

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

In the passage today 1 Tim 6:2b-21, Paul gives instructions to Timothy about material possessions. He commences by helping people identify false teachers and then seeks to give an understanding of the right attitude to material things. He does that by giving very specific instructions to the rich believers and he believes that those who deviate from this understanding are pursuing that which is not of God.

Love and Service

Deck Building

Are you able to help in the building of the deck? The council have approved the plans and we have set aside 28/29th November to build the deck. If you can be of any assistance over either of those days, please talk to Tony.

JJ’s Graduation

JJ has now completed all classes and this week will have exams from Monday - Thursday. He does have commitments to complete with college the following week but that is primarily working bee and other involvement. His graduation is on Saturday 29 November, 7:00pm at Wesley Conference Centre.

On Sunday 30th November we are going to have a special service with JJ’s family and friends and then lunch together. We are going to ask everyone who can come to bring a plate. Please talk to

Kath about what you might bring.

Family News and Prayers

It has been a critical time for the Co family with Freddie in ICU on machines helping him to breath and dialysis for his kidneys. He remains heavily sedated. It is a very difficult time for the whole family. Your prayers are much valued.

The YWAM team have returned after two weeks teaching and mission in Victoria. We pray for ongoing fruit from their efforts and for Sujin and Tabitha getting over their sickness.

Hayley's going on a mission trip/holiday with Scripture Union to Vanuatu between 21st - 30th November. She will be staying at the SU Campsite and visiting schools and locals. Your prayers for safety would be much appreciated.

Living Faithfully in Our World

Just Pray: Global Interaction Initiative

It was a significant night of prayer last Sunday night as we prayed for [9 people groups](#) which Global Interaction are supporting in Asia and Africa.

Praying for the Persecuted

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

#43 Persecuted Country: Kenya

The main persecution engine in Kenya is 'Islamic extremism'. However, forms of 'Tribal antagonism', 'Organized corruption' and 'Aggressive secularism' appear to impact Kenyan church life as well. The minority of Kenyans are Muslim. Recently, the Kadhi courts system has been introduced, which is currently reserved for those who are Muslim and voluntarily submit to its jurisdiction. However, in part induced by felt discrimination, lack of development, and extreme levels of unemployment among Muslim youth, and inspired by Islamic Extremism spilling over from Somalia, the Muslim population, primarily located in the coastal areas of Kenya, has begun to respond to perceived

disenfranchisement in Kenyan society. Moreover, Muslim politicians, representing Muslim dominated constituencies have an agenda to eliminate the church from these areas.

Christians have a negative view of Muslims. This negative view escalated after the recent attack on a shopping centre in Nairobi, by the Muslim extremist group al-Shabaab. Additionally, there is a complicated relationship between the leaders of the Christian and Muslim community. On the other hand, the willingness to cooperate amongst the churches is high. Therefore, it remains to be seen how the church will engage constructively with the pressure it faces.

COBIS News

Those who did not receive the latest prayer letter electronically from COBIS can find one on the back table.

Teaching

1 Timothy 6:2b-21 – Material Possessions

What marks out false teachers (1 Timothy 6:2b-5)

- They contradict sound teaching about Jesus.
- They are conceited and ignorant.
- They are argumentative.

As a result they stir up

- Envy
- Disagreements
- Malice
- Friction even among themselves.

The right attitude to material things (1 Tim 6:6-10)

Having _____ and _____ we will be

From this section I learn that

Chase righteousness (1 Timothy 6:11-16)

Like Timothy, I am _____.

Hebrews 12:1b-3

Special instructions for the already-rich (1 Tim 6:17-19)

- Don't put your hope in your uncertain wealth - put your hope in God, the wonderful provider of everything for us to enjoy.
- Do good - be rich in good deeds - be generous and willing to share.

These instructions apply to _____

Urgent summary: the simple gospel vs so-called Timothy 6:20-21)

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