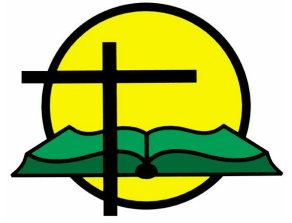


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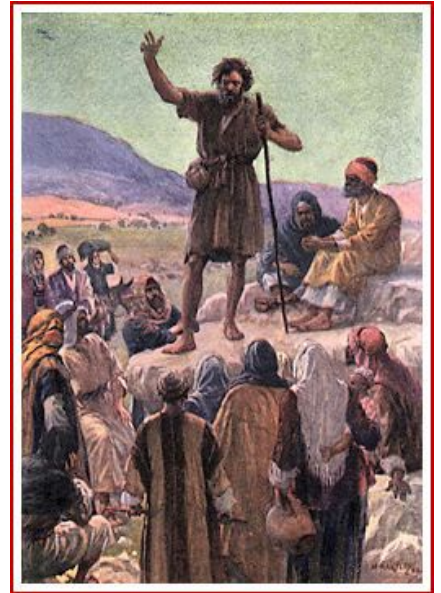


Our purpose is to bring glory to God.

We will do this as we: Are transformed by enjoying Christ; Love by serving others; and proclaim Jesus by faithfully living in a fallen world

Continuing through the gospel of Luke over the summer...

Luke continues to make known the good news, the message of salvation come down from heaven to earth, firstly from an angel to Zechariah and Mary, then to shepherds and now through Elizabeth and Zechariah's son, John.



Filled with the Holy Spirit since before his birth, John preaches repentance for the forgiveness of sins, but his audience may find his manner offensive. But John's message makes it abundantly clear that there is no other way to God's salvation except through His Son Jesus Christ.

The word of God came to John in the desert, it comes to us today at the end of another year with the anticipation of the next one imminent. And the message is the same: righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Family News

Countdown to Bible in a year! – Starting January 1st!

Are you ready? Do you have a plan? Electronic via the web and email www.oneyearbibleonline.com or smart phone or tablet app such as You Version, or the paper plan on the back table? Whatever your method, get ready now for the 1st January when we are going to read through the bible in one year (or if that is too much, there are other options like the New Testament).

Don't miss out on being ready for January 1!

For more information please speak to JJ or Lee.

Westview joining with Blacktown Baptist 17th January!

Through the help and support of Tony and Wendy in their first intentional interim ministry, Blacktown Baptist has now unanimously appointed to Josh Duncan to be called as their new Pastor. This is wonderful news for the local body, for us the wider body, and for Western Sydney. We have decided that we will join Blacktown Baptist on the 17th January as they welcome Josh and his family. *Please note that on January 17th we will be joining with Blacktown Baptist at their church property (Cnr Sackville & Harold Streets, Blacktown), and there will be no service at our church hall. It will be a great morning to share in.

Bob's new email

Our dear Bob Stock is doing well down in the Valley. He has though changed his email address. His email now is:

bobstock408@gmail.com This will be the email he now uses.

Update on June Davies

June is still in hospital, she is not at the moment very well. She sends her love and wishes for a happy Christmas to all her church family. Please continue to remember her in your prayers.

Scripture teachers and helpers – would you consider it?

Our state of NSW has unparalleled access to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in our local primary and public high schools through Scripture and lunch time groups. There is always a need for more Scripture teachers, there are always opportunities to either teach or help support those teaching through helping out with things like powerpoints or meeting the kids or chatting with them before and after the class or at lunch time groups.

Next year there will be a lunch time group starting at Doonside High, we also desire and plan to continuing to teach Scripture at Crawford and Doonside primary schools weekly, and to help teach the Scripture seminars at Mitchell and Evans High schools, which are once a term at each school. Would you consider giving up a day a week, or a day a term to come in and help teach or support this work? There is training available and you would not be forced to do anything you are not comfortable doing. Please consider this wonderful opportunity, and for more speak to JJ. *Please continue to pray for these schools and the workers in these schools as kids hear the truth of Jesus. Thank you so much for your prayers & support in 2015!*

What's Coming Up?

Continuing through Luke

Below are listed the passages on Luke we will be covering over the summer period. If possible please take some time during the weeks to look and think over these before each Sunday:

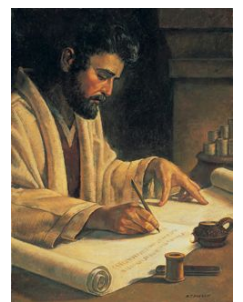
Sunday 3rd Jan: Luke 4:16-6:49

Sunday 10th Jan: Luke 7:1-8:21

Sunday 17th Jan: Blacktown Baptist

Sunday 24th Jan: Luke 8:22-9:50

Sunday 31st Jan: Luke 9:51-11:13



Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters

Country: Sri Lanka **Leader:** President Mahinda Rajapaksa

Population: 21.6 million **Main Religion:** Buddhism

Government: Socialist democratic republic

Main Source of Persecution: Religious nationalism

Overview of Sri Lanka

Officially, as a socialist democratic republic, Sri Lanka is a secular state. However, its constitution puts Buddhism first and promotes Buddhism as the state religion. This condition strengthens the Buddhist radicals' power over religious minorities, such as Christians. The majority of Sri Lanka's population is Buddhist. Every citizen is perceived to be a Buddhist. Not only are the Tamil Christians treated as second-class citizens, but also the Sinhalese ethnic Christians are looked at with suspicion and frequently slandered and attacked. Christians continue to be monitored and threatened by Buddhist monks, sometimes accompanied by mobs. That is also why Christians have become cautious in collecting Christian materials or meeting privately, let alone talking to others about their faith.

Please Pray:

- > For Christian children who are denied of enrollment in public schools because of their parents' faith
- > For Buddhist fundamentalists to no longer treat Christians as second-class citizens
- > That Christian converts from Buddhism will keep their faith as they face intense pressure from their family and communities

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka



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