

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

Have you ever asked yourself 'How can I continue in my faith until the end?' This morning in our last passage in our series through 1 & 2 Timothy Paul encourages us with how we might remain faithful to the end and so receive an unimaginable and glorious reward that is waiting for all God's people.

Love and Service

Deck Building

Thanks to all who have been helping in the construction of the deck. The next phase will be to construct a shade sail over to protect us from the sun.

Parking at the Front of the Church

The church leadership are asking people not to park their cars immediately in front of the church building to allow a comfortable and safe parking spot for John and Klara. Feel free to drop someone off and park elsewhere if it is free, however if everyone could leave one or two parking spaces near the pathway to make it easier for John and Klara. Please remind people who may forget over the next few weeks until we are all used to the new arrangements.

Also, remember we have asked more able people not to park next to the building and near the door so that those less mobile

people can easily access the church building.

Family News and Prayers

A special happy birthday to Paul B. 3/12, Rita 6/12 (50) Wendy 12/12, Colin 15/12 Robyn R. 21/12, Damien L. 22/12, Jesus C. 25/12 and the final ones for the year: Pudge 28/12 & Sherry H. 28/12.

Thanks to JJ for organising the Men's Breakfast yesterday. A generous donation from one family was given for the morning allowing those who attended to have a breakfast for a small donation.

Freddie has been moved to a Medical High Dependency Unit from ICU. They continue to work to fight infection in his body and he is having a "chemo" type drug to stop the bad cells multiplying. Last Friday he had a MRI on his neck and needed to be under a general anesthetic to ensure he did not move. Continue to pray for Freddie and Juliet and their children.

The YWAM base at Plumpton will be almost deserted over the next few months with teams going to India and South Africa. Tim, Sujin, Tabitha, and Megan will be heading to Calcutta, flying out early tomorrow morning. They will go to Thailand before returning late January. Katelyn will be flying to South Africa later in the morning tomorrow. We will seek to keep them in our prayers as their teams go on mission in these countries. We can pray for good health, and a fruitful harvest for the gospel.

Sandra S. would appreciate the prayers of the church family after the discovery of a large cyst in her left leg.

Come and celebrate with us Tony's 50 years on Sat 13th Dec. Openhouse between 4-9pm at 23 Mountview Av, Doonside. Arrive & leave when it suits you, finger food will be served throughout, birthday cake at 7pm.

Living Faithfully in Our World

Little Book of Gift Ideas

We will have a stall at church for the next few Sundays where

you can get catalogues and purchase the gift cards from Baptist World Aid Australia. This years 'gifts' range in price from \$10 and various higher prices up to \$300 with the money being used in a range of BWAA projects. For more information look at biggifts.org.au. 'The bigger picture is whole communities transformed.'

Praying for the Persecuted

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

#46 Persecuted Country: Djibouti (North-East of Afghanistan)

Djibouti is a small Muslim country with a good geographical location along the Gulf of Aden. 'Islamic extremism' and 'Totalitarian paranoia' are the main persecution engines in Djibouti. Approximately 95 per cent of the Djiboutian population is Sunni Muslim. While expatriate Christians, Orthodox Christians originating from Ethiopia, and local Christian background believers hardly experience any restrictions to practice their faith, Muslim Background Believers (MBBs) face pressure within the family and the community sphere. Although religious freedom is guaranteed in the constitution, the government attempts to control religious groups including Christians. Subsequently, the general attitude towards Christians and other non-Muslim minorities is at least equally negative. Subsequently, the main drivers underpinning this persecution engine are officials aligned to the Djiboutian government.

The current government controls the country firmly. Due to their relationship with Western nations, the Djiboutian government, might not want unnecessary curtail the life of Christians. Nevertheless, if Western influence diminishes - for example due to a withdrawal of a Western presence - the position of Christians in general and MBBs in particular might weaken. Moreover, it remains to be seen if and how Djibouti is able to constructively resist Islamic extremist influences.

MAF Mission Project

To date, over \$2000 has been sent to MAF for Android based tablets for the Christian Aboriginal leaders. At \$160 per tablet, we have raised enough money for over 12 tablets. The current program will conclude at the end of this year. If you have idea for a new project, please give Tony the details.

Teaching

1. As Christians we suffer – we are persecuted

2. As Christians we must continue in the Scriptures – which are the very words of God

3. There is an unimaginable and glorious reward waiting for God's people

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