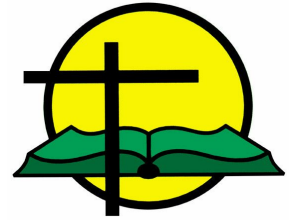


# Westview Baptist Church

Sunday June 21st 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 church family member?**

Is membership or belonging to a local church important? Why?  
What makes someone a member of the local church?

God's word tells us that it is. Whether formally or not as followers of Jesus we are all members of the same body – the body of Christ. We are his church. We have been given different gifts for the building up of one another in Christ for God's glory and praise. We are equal in Christ, but made differently for the good of one another and not for pride's sake.

God tells us in his word not to "*give up meeting together*" but to "*encourage one another – and all the more as [we] see the Day [of Jesus' return] approaching.*" In an age of non commitment and of individualistic culture the church is to be different. The local body are given to each other for each person's good and building up until God takes us home or calls us elsewhere. It is to our own detriment and harm to not commit to a local body.

We are a family, we need each other. That is why God gives us each other. Because as Paul writes to believers: **"...you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."**

## **Family News**

### **Update on Bob**

Bob has come out of hospital this week which is great news and an answer to many prayers! Bob will no longer be able to live on his own and is going to be living with his daughter Brenda and her husband down in Kangaroo Valley. This is wonderful for Bob because it means he will receive the care that he needs and be comfortable with his family. Of course this comes with sadness as well as he won't be close by and able to join us on Sunday's and the mid week Friendship Groups. This is a time of big change for him and for all of those who love him dearly. If you would like more details please speak to the elders or deacons.

### **Harvey family news update**

Thanks to all who have been praying for the Harvey family. Ben has his operation on his abdomen on Wednesday which went well. The doctors are happy with the outcome. His wife Mel had her appointment with the specialist also who confirmed that she has to have the right side of her thyroid removed, which is the only way to see if it is cancerous or not. The specialist does think that it is benign, but the pathology results will take up to a week after the procedure is done which going through the public system will be 3-6 months. Please pray for them, it would be wonderful if this procedure could happen sooner. The Harvey's wanted to thank people for their prayers.

### **Questions for QBOX Sunday**

In a few weeks time we are having a Question Box Sunday where we allow anyone who has a question, to put it into the giving box and we will do our best to address this question from the Scriptures. If you have a question please put it into the giving box (you do not need to write your name) and we will endeavour to address it. Thank you.

## **What's coming up?**

### **WRAP Meeting this Sunday (21st June)**

We will be having our next '**W**estview **R**eview **a**nd **P**lanning' this Sunday 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.

### **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.

### **Men's community group - Tuesday 7th July**

The next men's community group night is on Tuesday 7th July from 6pm for dinner. It is a good opportunity to meet some other men from the community. Please do pray that more men from the area might come along. Let JJ know if you can make it.

### **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:** India

**Leader:** President Pranab Mukherjee

**Population:** 1.29 billion

**Main Religion:** Hinduism

**Government:** Federal Republic

**Main Source of Persecution:** Religious Nationalism

### **The situation in India**

All types of Christianity are affected by persecution in India, but Christian converts from a Hindu background and non-traditional Protestant groups are suffering most. A new Hindu government (in power since May 2014, led by Hindu hardliner Narendra Modi of the Bharatiya Janata Party, or BJP) is radicalising society. At the top level the influence of fundamentalist Hindus has increased. A number of states have adopted anti-conversion legislation. Hindu radicals have started monitoring Christian activity in much detail - many of them have planted spies in churches.

Violence against Christians in India is rampant and occurs especially in the states where BJP is ruling. Reports on pastors and church members beaten up because of allegations of conversion are frequent, sometimes Christians are even killed. Since November 2013, church buildings as well as homes of Christians were destroyed and many converts had to flee their homes, including Christians of the 'untouchable' Dalit caste. Incidents of violence are increasing in number and occur almost daily.

**Please pray for our brothers and sisters in India**

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