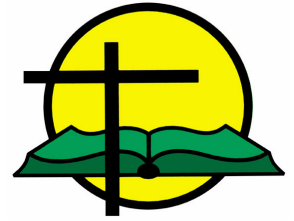


Westview Baptist Church



Sunday June 14th 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 a deacon?

God has given his people each gifts for the building up of his church. Each of his children is a gift to the local body for its mutual building up in love. God in his wisdom has called some in his church to be elders – to shepherd, lead and guide his flock by the Scriptures, and he has called some to be deacons – to take care of the everyday needs of the church in a way that allows the elders to focus on shepherding. Both roles and responsibilities are needed, that is why God has given us both.

Furthermore, we are all needed, every member of the local body of Christ has been given gifts for the building up of one another so that God might be praised and glorified in and by the church of Christ. We do well to thank God for, pray for, and to support those God has given for these roles and always ourselves to be seeking to be a blessing and encouragement to one another.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:10-11

Family News

Update on Bob

Bob continues to battle a long at Westmead Hospital with his pain. It has been very hard to control. He is now on 3 x 30mg of Methadone 3 times a day. Until this point the pain (particularly in the mornings) has been incredibly severe for Bob. The hope is still that the pain will soon be managed to a point that he can leave hospital. Please continue to pray for him, it is of course hard to be at hospital for such a long time and he would love to leave soon. He continues to be thankful for the staff and for your prayers and support, and a great example to us all. Thanks be to God!

Prayer for the Harvey family

Bill and Esme would value your prayer. Their son Ben is due to have abdominal surgery this Wednesday (17th), recovery is expected to take at least 6 weeks but only on Thursday Ben's wife Mel was diagnosed with thyroid cancer, although they have caught it early it is a 4cm mass (contained) she will need to have surgery within the next 30 days. Please pray for Ben and Mel and their 5 kids during this time, and for Bill and Es as they support and help out during this difficult time.

A change for church giving boxes

Just a reminder that there is now only 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.

What's coming up?

Soccer in the Park 14th June

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

FGBM's Dinner Monday 15th

The next dinner is on Monday 15/06/2015. Please speak to John Szilard if you would like more information.

Community Prayer Night 28th June

Our next community prayer night will be on Sunday 28th June from 7pm. This is a great opportunity to pray together for our church and our community. All are welcome.

WRAP Meeting 21st June

We will be having our next '**W**estview **R**evue 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: Turkmenistan

Leader: President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov

Population: 5.4 million

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Autocratic

Main Source of Persecution: Islamic Extremism/Dictatorial Paranoia

The situation in Turkmenistan

Under the regime of President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov, Turkmenistan is considered to be one of the most restrictive countries in the world. With a system of restricted religious freedom and almost total state control, Christian persecution remains severe, with constant surveillance and many meetings raided. Any meetings, youth work, or training have to be done in secret.

As such, it comes as no surprise that incidents infringing on freedom of religion are rarely reported. Although one example is a Christian prisoner who was arrested in 2012 and sentenced to four years' imprisonment on charges of hooliganism following an argument with neighbours. Christian witnesses claim that his charges were so severe because of his Christian faith. Additionally, Christian converts from a Muslim background face great pressure from their family, friends and community.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Turkmenistan

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

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