

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

Genesis 1-2 has set out for us a beautiful picture where it was good, good, good, good, good, good. It was very good. So what has changed? Why is this no longer our reality today? And what hope can we have in such a fallen, broken and messed up world? Today we will see how God's undeserved grace offers us hope in such a mess.

Love and Service

Family News and Prayers

It has been a difficult time for Ashok and Upendra in the attempts to get Ashok to Australia for medical treatment. Immigration are demanding more documents but there is a hope that it might be getting closer. Pray for all concerned.

Freddie and Juliet are still in the Philipppians visiting family. Pray for good health and good times.

WRAP Meeting

A few times a year we have a WRAP (Westview Review and Planning) meeting. It is an opportunity for us to gather together and seek the mind of God for our present and our future. It will be held after the morning service on Sunday 15th July.

The Elders are preparing a recommendation 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

E.M. Bounds once wrote: “God shapes the world by prayer. The more prayer there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces of against evil ...” Prayer is an important part of who we are as the children of God. It is good for everyone to pray regularly to God, but something special does happen when people gather to pray. For over seventeen years a group of people (the membership of this group has changed) have risen early on Thursday morning, braving rain and cold, so that they can meet together to pray between 6-6.30am. For several years now, a community prayer group has been called together on the 4th Sunday night of the month to pray (this month on 25th May). Over these years, we can say with confidence that God has heard our prayers, and in answering them, the world, our nation, our community, our church has been blessed.

Community Prayer Night

Doonside Centre, 7pm on Sunday 25th.

Living Faithfully in Our World

Community Need

A local man who is well known to Tony is looking for two single beds, sheets and blankets to set up a house and allow for his two sons to have weekend visits. If you have anything spare, please talk to Tony.

Praying for the Persecuted

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

#21 Persecuted Country: Laos

Laos is unique as one of the few remaining Marxist-Leninist countries that also follows Theravada Buddhism. Being Lao is synonymous with being Buddhist; Christians who do not participate in traditional festivities and ceremonies face Buddhist aggression. Evangelism is effectively prohibited on the grounds it would create social division. Families see Christianity as breaking family unity. The majority of Christians are from a tribal background, and face severe persecution - mostly instigated by animists and spiritists who lose their trade due to conversions.

Baptist Union of NSW Media Release

There has been a recent [media release](#) expressing grave concern at the Government's decision to cut Australia's foreign aid spending by \$7.6 billion in the five years to 2017-18.

Teaching

Genesis: Creation, Sin, & Re-creation

The Fall Genesis 3

Satan brings doubt (3:1-5)

Sin brings shame (3:6-8)

Disobedience brings consequences (3:9-24)

God brings undeserved grace (3:8-24)

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