

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.

Transformed by Enjoying Christ

Happy Mother’s Day! Today is a day in which our society takes time to celebrate mothers. We hope all the mothers with us will have a wonderful day and that we all grow in our appreciation of the gift of motherhood.

It is fitting that today we look at the creation of the first man and the first woman (the first mother). The bible account take us back to a time before the “fall of humanity” when they were first created, first man, the woman. It was not good for man to be alone refers more than just marriage, but the need for relationship, family and community. Just as Adam needed the place to live, he needed relationships to thrive. Nothing has changed!

Love and Service

Family News and Prayers

During the week Upendra has been busy trying to deal with the last hurdle in having his brother issued a medical visa. There is a requirement that “No Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident would be disadvantaged in obtaining medical treatment or consultation if the visa was granted”, and as Ashok would need blood products, the Immigration

Department ask Ashok to demonstrate how it would not disadvantage Australians. Over 100 people online, many from Westview, committed to give blood if required. Our local MP Ed Husic has sent a letter of support. Keep the whole process in your prayers and that Ashok will be restored to full health.

Clarice continues to be recovering in hospital. She is able to be more mobile but recovery is slow and ongoing.

Bill and Es have been away and expect to return tonight from Queensland attending Es' brother's wife's funeral. Keep them in your prayers as they travel home.

Jan and Allan would appreciate your prayers as Jan goes to hospital for an operation on 22nd May to remove her faulty kidney. This is in preparation for a kidney transplant if one becomes available.

We welcome home Kath who has had some wonderful experiences in the US visiting family. David returns next Wednesdays from his overseas trip. Continue to pray for Freddie and Juliet who are visiting family in the Philippines. They will not return till early June.

FGBD will be held on Monday night 19th May. Please see John for further details.

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

Most weeks Scripture classes run in the local schools. Bay Ayling from COBIS with the help of Alex from Doonside Anglican run them in Doonside High. Tony and Wendy do the

non-Catholic classes at Crawford and Doonside Public. Without Westview's support in these schools there would be no scripture classes at all. In Crawford this year, through a change in the administration of scripture from the school, there has been a large increase in the number of students. Recently Tony and Wendy lead a combine Easter celebration with the Catholic classes and it was a great success. Continue to prayer for the work in these schools and others throughout our region and the state.

Doonside Anglican

The Women's conference EQUIP WOMEN '14 is in Rosehill Gardens Event Centre on Saturday, 24 May. But if you prefer a smaller group watching a video stream of the conference within your local area (not to mention cheaper, including morning tea & lunch) join us in Doonside Anglican church. Bring your friends! For more info: <http://www.equip.org.au/>, or Alex on (02) 9621 8101.

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.

#20 Persecuted Country: Turkmenistan

Turkmenistan's autocratic regime executes strict control in order to avoid the emergence of any independent economic, social or cultural groups, including churches. The ruling elite around President Berdymukhamedov will do whatever it deems necessary to stay in power, suppressing all groups it perceives as dangerous. Though the secularism aims at countering possible Islamic extremist currents in the region, it is easy to see that the demand to revere the ruler like a higher being will bring



Christians and other religious minorities in strong conflict with their own faith. Communities and families will react strongly if someone decides to change his or her faith and no deviation would be accepted. The general level of pressure on Christians in Turkmenistan is high, but the church sphere and the private sphere stand out. Every meeting for religious reasons is met with suspicion. All Christian assemblies need to register. There are informers in the churches, so Christians always have to be careful about what they say and how they say it.

Teaching

Genesis: Creation, Sin, & Re-creation
Humanity Created by God Gen 2:4-24

Thinking Back to the Time When.... 2.4-6

Creation of Man 2:7

The Garden of Paradise/Delight 2:8 - 17

What is good for man Gen 2:18-24

Community

Marriage

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