

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 we commence a series on 1 Corinthians which we will focus on for the next 10 weeks. It is helpful to have a quick read of Acts 18 and 19 to understand the background.

This letter is always easily related back to any church of any period. Paul's concern is to remind them of who they are, they are Christ's Church, so that they might act consistent with that truth.

Let's allow this series to speak to the heart of who we are, "Christ's Church", so that we might live lives consistent with that truth.

Core Values

Over the last few weeks we have been discovering the 'core values' which we as a church hold as a priority. Every person or organisation has a 'hierarchy of values' and the 'core values' are those which are found at the very top.

The core values we identified are:

1. Bible centred teaching
2. Love one another
3. Becoming like Jesus
4. Life is worship

5. Prayer

These values help define what we do. It will help people understand why we do things. Over the next few weeks/months we will explore what it means for us to hold these values.

Love and Service

Family News and Prayers

Jan has been prescribed antibiotics for a viral infection in her upper respiratory tract. She's due to go to hospital next Thursday for an operation, so she would appreciate your prayers.

New opportunities to volunteer for morning teas over the month of August is available from the noticeboard. Please feel free to tear off a date for particular Sunday if you wish to provide something on that morning. A big thank you for all those who have provided morning tea throughout June. This system does not restrict anyone from bringing something to share at anytime.

The following people are celebrating a birthday this month: Juliet 8/7, Sammy 11/7, Nelly 17/7, Sue K 18/7, Keith 23/7, Lynne K. 28/7 and Lionel 29/7

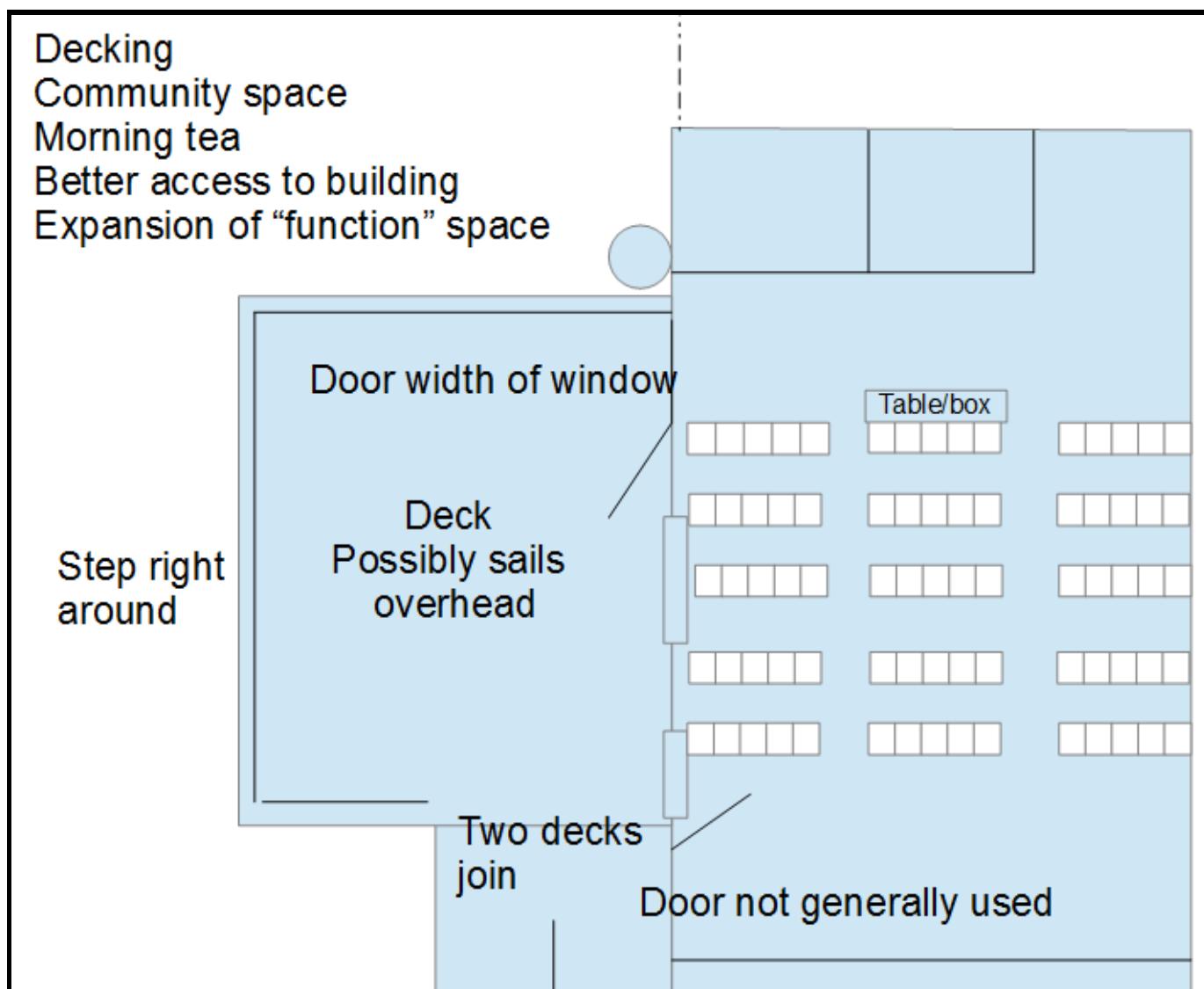
Matt, Becky and Jonathan have returned from their break in Cairns. They are expecting friends to visit from the USA for a week. While in Cairns Matt had the opportunity to fly to Brisbane to see a GP who specialises in CFS. He has been given some alternatives for the way forward. Please pray that all goes well.

