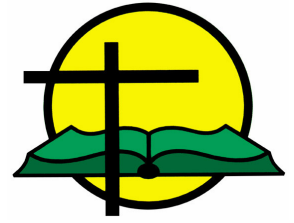


Westview Baptist Church



Sunday May 10th 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*

“Lord, teach us to pray.”

Hopefully we will never stop learning about pray nor how to pray. The disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray and he gave them the beautifully organized pattern of prayer we know today as the Lord’s Prayer.

But it is in devoting ourselves to developing our own prayers, asking ourselves questions that help us refine and remodel our prayers that will most influence how we learn to pray. The reward of persistence in praying, the reward of praying through the scriptures, the reward of being part of the corporate prayer of our church, these things will develop our own patterns of praying.

And then just as we seem to be content with our praying we will learn more about it and about our great God and we will be moved and challenged to deepen our knowledge of these things again, all the while enjoying the reward that a deeper knowledge and understanding of them brings to the praise and glory of His Name.

Family News

Happy Mothers day to all the Mums!

We realise that this day comes with mixed emotions for many. What a blessing that God gives us one another to share this journey with all its up and downs. We are thankful for the Mum's past and present of Westview that God has brought our way. Thank you for the way you serve your families and us.

Some needs and changes for COBIS

The Churches of Blacktown in Schools (COBIS) has been an important ministry for the gospel in Blacktown High Schools for over 15 years, and Westview has been intimately involved in the running of the association. Lee has served as chairperson for the last 18 months under great difficulty with diminishing funds available for the work. His support and care for the workers has been exemplary.

Over many years the decline of other churches involved in the association supporting the work resulted in the possibility of COBIS closing. This emergency situation has prompted several pastors of local churches to re-evaluate their involvement and support resulting in a renewed passion to see it continue. The immediate need is for funds to pass onto the workers for May's wages. The last financial report showed a \$6000 deficit for wages. The immediate needs are presently being made known to many local churches over the next two weeks asking people to give to the work. With the hope that funds will be available, a fresh committee will be formed to take over from those who have been struggling for so long and who will seek new ways to raise the support required. If you would like to give, the easiest way is to go to www.givenow.com.au/supportcobis and a tax deductible receipt will be emailed to you immediately. Cheques can be sent to COBIS, P.O. Box 25 Doonside NSW 2767. Gifts can be given to COBIS through our church, however you will need to talk to Tony if you are wanting a tax deductible receipt.

What's happening at Westview?

Accommodation for Matt & Becky

Please see [online](#) or at the back table the details regarding things we need to consider as a church regarding their situation.

Mother's Day gifts from MAF

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

Brand New Westview Flyers!

A big thanks to Greater West for Christ who have designed and printed for free 5000 flyers for us and are continuing to offer that service to us and the churches of Western Sydney. Please take 150-200 for yourself and drop them off around your local area if you are able to do so. We letterbox dropped a few hundred in the new Bungarribee area as well as other parts of Doonside this week. Please ask the Lord to use this to bring people along and to create an interest and ultimately a trust in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. If you would like to be involved in letterbox dropping around the Doonside area with these new flyers please speak to Tony or JJ.

Community Prayer Night 24th May

All welcome to join us from 7pm in the church building.

Soccer in the Park 24th May

Put it in your diary! All welcome. 2pm, Charlie Bali Reserve

Any Maintenance/Property Issues?

For any questions or issues related to the church property please speak to our property care co-ordinator Tony Kenning.

Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters

Country: Uzbekistan

Leader: President Islom Karimov

Population: 29.7 million

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Republic

Main Source of Persecution: Islamic Extremism/ Dictatorial Paranoia

The situation in Uzbekistan

The regime of President Islam Karimov continues to restrict the freedom of religion. Christian converts from a Muslim background face many problems from their family, friends and community.

In the past year, the oppression of Christians has been constant. Although the government denies it, there is evidence of violence against Christians. Frequently, houses of Christians are raided, with books and other materials confiscated. Often the state monitors and heavily fines undue religious movements in order to control them. Occasionally Christians face severe pressure through means of interrogation and sometimes rape.

There is also the fear of an influx of Islamic jihadists, and the dire human rights situation in the country at the moment.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Uzbekistan.

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

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