

# *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**

We live in a world filled with evil both inside us and outside us. Not different to 2000 years ago when Paul wrote this letter to the church in Corinth. How can we as followers of Jesus honour God in our relationships? This morning we will continue in chapter 7 and will see 3 things that Paul shows us in answering this question for us.

## **Love and Service**

### **Prayercare**

From the five core values of the church (Bible centred teaching; Love one another; Becoming like Jesus; Life is worship; Prayer), “prayer” was the least obvious value seen in the life of our church by the church family. During his Sabbatical, the Eldership have asked that Lee focus his reading and study on prayer. Another way to raise our awareness is “Prayercare”.

We would like to bring together willing participants to encourage each other to pray for each other. The aim is the intentional sharing of lives, sharing life concerns, and committing them to our Father in Heaven through prayer.

Notes will be found on the table over the next few weeks at the back where you can place your name, or you can indicate [online](#). Willing people will be matched up with one other person

of the same gender who also wishes to be involved, to commit to praying intentionally for each other over the following 12 months.

We expect that this will work differently for different people. Perhaps a text, a call, email, facebook, or even meeting face to face (the old fashion way). It is not meant to be an extra burden but another way that we can share our lives together in service for Jesus.

### ***Building***

Thanks to the guys who helped in the installation of insulation on Friday. One should not expect too much change but it should be seen as a long term investment in our church building.



Thanks also to Tim who has drawn up plans for the deck. They will be available to be viewed today or available [online](#).

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

The next community prayer will be held on the 24th August. Keith and Lin would appreciate prayer on the holiday to Japan. During their time away they hope to catch up with Tracy Harrison who works as a missionary in Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia and who visited us a few months ago.

May have noted that Gabriel and family have not been around recently. He has been in Canberra since the 07/07/2014 following up on a job application with Qantas Ground Crew Service. It appears that he will be working with Qantas Ground Crew Service at Canberra Airport as soon as they get the medical results.

## ***Morning Tea Opportunities***

Thanks to those who volunteer to bring morning tea. Further opportunities can now be found for the month of September on the notice board, simply tear off the week you are going to bring something to share. Remember, this does not exclude anyone from bringing something, but allows anyone to specifically volunteer.

## ***Baptist Union Matters***

If you are interested to attend the Baptist Union Assembly meeting at Padstow Baptist Community Church, 23 Cahors Rd, Padstow on Saturday, 13 September 2014, please talk to Tony.

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

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

#### **#32 Persecuted Country: Algeria**

As Islam is becoming more and more visible in Algeria's government, the freedoms of Christians are more and more restricted. Increasing pressure from Islamist movements on government and on society, in combination with pressure from family members on Christian converts from a Muslim background, explain Algeria's score on the World Watch List. In the context of the growing role of Islamism in the region, Algeria is increasingly the scene of more terror by Islamist movements, particularly al-Qaeda in the Maghreb. In the past year, the oppression of Christians has been constant. Church leaders indicate that there is an increase in pressure on Christians, who mostly are Muslim Background Believers. The law prohibits public assembly for purposes of practicing a faith other than Islam. Individual churches are often denied registration. At this stage of its development, Islamic extremism is present throughout the whole country, and causes pressure on Christians in all spheres of life. The number of reported incidents remained constant in comparison to last year. In spite of some positive

developments, the overall trends regarding religious liberty are negative. Although no Christians were killed or imprisoned, threats to churches and Christian media organizations still occur, and newspapers report negatively about Christians. For the coming year, no dramatic improvements in the situation of Algerian Christians are expected. During 2014, there will be presidential elections. Sure is that Islamism is gaining influence and that the Islamists have a realistic chance of winning these presidential elections.

### *Teaching*

#### 1 Corinthians

We honour God in our relationships by:

1. By being faithful in the relationships that we are in
  
2. By remembering who we are
  
3. By living in light of eternity

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