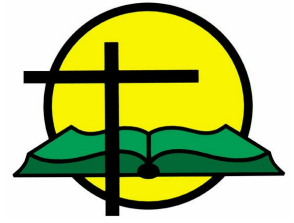


Westview Baptist Church



June – July School Holidays Edition 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 Worship?

When the bible talks about the worship of God it is referring to a total attitude of devotion, a cherishing, a treasuring of God. We were created to worship God, and while many people seek to fulfil that need to worship by looking for anything other than God to devote themselves to, the people of God have the privilege of applying themselves totally to the worship of the Creator God.

And worship is not limited to a special time or place, but applies to all of life for those who follow Jesus. The essence of worship lies in our vision of God, and our vision of Him is found in the truth of His Word and His indwelling Holy Spirit who leads us into all truth.

All people worship something high enough to build their lives around, but the people of God have the joy of dedicating themselves, offering themselves as living sacrifices, to the worship of our Lord God Almighty.

Family News

Update on Bob

Bob is settling in well down in Kangaroo Valley. He says he is receiving great love and care and that the family have worked so hard to make a lovely bedroom up for him with hangings and paintings. He feels right at home there. The doctors have been coming and he was very impressed with the doctor who spent an hour and a half getting to know him. His pain is still a battle but he says that he is gradually winning. He sends his love to everyone.

Minutes available from the WRAP meeting

Thanks to all who were able to stay back last week for our WRAP meeting. It was a great time together to be able to reflect on the life of our church over the past few months and to discuss some of the things in the life of our church community. In the meeting the Preece's 12 month lease in the church flat was agreed upon which will commence sometime in July. The minutes for this meeting are available [online](#) or on the back table. Our next WRAP, the annual meeting is on 18th October.

Membership at Westview

We have had some people request to be recognised as members of our church. This is a gift to our church community. If anyone would like to find out more about membership or is interested in going through this process, even if you are unsure as to whether you are a member or not please speak to Lee.

What's coming up?

Soccer in the Park – Sunday 19th July – 2pm!

All are welcome on Sunday July 19th from 2pm for Soccer in the Park at Charlie Bali Reserve. Please feel free to invite anyone along. This is a great opportunity to build relationships with people from the community, get exercise, and to have fun!

Community Prayer Night – Sunday 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.

Friendship Group returns 15th July

The Wednesday Friendship Group is on break during the school holidays and will return on the 15th with a bus trip and lunch. If are interested please speak to Kath.

Maintenance questions or concerns?

If you have any questions or concerns about anything to do with the church building maintenance please speak to Tony Kenning.

Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters

Country: Ethiopia

Leader: President Mulata Teshome Wirtu

Population: 98.9 million

Main Religion: Christianity (mainly Orthodox)

Government: Federal Republic

Main Source of Persecution: Islamic Extremism/Ecclesiastical arrogance

The situation in Ethiopia

At present, the main sources of persecution affecting Christians in Ethiopia are 'Islamic extremism' and 'Ecclesiastical arrogance'. 'Dictatorial paranoia' and 'Tribal antagonism' are secondary persecution engines. There are four main sources of persecution (persecution engines); primarily 'Islamic extremism' and 'Ecclesiastical arrogance', and secondary persecution engines of 'Dictatorial paranoia' and 'Tribal antagonism'. These four persecution engines make complex persecution dynamics in the country. They exert pressure on Christians in all spheres of life: private, family, community, national and church.

Despite the many sources of persecution, the country remains silent on the persecution of Christians: the persecutors don't speak loudly and Christians suffer in silence. Persecution due to the rise in Islamic extremism affects all types of Christianity. The Ethiopian Orthodox Church (EOC) mainly orchestrates persecution of non-traditional Protestant churches and Christians who join the renewal movements within the EOC. Furthermore, pressure from government and tribal leaders has made life difficult for Christians and there were many violent incidents influenced by Islamic extremism.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Ethiopia

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