# 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: disciple /dɪˈsʌɪp(ə)l NOUN 1 A personal follower of Christ during his life, especially one of the twelve Apostles.

1.1 A follower or pupil of a teacher, leader, or philosopher:

Oxford Online Dictionary

# Transformed by Enjoying Christ

#### Love and Service

Continuing in Mark's gospel, the reality of Jesus' predictions concerning his condemnation at the hands of the temple leaders draws even closer. From chapter 11 we see the triumphant entry where Jesus accepts the praise of the people as the coming Messiah (Christ). He then judges the wrong in the temple and foreshadows the downfall of the temple but the emergence of the new. The question of authority is the focus for the leaders, however they fail to see that Jesus is the new and true Temple of God.

### Family News and Prayers

Please keep praying for Ashok (Upendra's brother) and his possible successful transfer to Australia for a bone marrow transplant.

Keep June D in your prayers as she undergoes treatment for skin cancers particularly a worrying one near her eye.

Bob will return from NZ on Tuesday. Please pray for a safe return.

# Snapshot of Westview

The "Wiggling Wombats" is a playgroup for local families which is supported by our church and is run by Fusion Australia. Lin L and John Q regularly attend to help Edwina from Fusion and her helpers. Each Thursday morning the main building can be filled with mostly mums and occasional dads and a variety of preschool children. The craft section sees the parents invited into the other building which allows them to participate in something creative and an opportunity to talk.

# Living Faithfully in Our World

### **Mission Project 2014**

A mission project has been decided upon. Mission Aviation and Fellowship (MAF) has a program to provide Android based tablets for the Christian Aboriginal leaders (similar to an ipad). The Word of God and other digital teaching resources is loaded onto the tablets to help them learn and grow in their faith and outreach. MAF Arnhem Land Technology Services will load free resources onto the tablets, including bibles, multi-media and audio files in local languages. Each tablet would cost \$160 each. Going on previous years, we may be able to purchase up to 15 tablets.

### Praying for the Persecuted

From the Open Doors' World Watch List we seek to

pray for the persecuted church from rated most severe. #16 Persecuted Country: The Central African Republic (CAR)

CAR enters the World Watch List in 2014 for the first time. There is a high degree of violence against Christians caused by Islamic extremism in the rebellion of the Séléka movement. The internal revolution which saw the victory of Séléka, a coalition of rebels dissatisfied with the regime, is responsible for the high degree of pressure and violence. The movement has ravaged the country, specifically targeting Christian properties (houses and churches) and government buildings. Any church and property belonging to ordinary Christians is a target for Séléka. For a Christian majority country such as CAR, the degree of pressure on Christians is surprising. Due to the uprising, the freedom of Christians is restricted heavily throughout all spheres of life, though to a lesser extent in the private and family spheres. The levels of violence in CAR are unprecedented and includes the killing of at least 13 pastors, and the rape of many women.

# Doonside Men's Group - Around the Fire

The first meeting for the Doonside Men's Group will be on 7th April. It is a community attempt to get men together to have a positive influence in their lives. Meeting from 6-8pm at Doonside Cottage. Anyone is welcome and it is a good opportunity to meet with local men from Doonside. For more information please talk to Tony.

## 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.

## **Teaching**

The Question of Authority Mark 11-12

The Religious Leaders' Heart 11.27-33

The Son Parable 12:1-12

The Vineyard Image Isaiah 5

What does God Require Mark 12-28-34

Prophets of God Luke 13:34

The Sending of the Son 11:7-10

Hope for a New Temple 12:10-12 (cf Ps 118:22-23)

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