

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

Why is the resurrection so very important? In our passage this morning from 1 Corinthians 15 Paul addresses the importance of the resurrection, the dangers of leaving it behind and the hope it offers us to continue serving the Lord, knowing that our labour is not in vain.

Love and Service

News from Matt, Becky, and Jonathan...

Through the week, a group from YWAM, lead by Tim and Sujin, commenced a thorough clean of the flat at the Doonside property. The plan is to allow Matt, Becky and Jonathan live there for approximately 3 months till they fly to the USA to visit Becky’s family. There is still more work to do!



Please talk to Tony or Wendy if you have any of the following items which they could borrow during that time: a fridge, double bed, washing machine, a dresser, wardrobes, any other item you think might be helpful.

It has been our privilege to partner with Matt and Becky and we seek to be with them on this next part of their journey. We are uncertain what the future might hold, but have faith in our God

who holds the future!

Prayercare

Prayercare has commenced, but it's not too late to put your name in the box or [online](#). If you find a helpful way of engaging with your partner in prayer why not share it on Westview's Facebook page, [online](#) or email Tony.

Family News and Prayers

June has had all her stitches removed after extensive facial surgery removing skin cancers, except for the ones holding one eyelid closed. She reports that she is recovering and is appreciative of the prayers and thoughts from the church family. Don't forget her birthday is on Thursday!

Sandra has commenced walking on her new knee. Doctors were surprised at how bad her old knee was. It will take about 3 months to be completely recovered from the operation.

Robyn R. is scheduled for hip surgery on the 24th and Val will be having critical surgery on her spine on the 26th September. Pray God's peace for them, that all will go well, and that the assurance of God's presence will always be with them.

Bob will be commencing on a new experimental drug enzalutamide to fight against his prostate cancer now that the others drugs are no longer effective.

Bob and Marie are enjoying a week on holidays in Victoria. Prayer for Marie who is finding mobility difficult. May they enjoy their time away very much.

Thank you for prayer for Theo. The 7 hour operation went well and he has recovered well. The Cochlear switch-on happened last Friday. Sound is getting to the brain but unsure if he will ever hear speech. Pray for better than expected results and for his mum and dad, Matt & Emma, whatever the outcome.

Recently Tony was asked to join the Committee for Ministry, a committee of the Baptist Union that oversees the accreditation of ministers. He had two meetings last week and it was encouraging to see how God is calling and equipping people for pastoral

leadership. This needs to be seen as a part of Westview's service in the kingdom of God, for without the support of Westview, Tony would be unable to be a part of this ministry.

Morning Tea Opportunities - See the noticeboard to volunteer.

Living Faithfully in Our World

The Middle East Crisis

BWAid have launched a [website](#) with a variety of resources and an opportunity to respond to the crises in the Middle Eastern region. It seeks to encourage people to 'Learn, Give and Act' over the coming weeks and months. It includes a very simple way to email the Prime Minister, entreating him to supply further aid to those in need.

Praying for the Persecuted

#36 Persecuted Country: Mauritania

The major persecution engine in Mauritania is Islamic extremism, which is exacerbated by the country's apostasy laws which are directed against the activities of non-Muslims and its cultural norms that strongly dissuade people from associating with non-Muslims. Mauritania is one of only four official "Islamic Republics" in the world, and its constitution recognizes Islam as the sole religion of the country's estimated 3.5 million inhabitants and designates Shariah (Islamic law) as the only officially recognized source of legislation. Moreover, the influence of al-Qaeda in the Maghreb (AQIM) in Mauritania is growing. Pressure on Muslim Background Believers from family, tribe members and leaders of local mosques, is very high. It remains completely impossible for all Mauritanian Christians to register their churches, so they must meet in secret.



Teaching

1 Corinthians: In Christ's Church Resurrection

1. We have NO hope apart from Jesus' resurrection
(1 Cor 15:12-19)

2. Jesus DID RISE from the dead and we can have CERTAIN hope
in Him
(1 Cor 15:20-28, 1-8, 1 Pet 1:3, Eze 36:22)

3. Do not be deceived! But continue serving the Lord!
(1 Cor 15:29-34, 51-58)

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