

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

Here is wonder of wonders: he came below to raise us above, was born like us that we might become like him. Here is love: when we cannot rise to him he draws near on wings of grace to raise us to him. Here is power: when God and humanity infinitely apart he united them in an unbreakable union, the uncreated and the created. Here is wisdom: when we were undone with no will to return to him and no way of devising a recovery, he came, God-incarnate, to save us completely, as a man to die our death, to shed satisfying blood on our behalf, to work out a perfect righteousness for us.

Today in Genesis

The life of Abraham includes great acts of faith, but also times when he struggles with doubts and weaknesses. Today we’ll have the opportunity to think about the time when he faced a tremendous test of his trust in God’s promises, but also how God honoured his trust. We can be encouraged to share the same reverent obedience to God as Abraham did.

Love and Service

Community Expo

The expo happened last Tuesday. It was a great success where we met many families and staff connected to Doonside Public. Over 20 bibles were given out as well as information on the church. The Doonside Festival is on the 12th July and a similar information stall might be a good thing for us to do. More information at a later point.

Family News and Prayers

Freddie's mother has left hospital and is able to move around. Juliet says, "Thanks God for his miracle. She can walk again (but slow). All our prayers answered."

Clarice needs our continued prayers as she recovers from her operation some weeks ago. Pray also for her family seeking to support her.



Matt and Becky would appreciate your continued prayer support in Arnhem land. Matt continues to suffer from chronic fatigue and Becky is still struggling with bureaucracy to be allowed to practice medicine. On a happy note, Jonathan is going well and just started teething at 3 1/2 months old.

Bible Course

A new bible course will be commencing which is a program delivered through Morling College. The first unit is an overview of the New Testament. It will be held at Kath's home on a Tuesday at 2.30pm. Please talk to Kath or Tony if you are interested to attend. There is no cost involved as it is a free course offered through the Baptist College.

WRAP Meeting

Next week after the morning service. Please talk to Tony if anything needs to be included in the agenda.



Snapshot of Westview

It often goes unnoticed by many, so it is good to bring it into the spotlight occasionally. There are people who faithfully serve others transporting people to hospitals, taking people to doctors' visits, and ensuring that people have transportation to and from our church gatherings and meetings. They will send a sick person a card, perhaps give them a ring, even share a meal with them. Most people know who they are, because they always look out for others. They get someone a cup of tea or make sure others get something to eat first. They often don't have a fancy title like "pastoral carer", don't get paid to do it, did not apply for the role, and no one has asked them to do it. They have proven their commitment over time and we know they can be relied

up. They are essential to our church community. Anyone can join this group for its a matter of looking for a need and doing something about it. In this way, they are people who follow the example of Jesus Christ himself. Let's be thankful for these people and let them be a model for how we should live. You can join this wonderful group. Just start today!

Living Faithfully in Our World

Praying for the Persecuted

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

#23 Persecuted Country: Brunei

Brunei is an Islamic nation, based on an ideology called 'Malay Islamic Monarchy', presenting the monarchy as the defender of the faith. By decree, contact with Christians in other countries, the import of Bibles and the public celebration of Christmas are banned. Sharia law has been fully implemented since 2011 for all Muslims in the country. Islam governs all spheres of life in Brunei. Christian pastors and workers are considered 'enemies'. Entering a tribal village will be monitored by government spies and police. As far as Muslim Background Believers (MBBs) are concerned, families, friends and neighbours can easily become sources of hostilities, even violence. Changing religion on one's ID card is impossible and churches have to be very careful in what they do and say and how and where they do it. Church leaders' movements are especially monitored and it is difficult to train church members or to provide theological studies. Even though no violent incidents have been reported in the covered period, the level of fear among the Christian minority is very high.

Mission Project 2014

MAF International Arnhem Land 'Sponsor a Tablet for Aboriginal Believers'. Seeking to meet the need of placing good Christian material into the hand of the indigenous leaders, each tablet computer costs \$160. Gifts can be placed through the Mission Project Box near the door. We will be supporting this project throughout 2014.

Teaching

Genesis: Creation, Sin, & Re-creation

Testing of faith (Genesis 22:1-19)

Passing through testing can strengthen our faith.

13 Tumultuous years (Genesis 17-21)

New names: Abraham means 'f_____ of m_____'; Sarah means 'm_____ of n_____'; Isaac means 'he l_____'

The test (Genesis 22:1-19)

Fearing God. A helpful article here:
<http://www.gotquestions.org/fear-God.html>

The sacrifice of God's Son, his only Son.

Abraham's demonstrated his faith. (Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12, 17-19; James 2:21-24)

Sacrifices today. (Romans 12:1-2)

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