the communist system are still in place. Churches face the permanent danger of being raided, their services disrupted and terminated and Christian literature confiscated. Church members face harassment, detention, and arrests for “illegal religious activity” or from time to time “extremism charges”, which include holding private prayer meetings or possessing “illegal religious literature”. It is up to the state to define the illegality of a meeting or a piece of literature. The official import of scriptures and Christian literature for registered organizations, like the Bible Society, is hindered. There are also Christians imprisoned for their faith, like Tohar Haydarov who has been sentenced to ten years in 2010 and Sharofat Allamova who has been sentenced to 18 months in May 2013.

Hymns R Us

Saturday 5th April, 7.30pm at Windsor Baptist Church. Admission is free. Please bring a plate. An offering will be taken towards mission work.

Letter-Box Drop Ministry

A box can be found near the door containing packets of

approximately 50 pamphlets to make known 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

Stripping Away - The Difficult
Process of Discipleship Mark 9:30-10:52

Greatness 9:33-50

The Positive 9:41

The Negative 9:42

“Legal” Sin 10:1-12

What to Value 10.13-16

The Problems with Riches 10:17-31

Their Understanding of the Messiah 8:31; 9:31; 10:32-34

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