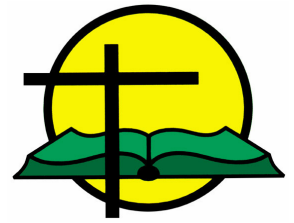


Westview Baptist Church

Sunday February 22nd 2015



Special Baptism Service for: **Alex Fuller**

Today we are having a special baptism service for Alex Fuller.
Please stay back after the service
and join us for some morning tea.



"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."
(Galatians 2:20)

Order of Service

Welcome

Psalm 41

Songs 1 & 2

Communion

Song 3

Reflection on Galatians 2:20-21

Prayer

Baptism

Song 4

Blessing

Family News

WRAP Meeting Minutes – The WRAP minutes from last Sunday are available on the back table or they can be seen electronically [online](#). Within the minutes you will find a vision for Westview in five years time, trying to imagine what we could look like if we accept the vision that has been put before us. The specific vision presented by the Elders and Deacons can be downloaded [online](#) and is also available on the back table. We ask that the whole church would prayerfully consider this and direct any feedback, comments or questions to the Elders and Deacons.

Target Group to be set up

Westview has found great value in using Target Groups (TG's) to assist the church to discern God's direction for us in a way that preserves the harmony of the Spirit as we seek the consensus that He brings about. A TG is authorised by the members' meeting to achieve the task for which it is formed. It has the power to act to achieve the objectives within the bounds of this Constitution while reporting frankly and fully to the church, yet heeding the advice and comments of the church in return. The TG meetings shall be advertised and be open to any person, however it is generally accepted that those who form the first TG (with those who send apologies for not being able to attend) will be committed for the life of the TG.

From the last WRAP meeting, a Special Target Group is to be formed to consider our calling JJ to be an Elder. The TG will make recommendations to a church members' meeting after allowing the church to feedback any thoughts and comments that might be appropriate. The process often takes up to 12 months to complete and may involve meetings on Sunday nights. If you would like to be involved in this Special Target Group, or would like more information, please communicate this to Tony.

Portable CD Player needed – We are currently after a portable CD player for the Friendship group. If you would like to donate one please speak to Kath.

Mission's Project Ideas for 2015

The mission project for 2015 is called the Lanternlight Ministries, a community based rehabilitation program located in Sangklaburi, Thailand. Jit and Jan have been working with others to document over 150 people with disabilities living in the local district. Some of these people have marked disabilities and require frequent visits and therapy. Others only need occasional check-ups. The need is great. Group and community activities, family support, advocacy and the provision of appropriate equipment can all add to one's quality of life. Only about 60% of the people with disabilities in this border area are citizens and thus eligible for a disability card for free hospital treatment and a very small government subsidy. The remaining 40% are refugees and need help from others as they are not eligible for government assistance. Please pray for the work and for Jit and Jan as they minister there. For more information visit the global interaction website: www.globalinteraction.org.au

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.

Evan's High Scripture Seminar – This will be held tomorrow (Monday) all day at Evan's. Please pray that God would provide enough Scripture teachers and that he would work in the lives of the kids to bring them to trust in Jesus.

Community Prayer Night (Tonight) – This will be held in the church building from 7pm tonight.

Pray for our Persecuted brothers and sisters

Country: Afghanistan (#5)

Leader: President Hamid Karzai

Population: 32 million (Christian: Thousands)

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Islamic Republic

Main Source of Persecution: Dictatorial Paranoia

What is it like for Christians in Afghanistan?

All Christians with an Afghan nationality are converts from a Muslim background. If it becomes known that someone has converted to Christianity, he or she faces heavy societal and familial pressure.

If Christians are discovered, they are subject to discrimination, hostility and violent acts from their family, friends and community. Converts are put under heavy pressure to recant their faith.

There is a strong connection to tribe in Afghanistan, and if someone turns from his or her tribe, for example converts to Christianity, there is high pressure to return to tradition. If they refuse to return, they are considered a traitor, and excluded from the community. There is no public Christian church; even expats do not have a place dedicated to Christian worship.

In the past year, three expat Christians were killed because of their Christian faith. Due to vast changes in government in the past year, the church will remain pushed deeply underground.

More info available online: www.worldwatchlist.org.au

Prayer Points:

- That the Afghan government will give freedom to worship to Christians and protect them from the Taliban
- That the small group of Christians will stand strong in their faith and not return to Islam under pressure
- That the constant instability and cycle of war over the last 30 years will end

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