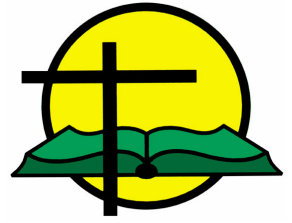


Westview Baptist Church

Sunday February 8th 2015



Need a haircut?

Today we start our next teaching series. We are looking at the book of Ezekiel. The book deals with a man who sees a vision of the glory of God. God speaks to him and tells him to go to a people who will not listen. He is commanded to perform sign-acts to them, some of which are quite bizarre (for instance, cutting his hair with a sword).



Ezekiel was called to a hard task, to go to a hardened people who would not listen. But God through this vision of his glory, through his words spoken and the power of His Spirit prepared Ezekiel and made him ready. Ezekiel whose name means 'May God strengthen' was indeed strengthened by God for the task he was called to. Although the people of Israel would not listen, or turn from their evil. This call to turn went out to the exiles, where Ezekiel was, those who were no longer in the promised land of Israel but captives in Babylon but it was here that God's glory was shown to Ezekiel.

We too the people of God are not yet in our promised land. We are awaiting our eternal home. Ezekiel's vision reminds us that our need too is to see something of the glory of God and out of that vision to live faithful and obedient lives 'while we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ...' (Titus 2:13). Our continual need is to be captivated by the glory of our Great God, and have our lives shaped out of that vision.

Family News

Birthdays for February!

Lyn Low (1/2) |Michelle A. (2/2) |Kath (4/2) |
Jonathan (8/2) turning 1!|Matt (18/2)|Debra (20/2)|Allan (28/2)
And Hayley who has turned 18! (6/2) Happy birthday to each
one. We are so thankful for the gift you are to our family.

Baptism – 22nd Feb

Baptism is practiced by Westview in obedience to Christ's command to baptise people into the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and teach them to obey everything he has commanded. It is an outward sign of an inward reality, but we would fail in teaching people if we baptise and not welcome people into church membership.

On 22nd February, we will have a baptism service for Alex Fuller. Although he has been with us a short time, we rejoice in his desire for baptism in obedience to Jesus. An account of a meeting Tony and JJ had with Alex is available for all to read to introduce Alex to the church community. It is our practice that we welcome him into church membership upon being baptised. The introductory letter will be available electronically and on the back table. It would be affirming for all if you could sign the letter on the back table to note that you have read the letter.

We do thank God for Alex and his journey thus far, and pray that he will feel a welcome part of our church family and able to contribute for the good and well being of our community. As Alex has invited family and friends to attend, if a few people could bring a plate to share for morning tea that would be most appreciated.

Other News

Mission's Project Ideas for 2015

A couple of ideas have been suggested for this years Missions Project through Global Interaction, both in Thailand.

1. Lanternlight ministry in Sangklaburi are helping people with disabilities in this Thai/Myanmar border area have a better opportunity at life through support, rehabilitation and hearing the Good News of Jesus. For more information visit:

<http://www.globalinteraction.org.au/support/projects/ethnic/lanternlight-ministries-%E2%80%93-community-based-rehabili>

2. Quality of life projects done through LIFT. This project helps small projects that improve the living conditions and quality of life of people affected by HIV/AIDS in Thai communities and this support helps fund the visits of the trained staff as well as providing resources for those with identified needs in the local communities. For more information visit:

<http://www.globalinteraction.org.au/support/projects/ethnic/quality-of-life-projects> If you have any other suggestions or questions please speak to Tony or JJ.

WRAP Meeting (Next week) – Our next Westview Review and Planning meeting is coming up next Sunday (15th Feb). This will commence after the service around 11am. This will be a very significant meeting in the life of the church as the Elders share their vision for the church in the future. Please make every effort to attend.

What's happening at Westview?

Thursday Prayer – If you are able please join us thursday mornings in the church hall from 6am to pray together.

New Church Directory – Today is the final day to check today or have your photo taken! Please speak to JJ or Soona.

Homegroups – The below are the Homegroups for this year:

Monday morning: @ Kenning's 10.30am

Tuesday night: @ Juliet Co's (1st and 3rd of the month)

Wednesday night: @ the Arundel's

Thursday night: @ the Bomford's

Friday night: @ the Kwan's (every fortnight)

This is a wonderful way to meet together to encourage one another. If you are not currently in a homegroup and are interested, or if none of these suit please speak to Tony or JJ

PrayerCare 2015 – If you'd like to participate in PrayerCare talk to Wendy or Tony.

Pray for our Persecuted brothers and sisters

Country: Iraq (#3)

Leader: Prime Minister Muri al-Maliki

Population: 35.8 million (Christian: 300,000)

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Parliamentary Democracy

Main Source of Persecution: Islamic Extremism

What is it like for Christians in Iraq?

Persecution for Christians in Iraq increased in every sphere of life, after the militants of Islamic State took hold of numerous towns and cities across Iraq in June 2014, telling Christians they must leave, pay a tax for religious minorities, convert to Islam or they would be killed. As a result many Christians fled, and many are still displaced..read on: <http://www.worldwatchlist.org.au/#!/iraq/ci4d>

Prayer Points:

- For the thousands of refugees who have fled to northern Iraq or to surrounding countries
- For Christians who have been left homeless and without jobs
- That the Islamic State will be turned back and driven out of the Middle East

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