

Westview Baptist Church

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“people learning to live Jesus’ way”

29th June - 13th July 2014

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 next few weeks, we pause in our regular bible teaching program through one book to consider issues related to our church community. Today we consider what it means for us to hold the values that we do. Next week we will explore it further. The following week (13th July) Bernie Coleman, the COBIS worker at Mitchell High will be with us to share about her work there.

Love and Service

Trying New Things

Observant people will notice that we are trying a new location for the table upon which the bulletin, general giving box and mission box is found. One of the problems upon entry is the congregating at the door which means there can be people waiting to enter. By moving the table we hope to encourage people further in quicker and free up the bottle neck.

It is our desire to encourage the church family to be free to participate more fully in the life of the community.

Generally, if you see something that needs to be done, we want to encourage people to take the initiative. As this is not something everyone is always comfortable with, we want to give people the opportunity to ‘volunteer’. To start us off, there will be opportunities to volunteer to provide something nice for morning tea on a Sunday. It is always a joy to have a tasty treat and it encourages people to stay and talk. To participate, simply go to the noticeboard and tear off a particular Sunday for the following month indicating you will bring something. This is not *meant to stop anyone else bringing something to share*, but one person will come with that intention. If for some reason you can’t make it because of sickness or an emergency, please do not concern yourself as we always have biscuits in the kitchen.

Men’s Breakfast

On Saturday 19th July a Men’s Breakfast will be held at YWAM’s Island Breeze base (Power St Plumpton). We commence at 8.30am and it is \$10 for a great breakfast. JJ will be leading a devotion and we will hear from a staff member about the work there. We need approximate numbers so please let Tony know if you are coming. Feel free to ask friends to come along. RSVP by 13th July.

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

Trish is seeking the date of everyone's birthday so that we can celebrate milestones as a community. If you have not given her your date, please do so. Birthdays celebrated this month were Sandra Burgess, David Rollason and Jake Smith. Happy birthday to you all!

Matt, Becky and Jonathan are presently in Cairns until the 12th July for a holiday. They are meeting Matt's parents there so they can spend time with the family. Pray that it will be a good rest for them all and Matt's chronic fatigue will improve soon.



Sad news for the Low's as Keith's sister passed away last week, Esther Murray. It will be particularly difficult for her daughters, Linda and Carol who have always lived with their mother. The funeral is on Tuesday 1st July, 10.30am at Pinegrove.

Eric and Gretchen will be returning on the 9th July from their trip to see their son Chico marry Clare and to enjoy a short holiday. We do pray God's blessing on Chico and Clare's life together and ask for Eric and Gretchen's safe return.



Snapshot of Westview

The New Testament word for "deacon" means "a waiter, servant; then of any one who performs any service, an administrator." Within our church, deacons are those whose servanthood the church has recognised, and whom it trusts to encourage the discipleship, stewardship and servanthood of the church. The deacons under the oversight of the eldership, will minister for the well-being of the Westview church and to provide for those people in a covenant of

support.

We have three recognised deacons, Steve, Spike and Kath, but we have many more deacons, anyone who considers Westview their home because we are to serve one another.

Presently our recognised deacons are considering the needs of the community in respect to property. If you have ideas that you would like them to consider, please pass your suggestions on to them. Over the next weeks/months, they will feed back to the church the priorities in developing the church facilities.

Living Faithfully in Our World

Praying for the Persecuted

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

#27 Persecuted Country: Oman

The legal system names all citizens as Muslim and all legislation is based on Islamic law. Apostasy is not a criminal offence, but Omani converts face legal discrimination and could lose their family, job, or even their life if their faith is discovered. Almost the entire Christian population is expatriate; there are few indigenous Christians. All religious organisations must register and Christian meetings are monitored.

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