

# *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.

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## ***Transformed by Enjoying Christ***

Today we commence a new series in Genesis which is about beginnings and generations. Starting with the divine ordering of creation, it follows for many generations a family line that takes the reader from Adam to Jacob and his sons . Throughout the OT period, the stories of Genesis would have been a great encouragement to faith. Readers must envisage these stories being read to the people at the great festivals in Jerusalem, or recited by visiting Levites in the villages throughout the land. The Word of God extends past its first audience to us today as we consider our place in God’s world.

## ***Love and Service***

## ***Family News and Prayers***

Plans to get Ashok, Upendra’s brother to Sydney for a bone marrow transplant continue to be hindered by government “red tape”. Pray that God might cut through that which hinders to allow Ashok to get the critical treatment that he requires. Pray for Upendra too as he seeks to do all that he can to fulfil requirements so that Ashok might receive a medical visa.

Clarice is continuing to heal after a bowel cancer operation. The cancer was far bigger than expected and without surgery

she may not have lived more than a few months. She is in good spirits and would value your prayers.

Michelle E. expresses her appreciation for the cards and calls that she has received after her hip replacement. She continues to heal though it will be some weeks before she is able to move around normally.

Kath returns home Tuesday from her trip to see 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***

The church leadership are made up of Elders and Deacons. Both Elders and Deacons are people that have been recognised as meeting the biblical requirements found in 1 Tim 3 and Titus 1. Deacons are those whose servanthood the church has recognised, and whom it trusts to encourage the discipleship, stewardship and servanthood of the church. Elders (also called overseers, bishops or pastors) are those whom the church has recognised as called and equipped by God to tend the church, leading, guiding, teaching. Presently the Deacons are made up of Steve Kwan, Spike van Niekerk, Kath Johnson, Bob Stock, Lee Arundel (presently on sabbatical) and Tony Calman. For the purposes of further development and training, JJ is also meeting with the Elders and Deacons. The Elders meet each Tuesday night and the deacons join them every other Tuesday night. At these meetings the scriptures are studied and discussed, the leaders hold themselves accountable to each

other, issues related to the community are considered, concluding in prayer.

## **Living Faithfully in Our World**

### ***Mission Project 2014***

We are partnering 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 hope 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.

#### **#19 Persecuted Country: Qatar**

The state religion is conservative Islam and nearly all Qatari citizens are Sunni or Shia Muslims. Christian worship is only allowed in designated religious complexes, of which there are only two at the moment, which makes them easier to control and monitor. Many expat labourers are denied access to these complexes as they live too far away or are prevented from attending by employers. A Muslim who converts is considered an apostate and may face the death penalty. Foreign workers who evangelise non-Muslims are frequently deported.

### ***YWAM Fundraiser***

A fundraiser for YWAM Island Breeze Sydney's property will be held Friday, 9th of May 6PM - 8:30PM for Dinner, Dessert and Performances. Tickets \$30 per person at 280 Power Street Plumpton 2761. See or call Sujin for tickets 0452598627.

# ***Teaching***

Genesis: Creation, Sin, & Re-creation

Genesis 1 - In the Beginning

The Start of Everything Gen 1:1-2

Day 1

Day 4

Day 2

Day 5

Day 3

Day 6

Day 7 - The Big Answer to the Big Question Gen 2:1-3

2 Sam 7:1

Isaiah 66:1-2

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