

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.

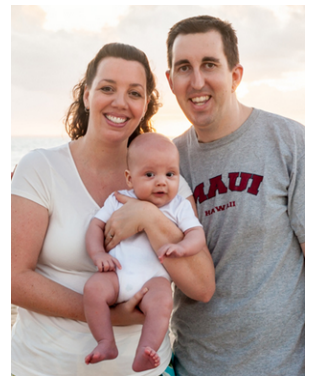
Transformed by Enjoying Christ

Today we start the new series with Paul’s Letters to Timothy as the focus. In these two letters Paul expresses his desires and concerns for his son in the faith as he leads the church in Ephesus. Over this series we will be exploring church life and leadership as we continue to seek to conform our church life and leadership to the will of God revealed to us in the Scripture. Specifically today we look at the importance of ‘doctrine’, a word often people fear but a concept that protects our souls.

Love and Service

News from Matt, Becky, & Jonathan...

God willing, Matt, Becky and Jonathan will be with us next Sunday. There has been some frantic work behind the scenes to prepare the accommodation. The council informed us that the conversion dating back 10 years had not been completed and that various issues needed resolution before a certificate could be granted, such as: fire safety requirements, laundry in a building that is not a designated single sex toilet (we have removed the signs but use the toilets as we have been till we can resolve the issue), and other reports that were missing. We believe that come the final inspection next Tuesday morning that all will be finalised (your prayer would be appreciated).



It has been wonderful to see everyone so excited to help them set up home. Much has been donated. A new fridge has been donated to the church that can be used by Matt and Becky while they are with us, and when they no longer need it can be brought into the main church building. Their big items will be shipped back but may take three to four weeks and so if you have pots/pans or queen size sheets they could borrow over that time, please talk to Kath. If no-one has a spare queen-size bed that could be used it would probably be best for them to choose their own when here. Thanks to all who have offered items and they now can be brought to the flat in preparation.

Also Becky has just had confirmation that her permanent residence will be finalised on 26th November clearing the way for their return to the US to visit her family mid January!

Prayercare

How's your Prayercare going? Look for opportunities to talk with another person and hold each other up before God in prayer. If you do not have a person assigned to you, please talk to Tony or Wendy. Remember, "Learning to pray doesn't offer you a less busy life; it offers you a less busy heart" P.E.Miller - "A Praying Life".

Family News and Prayers

Happy birthday to David J 7/10 John Q 10/10 Janelle 21/10 who is turning 50! Christina 25/10 turning 13, Esme 25/10 and Bob S 30/10.

Our much loved June D had another operation on 1st October and the stitches are due to be removed on Monday. On top of this she is suffering from a lung infection and is on strong antibiotics. Please continue to pray for her full recovery.

Hayley's HSC exams commence tomorrow. English Monday and Tuesday, Ancient History Wednesday, Maths 22.10, Spanish 27.10, Religion 28.10, Ext English 30.10. Your prayers would be appreciated.

New cancers and growth of old cancers have been found in Bob's back and it may require him to undergo radiation again. Keep

him in your prayers.

We have sent Kyneton Baptist a letter of recommendation transferring David and Robyn's membership from Westview. It is an answer to many prayers that they can feel so comfortable with the move.

Pray for the Co family over the next few weeks. Juliet will be taking Maria to the Philippines for a family wedding (21.10) and Maria will remain there for a period. Juliet will return (6.11) to focus on care for Freddie. While she is away Andy will be staying with Freddie.

Westview Review and Planning (WRAP)

It was previously stated that the WRAP meeting will be held on 19th October. At last Tuesday's Elder/Deacons meeting we realised that it would be a very busy day with Matt and Becky's return and David and Robyn Jones joining us. We are proposing that the meeting be postponed till 2nd November.

At the meeting we would like to discuss the request from one of our tenants who commenced this year, Aquarius Dancers. They have asked to install a rail along the two walls for their practice. During school terms they bring over \$400 per month to the church, and this shows their desire to remain with us for sometime. The dance school's leader is well known to Tony and Wendy (Hayley danced with them for many years) and they have always been good tenants.

It would be required that:

1. It should be as close to the wall as possible
2. The final responsibility for the installation, care and maintenance would be theirs.
3. When you remove the rails, you will do all that is reasonable to repair any holes or damage.

One could expect that the Wednesday Friendship Group might use the rail for things other than exercise. Please direct any comments to Elders or Deacons.

Future Dates

Es will be providing a special morning tea raising funds for Pink Ribbon Day on 26th October.

Living Faithfully in Our World

Praying for the Persecuted

#38 Persecuted Country: Kuwait

The Kuwaiti constitution declares that the state protects freedom of belief; however, the practice of religion is not supposed to conflict with public order, morals or established customs - in other words, Islam. Islamic law is an important source of legislation. Conversion from Islam is not permitted and converts face persecution, especially from their families. They also risk harassment, police monitoring of their activities, arbitrary arrest and detention, physical and verbal abuse, legal discrimination and property challenges in court.

Teaching

1 Timothy 1

A Church that Follows Jesus

Introduction to Timothy the Person

Imagine Timothy Being Left

1 Timothy 4:11

1 Timothy 5:23

2 Timothy 1:7

The Importance of Good Doctrine

Rom 3:19 - 20

Romans 3:23

1 Cor 6:9 -11