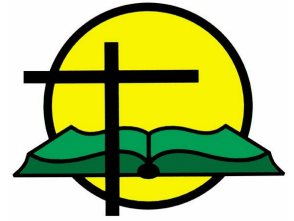


Westview Baptist Church



25th October 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*

Jonah 3-4

When God speaks we do well to listen. The story of Jonah, tucked away in the deepest pages of the Old Testament, surrounded by books named after prophets whose names are as incredible as the message they contain, is the story of someone who didn't want to listen to God. Jonah, a prophet, a missionary, the messenger of God to a city desperately ignorant in its sin, rebellious, petulant, impertinent and angry, is both the recipient of God's wonderful provision and of His discipline. This little book reveals through its short chapters the fickleness of the human heart and the grace, compassion and sovereignty of the Creator God whose heart longs for all people to return to Him.

Jonah is not so much a story about a man who is swallowed by a fish and protected by a vine, but about the grace of our God who perseveres with His troubled prophet, allowing us to learn about this grace through Jonah's experiences. In the end we are left asking a lot of questions about Jonah: what happened to him? Did he relent from his hard heart? Did he repent of his stubbornness? But we are not left guessing about the God of all grace who pours out His grace on everyone. What will be your response to this little book of extraordinary events, miraculous episodes and amazing grace?

Family News

Welcoming into Church Membership

Today we formally welcome the Co family and Lin Low into formalised church membership. 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. 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 ourselves to a local body – whether formally or not. We are a family, we need each other. That is why God gives us each other. Because as believers: "...you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." Formal church membership is a gift to our church, because it formalises the intention to 'do life' together as a body of believers. It also informs our government about 'who' make up Westview Baptist Church. If formal church membership is something that you would like to consider yourself or would like to ask more questions about then please speak to Lee or JJ.

Treasurer and Administrator Positions Up For Renewal

This Sunday we have a WRAP meeting following the service. As part of this meeting, every 2 years the positions of Treasurer and Administrator are reset to be filled again. Allan and Lee have indicated they will be happy to fill these positions again, but we are always looking for those interested in being involved in these roles. Particularly we are looking for someone who might be interested in the Treasurer role in the future. If this something that you might consider or be interested in please speak to Lee or JJ. Thank you.

What's Coming Up @ Westview

Sunday Community Prayer **25th October 7pm**

There will be a time of prayer at the church building from 7pm for those who are able to come along. This usually goes for around an hour. If you have any questions please speak to Lee or JJ.



5:2 Diet. **Next Meal: Lamentations**

Please take some time to read through the book of Lamentations as we begin looking at it next Sunday.



Sunday Community Prayer **1st November 8:15am**

There will be a time of prayer at the church building from 8:15am for those who are able to come along. If you have any questions please speak to Lee or JJ.



Soccer in the Park **8th November 2pm**

All welcome. Charlie Bali Reserve Doonside. From 2pm. Any questions? Speak to JJ.



A stage play on the book of Esther!

Andrew Rollason has come up with an great idea (and a draft Script!) for a stage play on the book of Esther. At the moment the idea is that we will have a night early in December where we will invite family, friends and anyone along to enjoy the play. There are quite a few roles needed! If you have any other ideas for the night or play as a whole, or would like to be involved in it then please speak to Andrew or JJ.



Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters

Country: Colombia **Leader:** President Juan Manuel Santos Calderon
Population: 49.5 million **Main Religion:** Christianity (Roman Catholicism)
Government: Republic
Main Source of Persecution: Organized Corruption/Tribal Antagonism

All Christians can become victims of Organized corruption by criminal groups, however, those affected tend to be outspoken Christians who play prominent roles in social or public life, or those in leadership positions both at community and national levels. Within indigenous communities, especially the autonomous territories of Colombia, converts to Christianity are considered a threat to their power and to indigenous ancestral traditions. There are repeated examples of intolerance toward Christians in mainstream society, particularly in public universities.

Levels of faith-related violence in Colombia, that are attributed to Organized corruption and Tribal antagonism, are high. Numerous Christians have been displaced from their lands, violence targeting Christian women is on the increase and church sermons are monitored. In areas where the government has lost control of public security, drug cartels and illegal armed groups still continue to operate with impunity. This means that Christians will continue to be targeted for persecution because of their presence as an alternative pillar of society and their witness through their involvement in social and political activities.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Colombia



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