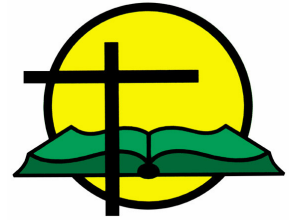


Westview Baptist Church

Sunday June 7th 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*

What is an elder/pastor?

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honour, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." – 1 Timothy 5:17

The church gets its leadership from Jesus Christ who is the head of the church. Under Christ, the local body is the final authority in the church, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the word of God. God calls some members of the local body to lead and feed as servants of Christ and his people. So the local body, under Christ and by his word and Spirit, uses its authority to recognise those God has called and enabled to fulfil these roles as elders. The local body then puts their trust in these leaders and learns from their teaching and follows their example. So the relationship between congregation and leaders is vital in the effective operation of the local church if it is to fulfil its responsibilities under Christ.

"Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you." – Hebrews 13:17

Family News

Bob Stock in Hospital

Bob is still in Westmead hospital being treated for his pain. Doctors are still working to manage his pain in a way that would mean he would be able to come home and take oral pain medication. Until this point the pain has not been under control in a way that would allow him to come home. Please continue to pray for Bob and his family, and for wisdom for the doctors and those caring for him. We do live in such a wonderful country with such a high level of care. Bob has very much appreciated the love, care and prayers from our church family. Our desire along with Bob's is that he will be home soon, and be back here with us. But we can trust – along with Bob – that God is good and in control through all of this.

Birthdays for June!

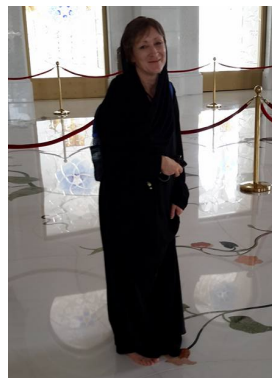
Happy birthday to all the June babies! Jake Smith had his birthday on Friday the 5th. Sandra Burgess's is on the 15th and Lee's on the 28th! We wish you all a wonderful day and are thankful to God for the blessing each of you are to our church family. (Sorry if we missed yours! If your birthday has been missed please see Trish Quigley who will note it down).

A change for church giving boxes

Starting from this Sunday (7th) to avoid confusion, there will only be one giving box on the back table. There are a bunch of pre-marked 'mission project' envelopes that can be used to support this years missions project (Jit and Jan's ministry with disabled people in Thailand) and there are also blank envelopes if you would like to specify something else (e.g. MAF, etc.). Please do not seal the envelopes so that they can be reused. Please note that all money not put into envelopes or unmarked will be treated as intended for the regular church giving. If you have any questions please speak to Allan our treasurer.

Tony and Wendy on holidays!

Tony and Wendy have started their 2 months overseas and are enjoying themselves. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to relax and refresh themselves after serving us so faithfully for so long.



It's a good reminder and example for us all to make sure we take time out to rest, relax and refresh ourselves in the busyness that life can bring... even if it's not going overseas! :)

What's coming up?

Soccer in the Park 14th June

All are welcome for some soccer in the Park from 2pm next Sunday (14th June) at Charlie Bali Reserve Doonside.

WRAP Meeting 21st June

We will be having our next '**W**estview **R**eview and **P**lanning' meeting on the 21st June after the morning service. All are invited and welcome to stay back to spend some time together to reflect, discuss and plan for the future together. One matter which will be discussed is the proposed plan for a tenancy 12 month lease agreement for the Preece family for the church flat. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this arrangement please speak to Lee, JJ or one of the deacons.

Maintenance questions or concerns?

Thanks to Tim, Bob Muir, David Rollason, Tony Kenning, and Tony Calman and all those who have helped with work on the deck, door and stairs! It looks great! If you have any questions or concerns about anything to do with the church building/site maintenance please speak to Tony Kenning.

Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters

Country: Kenya

Leader: President Uhuru Kenyatta

Population: 46.8 million

Main Religion: Christianity

Government: Republic

Main Source of Persecution: Islamic Extremism

The situation in the Kenya

Kenya has seen the most dramatic shift in persecution on the World Watch List this year - rising from 43 last year to 19. The reason for this jump is a significant rise in Islamic extremism, especially in Nairobi, Northeast, and Coastal regions. Throughout the majority of the country, Christians also experienced intensified pressure in all areas of life.

Homegrown radical Muslims and militants crossing the border from Somalia are severely persecuting Christians. The government has failed to adequately deal with the problem and perpetrators usually go unpunished.

The government is also pushing a secularist agenda, which impacts the Church in Kenya by opposing Christian values. Kenyan Christians will likely face deteriorating persecution if the government fails to intervene.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Kenya

For more information visit: <http://www.worldwatchlist.org.au/>

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