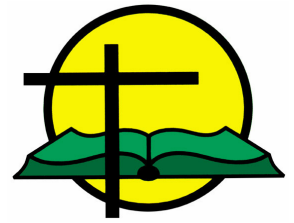


Westview Baptist Church

Sunday May 3rd 2015



Our purpose is to bring glory to God.

We will do this as we:

- 1. Are transformed by enjoying Christ;*
- 2. Love by serving others;*
- 3. And proclaim Jesus by faithfully living in a fallen world*

Welcome Morling College!

This morning we have the pleasure of having students from Morling college joining with us, and one of the lecturers from the college David Starling preach for us.



The students will be joining us from today until Thursday and be involved in various activities during the week. They will be running Scripture classes at Doonside and Crawford public schools, running Bible studies at our Homegroups during the week, and devotionals and testimonies at the Friendship group, and helping us hand out fliers in the new Bungarribee housing area, running our thursday morning prayer time and our community prayer time tonight, coming along to our elders meeting on Monday night, community men's group this coming tuesday night, as well as the service this morning. This is an opportunity for them to serve us and for us to serve them as we share with them during this week.

If anyone is available we would love if people could join us this Tuesday from 2pm to help with the letterbox/door knocking with fliers, it would be great if we had more Westview faces to be able to invite people in the community to come along. Please speak to Tony or JJ if you can be involved.

Family News

Tony & Wendy's Sabbatical from 1st June

Tony and Wendy's one year Sabbatical will be starting in less than a month from now. Lee recently finished his sabbatical and spoke about the principle we practice from the Scriptures and the blessing it has been to him and Michelle. If you didn't get to hear it or would like to again, you can find it [online](#) or speak to Bill for a copy.

It is a principle that seeks to allow time for refreshment and reflection about God's leading and direction for the future. It has and continues to be a blessing not just for those on Sabbatical but for the whole church as we see an example of rest and are benefited by what God teaches those on Sabbatical during that time. We have recently been benefiting by Lee's focus on prayer in our series on prayer.

For Tony and Wendy and us as a church this year is aimed to allow time for refreshment and reflection for them, and discernment for all of us as a church about God's leading for the future. This will be a time where they will be involved in intentional interim ministry and discern further if this might be something that Westview will send them out to do in the future. Please keep them and all these things in your prayers and thinking.

Special Target Group Meeting

Minutes from the last meeting are available on the back table or [online](#). The recommendation thus far is that there is every reason to keep moving forward with the process for recognising JJ as an Elder. The TG recommend that we continue to allow time for feedback and prayer, and to encourage individuals to give feedback that might not just raise concerns, but affirmations.

Nepalese Earthquake

Over 6000 people so far have been killed in Nepal and 8 million people affected by the devastating Earthquake. Please consider giving to support the relief effort, click on the link below for more information on how to give:

<https://www.baptistworldaid.org.au/get-involved/be-generous/nepal-earthquake-appeal/>. We are glad to hear that Upendra's family in Nepal are safe. His youngest brother Nagendra is stranded in Kathmandu and there is a huge shortage of drinking water. Please pray for supplies and relief for them and for all those affected in this country at this time and for the church to be able to show the love of Christ in such tragedy and distress. If you would like more information please speak to Upendra.

Mothers Day gifts from MAF

There is an MAF poster on the notice board and information on the back table about giving a gift of love and life on Mother's Day. Please read these and take what you need to give a special gift to your mother, or just a donation to MAF for these special needs. Please see Lin Low for any more information.

Community Prayer Tonight!

Please come join us for a time of prayer this Sunday night at the church building from 7pm with some of the Morling team.

Soccer in the Park Cancelled

Because of all the rain no soccer, stay tuned for the next one!

Prayer Breakfast this Thursday 6am

All are welcome to join us for this Thursday morning, which will be run by the Morling students. We will meet at 6am, followed by breakfast. If you can make it, speak to Tony

Men's group Tuesday night

This tuesday at the Doonside cottage from 6pm.

Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters

Country: Yemen

Leader: President Abd Rabuh Mansor Hadi

Population: 25.5 million

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Republic

Main Source of Persecution: Islamic Extremism/Tribal Antagonism

The situation in Yemen

In Yemen, Islam is the state religion and Sharia law is in place. Foreigners have some religious freedom but evangelizing is prohibited, as is converting from Islam.

Yemen has seen increased political turmoil and sporadic violence over the last few years as militants and tribal rebels – including Al Qaida affiliated groups - are fighting to gain control of territory. Increased insecurity in Yemen have enabled radical Islamic groups to expand their operations and further persecute Christians.

Yemenis who convert to Christianity may face the death penalty and they face pressure in all spheres in life. They are essentially forced to live in secret. Most Christian converts face violence from both their family and the authorities.

Many Christians are foreigners and are mostly free to worship in one of the few registered churches, although they are particularly susceptible to persecution since they are seen as outsiders.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Yemen.

For more info see: <http://www.worldwatchlist.org.au/>

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