

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

It good to celebrate milestones: birthdays, achievement, and anniversaries. Today marks the 36th year since the first meeting of the Kings Langley Baptist Church, later to become Westview and incorporate Doonside Baptist together.

It is fitting that we continue our series in Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, for it is an important reminder of who we are: the Temple of the Living God.

Today, after our service we will share lunch together. Everyone is free to join us. An opportunity to give a donation will be available for those who couldn’t contribute in other ways. Please stay and join us as we enjoy each other’s company.

Love and Service

Family News and Prayers

We want to celebrate the birthdays of the church family. This month we have Peter Grima 1/8, J.J. 8/8, Bob Muir 9/8, David Simpson 11/8, Alex 12/8, Corwel 31/8. A SUPER SPECIAL for BOB MUIR who’s turning 80 !

Community prayer will be held on the 24th August (the fourth Sunday of each month). It was a great night of prayer last Sunday night so please put the next meeting in your diary now.

Jan had her operation to remove her diseased kidney and it seems that the doctors were very happy with the procedure. This

was to enable a kidney transplant to take place in the future when one becomes available.

Property Development

Over the last few weeks various property options have been considered by the Deacons and Elders which have been made known in the bulletin. The priority for consideration has been to enhance our coming together, to make it more comfortable and enjoyable to be with each other. It is our Sunday gatherings which is our best opportunity to share with many from the church family. The projects are:

1. The construction of a deck accessible to our main building from the conversion of a window (the one closest to the kitchen) into a doorway. Funds permitting, a cover such as shade sails will be incorporated into it. Tim Derrington who is a builder by trade can act as “leading hand” and with the use of volunteers we hope to keep the expense to a minimum. An application will need to be made to council which is being prepared. It is expected that it will not exceed \$10,000.

2. Adequate heating. Initially, roof insulation will be installed by church volunteers as soon as possible. This will have immediate effect in summer and winter. We are looking at heating options suitable for our building. Air Conditioning has been considered but ruled out as the initial expense would drain all funds set aside for building projects and will add an ongoing cost year round for the running expenses. Our desire is to keep the costs under \$4000 and we are still exploring the costs associated with the two options of gas and electricity.

3. Property fencing is a concern to many and will be considered as funds are available.

The church leadership are making plans for the decking and heating. If anyone has questions or comments, please talk to the deacons: Steve, Kath or Spike.

Living Faithfully in Our World

Christian Persecution in Iraq

[Voice of the Martyrs \(VOM\)](#) is committed to serving today's persecuted Christians around the world. They report on 17 July, Christians in Mosul, Iraq were given three choices by the Islamic militant group ISIS (Islamic State in Iraq and al-Sham).

1. Convert to Islam
2. Pay a protection tax
3. Leave before 19 July or be killed

In line with their demands, the ISIS systematically targeted known Christian homes in Mosul by painting on their walls the Arabic letter 'N', short for Nassarah, which means Christian. Afraid for their lives, thousands have fled, taking only what they could carry. Of 35,000 Christians living in Mosul, it is believed that few, if any, have remained. VOM are raising funds to provide Christians who have escaped Mosul with an emergency 'N' Life Pack containing a Bible and emergency relief items, including food. You can help by supporting Voice of the Martyrs Australia with your donation to supply a Special Emergency 'N' Life Pack for \$25.

Praying for the Persecuted

#30 Persecuted Country: Tunisia

Tunisia rose 5 places higher on the 2013 list. Its a result of an increase in the squeeze on the small Christian community in the country and a higher number of violent incidents involving Christians, mainly from Islamic extremism. Christians face persecution from two sides; a moderately Islamic government and very visible and aggressive Salafist groups who operate with impunity in the country. While expat Christians experience a relative amount of freedom, Muslim Background Believers face a variety of pressures. In Tunisia, Christians particularly experience increasing pressure at the private and family level, though there are notable difference between the countryside and the country's capital Tunis where the situation is comparatively better. Pressure is generalized throughout all spheres of life, with exception of the national sphere. Unseen violent incidents against Christians were

reported this year, breaking with a trend of relative peace and religious tolerance. Reports from the field indicate that pressure on Christians, coming both from the authorities and from the families of MBBs, has increased. With political developments looking grim and Islamic movements getting stronger, the short democratic intermezzo is likely to make place for a new phase in the political history of the country: Islamic government. The situation of the small Christian population in the country is not expected to improve.

Teaching

1 Corinthians: In Christ's Church - Christ the head of his Church
(Revising our aim) Chapt 3-4

Evaluating Human Experience 1 Cor 3:1-3

Servants of God 3:4-15

Farm image 3:6-8

Building Contractor image 3:9-15

You are God's Temple 3:16-17

Categories: God's and the world 3:18-23

Servants and their judge 4:1-5

Its not about you 4:6-16

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