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

A special welcome to all the fathers today as we celebrate Fathers' Day. There are quite a few away visiting family today and we hope that all will have a great day.

Continuing in Corinthians, Paul's focus is on the proper and orderly meetings of the early church. It helps us understand the purpose of our meeting together. He clarifies that Christian in meeting together do so for mutual encouragement and edification. We meet together to be an encouragement to each other as we focus on the Word of God which gives us what we need to live well in our world.

Love and Service

News from Matt, Becky, and Jonathan...

Many have caught up with the news that the Preece family will be returning from Arnhem land. Although it was not in their planning, we thank God for their faithfulness to serve God wherever he might take



them. For the short term it will be in Sydney.

They plan to return early October and are presently selling or giving away the majority of their household possessions. Early in January 2015 they plan to travel to Becky's family home in the USA so that her wider family can meet Jonathan.

Tony has kept in close contact with them, speaking almost each week, and at this point there is great uncertainty with their income & accommodation. Their return home being only weeks away have caused the Elders to urgently considered how we could support this precious family who are such a loved part of our community. The Elders are suggesting that the hall which was previously a flat for accommodation be made available to them for the period between their return to Sydney and trip to the USA. With some reorganisation, the Wiggling Wombats playgroup and Sunday School will be able to use the smaller room. The Elders would welcome the thoughts of anyone who might be aware of a better alternative.

Prayercare

People who have asked to be involved in the Prayercare program will be receiving a name of another person. It is hoped that it would be an opportunity to grow to know the other person, and share one anothers lives. It is not too late to be involved and if you would like to be, then you can enter your name <u>online</u> or let Wendy know.

Family News and Prayers

Birthdays for this month include: Marie Muir 8/9; Aitti 16/9; June 18/9; and Michelle Elix 27/9. We wish you all the best on your special day.

June continues to heal and is in good spirits. We thank

God for her recovery. Sandra's knee replacement went well and should be out of hospital soon.

Morning Tea Opportunities - See the noticeboard to volunteer.

Living Faithfully in Our World

Praying for the Persecuted

From the Open Doors' <u>World Watch List</u> we seek to pray for the persecuted church.

#35 Persecuted Country: United Arab Emirates

Around 80 per cent of the population here are expats. The constitution provides for some religious liberty, but the law denies Muslims the freedom to change religion. MBBs may be pressured to return to Islam, hide their faith or leave the country. Non-Muslim groups can worship freely in dedicated buildings or private homes, but the government restricts the development of worship facilities for foreign Christians. Open evangelism is prohibited, but Christians in the country have many opportunities for Muslim-Christian dialogue.

COBIS

Tony received a lovely card from Kate this week "I wanted to say hi, but also a big THANK YOU.... This year we have seen more girls attend scripture than ever before, our lunchtime group continues to grow, and this year we have seen over 10 girls become followers of Jesus. Over 30 bibles have been personally handed out, so as you can see Blacktown Girls High School is hungry and open to hear about Jesus. There is still a great need for more resources and I am excited for what God has in store for the remainder of the year.... I will continue to pray for you and

for God's blessing over your church. I hope to see you all again soon. For his church. Kate Schrack". Financial support can be given at

www.givenow.com.au/supportcobis.

Teaching

1 Corinthians: In Christ's Church Order, the better way

Testing Your Influence 12:1-3

Differences for one purpose 12:4-7

The Most Excellent Way 13:1-13

Purpose of Gifts 14:1-25

The Orderly Way 1 Cor 14:26-40

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