

# *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.

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## ***Transformed by Enjoying Christ***

Continuing in Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, today we are reminded of the power of God in our lives, and the source of this power: the message of the cross of Christ. Although the world might see this message as foolishness, we are invited to trust for his salvation in Christ.

Today we would like everyone to be encouraged on in the good works of sharing the message of cross. Accepting that most people may find this message as foolish should not be a discouragement, for we are motivated by those we might discover who God is calling to himself.

## ***Love and Service***

### ***Church Anniversary***

Next week marks the 36th year anniversary for our church. After the morning gathering you are invited to stay on for lunch. Sausages will be provided and everyone is asked to bring either a salad or a desert. You can discuss with Kath which might be better.

## ***Family News and Prayers***

Community prayer will be held tonight. From 7pm we meet at the Doonside Property to pray together for the work of the Kingdom, our church and our world. Its important to find time to pray together as many from Westview identify prayer as one of the

top five core values as a church community.

Jan's operation to remove her kidney went well last Thursday. Doctor's appear to be happy with the result. It is an answer to prayer that it could happen at all after Jan acquiring a virus last week.

It is interesting to note that in the last week from our Facebook page, 837 people have viewed something of our posts and 110 people have responded in some way. We do pray God might use these contacts for his Kingdom.

Keep the Co's in your prayers. Freddie is experiencing nerve pain from his pressure in his spine and is unable to take pain killers. Everyday is an act of courage for him and Juliet as she cares for him.

### ***Property Development***

The Deacons are considering the property needs and possibilities. The focus at this point is a deck off the side of the building accessed from the conversion of a window to a door near the kitchen. The second is addressing the comfort of people particularly in the winter against the cold. If you would like to know more or have an input, please talk to Kath, Steve or Spike.



### ***Snapshot of Westview***

The Oxford dictionary defines “doctrine” as “belief or set of beliefs held and taught by a Church, political party, or other group”. The core doctrines are often expressed as a “statement of faith”. Westview has 14 such statements in our [constitution](#). They are:

1. The Holy Scriptures are inspired by the Holy Spirit and are the final authority for faith and living.
2. The Trinity of the Godhead.
3. The Deity and full humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. The Deity and true personality of the Holy Spirit.
5. The sinfulness of humanity and their responsibility for their revolt against God's law.
6. God's prior electing grace for faith and salvation, and human responsibility for their response to the Divine requirements of

- repentance and faith.
7. Christ's atonement for His Church.
  8. Conversion is that work of the Holy Spirit by which He enables those who are dead in their trespasses and sins to repent, believe and live.
  9. The church as the body of regenerate believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.
  10. The priesthood of all believers.
  11. The baptism of believers only by immersion.
  12. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper as instituted by Christ Himself.
  13. The visible bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ in power and great glory.
  14. The resurrection of the dead - the just to eternal life and the unrighteous to eternal punishment.

### **Living Faithfully in Our World**

#### ***Praying for the Persecuted***

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

#### **#29 Persecuted Country: Sri Lanka**

In former years, Sri Lanka ranked in the lower regions of the list, but did not make it to the list the last few years. The re-entry in this year has several reasons: much more violent attacks against Christians and churches, the appearance since July 2012 of nationalistic and religious supremacist groups in the country, affecting all minorities including Muslim, Hindu and Christian and influencing social pressure and climate in the country. Buddhist monks in villages continue to make Christian activities almost difficult to happen. In 2013 alone there have been more than 50 attacks on churches, mainly protestant, but also catholic. Usually monks arrive while the service is going on and demand the church's immediate closure.

## *Teaching*

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:16: God's Wisdom the Gospel

Wisdom & emptying the power of the cross 1:17

The power in foolishness 1:18-19

God's call 1:20-25

Case Study in the Corinthian church 1:26-31

Think of the Bible

Genesis - God created everything, human beings' rebellion against God is sin

OT - God preparing for the Messiah, the Christ

Gospels - God becomes flesh in Jesus Christ who lived the perfect life

End of the gospels - He died to pay the penalty of sin and bring us to God

Letters - We now live with Jesus Christ as our Lord

Revelation - First comes judgement than eternal existence with Jesus our Lord

Think of the communion table

Think of your own story

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