

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

Today in Genesis

We conclude our series in Genesis today. It has been said recently by one person that it has come fresh upon them again. From the beauty and glory of creation, humanity designed to worship and bring glory to God, who then chose to give themselves over to evil. That is where we would be if not for God’s promise to Abraham to bring a blessing to the world. Today we conclude with Joseph’s remarkable story (Ch 37-50), where we discover that it is not all about Joseph, but God using him to be faithful to his promise through his family.

Love and Service

WRAP Meeting

Last week the church met to discern the way that God might be leading us. Many have commented on how positive the meeting was. The minutes of the meeting are available for the church community [online](#) or on the table near the door. The most significant item was the positive and overwhelming affirmation of the church members to

the Elders' recommendation: "That Westview support JJ and Soona at the conclusion of JJ's college course up until the end of 2015 to provide an opportunity for practical experience in pastoral leadership."

Over the next few months we will be thinking through how this support will be seen. It is a significant decision in the life of the church and for JJ and Soona, one for which we can be thankful to God.

Men's Breakfast

On Saturday 19th July a Men's Breakfast will be held at YWAM's Island Breeze base. It will be a good opportunity for the men to eat breakfast together, see YWAM's base, learn about their work, and hear from our special guest speaker for the morning (JJ). Keep the date free. More information to come.

Community Prayer - TONIGHT!!

A time to meet together for community prayer. All welcome, 7pm at the Doonside Centre.

Doonside Festival

Another date to keep free is the 12th July for the Doonside Festival which we understand will go ahead this year despite attempts to end the festival. It will be just an information stand where we meet people and invite them to come along. It is a good opportunity for local mission into our community.

Family News and Prayers

Clarice has moved to the Doonside Aged Care facility near the church on Crawford Road. She has experienced a steady decline in her strength since her operation and now needs this level of care. The family are very happy that she will be in a local facility and to be in Doonside, a place she has lived and served in for so long, is an added blessing.



Snapshot of Westview

Over the last few months, Tony has been involved in a Men's Group at Doonside Cottage. The group was suggested by a local man because of the need for men to gather, talk about common issues, and find support. This is where Robert and Tony's friendship started. It would be wonderful if any man from Westview could attend to make meaningful connections with people in the area. It is not specifically "christian" and language can often be a bit 'raw', but its a great opportunity to meet together and faith does often come up. The men meet around the fire, burn wood, eat sausages, and have a yak. The next meeting is on 7th July at 6pm and concludes by 8pm.

Living Faithfully in Our World

Giving to COBIS

The work of COBIS has been supported for many years by the Westview community. The funds that support the work come from a limited number of Blacktown churches and there is constantly a need for people to give. With the coming of the end of the financial year, it is a good time to prompt people to give and take advantage of the tax-deductibility of any gift over \$2. Money can be given through this www.givenow.com.au/supportcobis or people can talk to Lee.

Praying for the Persecuted

#26 Persecuted Country: Jordan

The church landscape is comparable to pre-civil war Syria, with a certain amount of freedom for traditional Christians. There is relative tolerance for Muslim -background believers; however, leaving Islam is not officially recognised and public

evangelisation of Muslims is against government policy. Converts can find their marriages annulled and children taken from them. They also encounter discrimination and the threat of mental and physical abuse. Radical Islamists are becoming more active in society and there have been reports of violence and killings of Muslim-background believers.

Teaching

Genesis: Creation, Sin, & Re-creation

The God who remains faithful to his covenant
God's Desire Micah 6:8

Glimpsing the Future 37:1-11

Joseph was always the favourite (v3)

The Role of Dreams

...but his father kept the matter in mind (verse 12)

Summary of Joseph's Life Psalm 105:1-23

Reflections Over a Troubled Life 50:15-21

Remarkable Measure of Forgiveness

Capturing the Joseph Insight (verse 19-21)

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