It was a special time of sadness and celebration for the life of Clarice last Wednesday. Approximately 100 family and friends were present to say their final farewell. It was obvious in the discussions with her family how much Clarice valued the church community over the 16 years she was with us. It was recalled on more than one occasion how Clarice was baptised in our church when she was in her mid 70's. We can thank God for

the gift that she was to our community. Thank you also to all from Westview who assisted Kath in providing a morning tea afterwards.

Property Development

The Deacons are working towards realising two property projects that have been identified as the most beneficial for the church community at this time. The first is an outdoor deck area that will be accessed via a new door opened up through the current window beside the kitchen servery. This deck will adjoin



the existing ramp and will be accessible for walkers and wheelchairs. The purpose of the deck is to allow an extension of community space available for morning teas and other social activities, while allowing an alternative access point into and out of the building. It is envisaged that shade sails will be

placed between the two buildings.

The second project is to provide adequate heating to our main building. Various options are being explored and will be reported back to the church.

For some years now funds have been set aside in a building fund which are available for such projects. If you would like to learn more or give feedback please talk to one of the deacons: Steve, Spike or Kath.

In addition to this, the signage at the church property is being considered. If you have any connections to signwriters, please make it known to the deacons.



Snapshot of Westview

This community of believers had two beginnings: one was with the open-air Sunday Schools in the early 60's conducted by Harold English, who later donated the land where our building now stands; and the other was the Baptist fellowship which began in August 1978 in the home of Allan and Sue Hollyock, in Joseph Banks Drive, Kings Langley, with a group of about 30 adults and children, and which became Kings Langley Baptist Church.

In 1989, the two groups united as one church in different locations and a collective name was adopted at that time: Westview – a Vision for the West. In 2005 it was decided to bring these two groups together as one congregation, meeting in the Doonside Centre, an arrangement which continues to the present time.

This anniversary we are going to have a lunch together after our service on the church property. We will provide the sausages and bread and ask you to consider bringing either a salad or dessert. Would you please indicate to Kath your intention?

Living Faithfully in Our World

Praying for the Persecuted

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

#28 Persecuted Country: India

Among the most prominent attackers of the Christian minority are religious militants, namely Hindu nationalists, who claim that every Indian has to be Hindu. India's Christians face pressure on all spheres of life. On the one hand, this reflects the challenge of showing such a complicated matter of persecution of Christians in some figures in such a diverse country as well as the permanent squeeze they face. On the other hand it shows an increase in Religious intolerance in the country. "Anti-conversion laws" have been adopted which are frequently used as a pretext to disturb and disrupt church services as well as to harass, beat up and accuse Christian believers and leaders. All churches are monitored; Hindu radicals have started monitoring Christian activity in great detail.

Violence against Christians in India is rampant with reports on pastors and church members beaten up because of allegations of conversion are frequent, sometimes Christians are even killed. Church buildings as well as homes of Christians were destroyed in the reporting period; many converts had to flee their place of living, including Dalit Christians.

MAF Mission Project

We have become aware that gifts given to MAF for the mission project are eligible for a tax deductible receipt. If you would like to give and get a receipt for the next financial year, please talk to Juliet.

Teaching

1 Corinthians: In Christ's Church Crisis of Division 1:1-17

Introductions in the Letter 1-3

- Paul, Sosthenes, Church of God (in Corinth)
- Sanctified in Christ Jesus
- called to be holy
- together with all/everywhere - call on the name of our Lord

Jesus Christ

Praise to God for his work 4-6

Gifts already given will preserve them to the end 7-9

The Elephant in the Room: Division 10-17

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