

Westview Baptist Church

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“people learning to live Jesus’ way”

13th-27th April 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: appreciate: VERB 1. Recognize the full worth of:
1.1 Be grateful for (something): 2. Understand (a situation) fully; grasp the full implications: [*Oxford Online Dictionary*](http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/define/appreciate)*

Transformed by Enjoying Christ

We continue our series in Mark’s Gospel this Sunday, Good Friday and it concludes on Easter Sunday. The next teaching series will see us return to Genesis. Why not start reading it now asking the questions, “What was it saying to ancient Israel and what does it say to us today?”

Love and Service

Easter Services

Good Friday & Easter Sunday services will be held as normal at 9.30am. They will be shorter services with no Sunday school on those days.

Communion Change

Over the last few weeks an option has been available and will continue to be available when the bread is passed around. The usual option of breaking bread from the loaf broken at the front will be available. The second option will be available which will be gluten and wheat free bread cut up before the service. Feel free to choose whichever you would prefer.

Community Prayer Night

A time when we can get together to pray broadly for our church, community, country and our world. Meeting at the Doonside property, 7pm, 27th April.

Family News and Prayers

It is good to remember that Lee has now commenced his sabbatical. Sabbaticals are times when people can lay aside their responsibilities for a period (in this case one year) and enjoy a break. Please look to Tony or Bob in relation to Eldership matters.

Question Box Sunday is coming up on the 4th May. It is a popular time when questions people ask can be answered on just about anything. If you would like to submit a question, it is usually done anonymously through the box set aside for giving. Alternatively you can give it to Tony or email him direct.

Plans continue to move Ashok (Upendra's brother) into St Vincent's Private Hospital for a bone marrow transplant. He will require specialist care on a flight from Bangkok to Sydney. The many agencies and organisations required to make the trip a reality means that there are many things that can stall or hinder the process. Pray for a smooth and quick movement into hospital here.

Clarice had a trip to hospital and was discharged until she can have an operation on 23rd April. Doctors discovered a small cancer in her lower bowel and believe an operation will rectify the problem.

Michelle E. had a hip replacement and is now at home since Tuesday. It is a difficult and painful procedure and it will take some time to heal. Keep her, husband Allan and Scott in your prayers.

Paul, Dippi, Christina and Christopher have returned to Bangladesh to see family. Please keep them in your prayers while they are away. Kath also will return early May from visiting family in the USA.

Future Thinking

The Elders are preparing a recommendation for a WRAP meeting along these lines: That Westview support JJ and Soona at the conclusion of JJ's college course up until the end of 2015 to provide him an opportunity for practical experience in pastoral leadership. Comment is invited and sought from the church community before a final recommendation comes to the WRAP meeting.



Snapshot of Westview

Each week we have people planning songs and working out how to sing them and present them on Sunday mornings. The people you see up front leading the singing are the ones who use a program from their home computers synchronised with presentations over the internet with others who lead the singing. This is also synchronised with Bill's computer who connects it to the projector and he makes sure the presentation goes as required. Those leading the songs need to communicate with the musicians and mostly, everything goes smoothly. You may notice the occasional glitch but we do thank those who work so hard to make our morning gathering the best they can possibly make it. Make sure you give them words of encouragement each week!

Living Faithfully in Our World

Mission Project 2014

We are going to partner with MAF to provide Android based tablets for the Christian Aboriginal leaders in remote areas. With the Word of God and other digital teaching resources loaded (including material in their indigenous language) onto the tablets our home is that it might better equip Christian leaders. Each tablet would cost \$160 each.



Praying for the Persecuted

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

#18 Persecuted Country: Vietnam

Communist authorities perceive Christianity as a foreign influence and Christians as Western agents. The regime is “guided by a high level of suspicion especially toward both the Catholic community of about eight million and the Evangelical Protestant groups approaching 1.7 million in number. Vietnam exercises a high level of control over all religious activities and severely restricts any independent religious practices”.

Approximately two thirds of all Christians come from a tribal background, many of them being Hmong. Pressure to return to traditional faith and take part in rituals, be it by families, neighbours or local religious leaders, is very high, especially in rural areas. Vietnam`s Christians face most pressure in the national and church spheres, be it that churches are monitored and unable to register, be it that training of church leaders and members or work among youth is hindered or made impossible. Catholic church and Evangelical church still face the problem of expropriation and the impossibility of claiming possessions. All printing of religious materials needs government approval, import licenses are virtually never granted.

Letter-Box Drop Ministry

Pamphlets of 50 can be taken to distribute to people near your home. Please take as many as you can use.

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