

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 are going to explore the essential elements of a healthy church, and see how a healthy church will respond to thoughts or behaviors which oppose the truth of the gospel. Paul’s letter to Timothy at Ephesus continues to be our focus as we look at 1 Timothy 3&4.

Next Sunday Alex and Fran Niedbalski from Chile, who are a close friends of JJ and Soona (Alex has been studying the same course as JJ as SMBC) will be joining us next week to share something of their plans for pastoral work in Chile next year.

Love and Service

Preeces at Home

Last Wednesday (on their wedding anniversary) Matt, Becky and Jonathan moved into their new temporary home. They have expressed publicly and privately their appreciation and gratitude to the church. Matt wrote “It is truly amazing the love that we have received from the church as a whole and from individual members.” Thanks

for all who have helped to make them so welcomed.

It would be good for us all to remember that the flat now is their private dwelling and that we need to ensure we respect their privacy. They are free to choose when they are involved in church activities, and when not to be involved. If they need rest on a Sunday morning they need to know that they will not have people knocking on their door. Please do all that you can to give them space as a young family and to assist in Matt's recovery.

Family News and Prayers

It has been a very sad week for Ross and Sandra with the death of their grandson Hayden who had joined us at Westview on many occasions. His battle with drugs seems to have been too great and he died late Monday night. Pray for his mum Nicole and sister Erin at this most difficult time, as well as the rest of the family.

Pink Ribbon Day morning tea is raising funds for breast cancer research. Today Esme has provided a lovely morning tea and it would be wonderful to contribute with a good donation in support of a good cause.



Freddie saw his doctor last week and is moving towards a back operation which is quite risky with a painful recovery period. A week tomorrow will be a further visit to specialist to map the way forward.

Bob will be having a day of radiation next Tuesday for cancers in his back. It will be a long and difficult day. He has several helpers for which he is most appreciative. It would be a good day to keep him in your prayers.

Upendra is in Laos visiting family and will be heading to the US to see his sister.

Community Prayer

An opportunity to pray together on the fourth Sunday evening of the month (26th October), please consider making it a priority to attend. We will see today that it is perhaps the most effective way to change the world, so consider making it next Sunday night. A special focus for prayer will be the MAF's Day of Prayer. They ask for prayers as they send these Bibles out and to pray for them as they go. They ask for \$20 for a Bible and 20 minutes of your time in prayer. More information is [online](#).

Westview Review and Planning (WRAP)

Our next meeting will be on November 2nd, after our regular meeting. A time to consider the life of the church and how we are journeying. Some of the things that we will be considering are: update on changes to the property, JJ's support from the church, and our finances. If you would like to put a matter on the agenda: please talk to Tony.

Advanced Warning

Men's Breakfast is being organised by JJ at Nurrangingi for December 6. Put it in the diary now!

Living Faithfully in Our World

Praying for the Persecuted

From the Open Doors' [World Watch List](#) we seek to pray for the persecuted church.

#40 Persecuted Country: Malaysia

Being Malay is synonymous with being Muslim. Chinese or Indian citizens can choose their religion, but it is almost impossible for a Malay Muslim to convert to Christianity. Yet still Muslims come to know Christ.

Officially, the constitution provides religious freedom. However, in recent years, judges have offered personal interpretations of parts of the constitution. People who want to change their religious affiliation on their ID cards from Islam to anything else now have to go to Sharia courts.

Teaching

The Living Healthy Church 1 Timothy 3 & 4

Overseer (Bishop)/Elder 3:1-7

Deacons 3:8-13

Godly Living 3:14-16

Dangers of Infection from False Teaching 4:1-8

Truth Guards Against Lies 4:9-16

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