

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

Over the last three weeks we have considered the grandeur, beauty, power and might of God and his creation. Humanity being the pinnacle was designed to “walk with God” in a life of worship. Everything changed with the fall from perfection which was profound and far reaching. Today’s teaching shows the extent of that fall as we consider the first murder and humanity’s stubborn refusal to recognise God’s glory. Even though every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart is only evil all the time and God is beyond the reach of humanity, we thank God that humanity is not beyond the reach of God. God’s grace and mercy is seen in the passage today and we will see how God will go about dealing with the problems of the world by establishing a covenant of grace.

Love and Service

Community Prayer Night

Doonside Centre, 7pm TONIGHT!!!

Family News and Prayers

Upendra received the news last week that his brother’s visa for medical treatment in Australia has been rejected. The decision is final and without any appeal. It seems to be based on the possibility that his use of blood products might possibly disadvantage an Australian citizen. Please pray that other avenues might open up

for Ashok to receive the necessary treatment he requires. Pray there will be no cause for concern since the military coup in Thailand.

Disappointing news also for Jan and Allan with her operation being delayed until 24th July. Jan's trust is that God knows what he is doing.

Freddie and Juliet should be returning from the Philipians visiting family in the next week. Pray for good health and good times.

Gretchen and Eric will be away from the second week in June until early July. They will be celebrating their son Chico's wedding to Clare and later visiting family in the USA. Chico grew up with us before leaving Australia for his work. We wish them all well in their marriage together and Gretchen and Eric in their travels.

Clarice continues to slowly recuperate in Mt Druitt Hospital. It will be her birthday next Wednesday so a note or card might brighten her day.

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. Please talk to Tony if anything needs to be included in the agenda.



Snapshot of Westview

Sunday School is an important aspect of our church community with the teaching of our young people (mainly Primary School and younger) in the understanding of scripture. Each week Spike and Janelle seek to teach God's Word to our children in a way that they can understand and accept. Keep them in your prayers each week and look for an opportunity to encourage the teachers and students.

Living Faithfully in Our World

Injustice in Sudan

Many have heard of the Sudanese Christian woman, Mrs. Meriam Yahia Ibrahim Ishag, sentenced to death for apostasy for supposedly converting from Islam to Christianity. It has been in news [media outlets](#) and [Christian organisations](#). Born of a Muslim father but raised a Christian, she now faces death by hanging because she would not recant Jesus Christ as Lord. The 27 year old wife and mother of one is 8 months pregnant. [Open doors](#) suggest placing pressure on the Sudanese government with your correspondence and there are online [petitions](#) which are also available. Please pray for her and many others in similar situations unknown to western media.

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.

#22 Persecuted Country: Egypt

In recent years, the position of Christians in Egypt – not only Muslim Background Believers, but also more and more the large indigenous Coptic community – has become increasingly pressured. President Morsi's failure to adequately address the country's economic challenges was the main trigger for the massive protests in July 2013 which led to his ouster by the military. Shortly after the military coup that ousted President Morsi, there was an upsurge in sectarian violence on Coptic Christians. As long as the political instability continues and the economic challenges are not addressed, social protests will not cease. As Islam is gradually taking over the country's culture, there is a growing sentiment to reject Christians.

Teaching

Genesis: Creation, Sin, & Re-creation
The Depths of the Fall Genesis 4-11
“Seeds of Grace”/ “The Gospel Embryo”

The tree is the cross of Christ Gal 3:13

Horrendous Crime to Arrogant Boast Gen 4:10-16; 23-24

Sign of Hope Gen 4:25-26

Walking with God Gen 5:21-24 (cf 3:8-9)

Introducing Noah Gen 5:28-31

The extend of evil Gen 6:5-7

But..... Gen 6:8

Walking with God Gen 6:9

Covenant Gen 9:11-13

Walking with God Romans 10:9-11

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