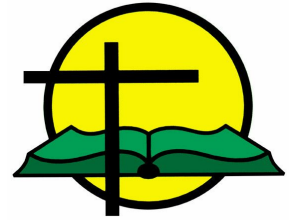


Westview Baptist Church

Sunday 7th February 2016



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

Dedication Service for: Timothy Matthew Preece

Today is a very significant day for Matt and Becky, of thanks and praise, and of dedication to God of their son Timothy. It is a significant morning for their family, and it is wonderful that Matt's family can join with us this morning, and that Becky's mother Diane all the way from the US can be with us this morning.



We welcome you (and y'all) this morning!

It is a significant day in the life of our church community as we too give thanks to God for him. This morning we commit this beautiful young child to our God and we commit his parents as they seek to raise Timothy to know and treasure Jesus above all things.

All are welcome to stay back for a special morning tea after the service as we celebrate this joy and gift from the Lord together.

Today's passage on Luke 11:14-13:21

Jesus has resolutely set out on his last journey to Jerusalem where he will endure humiliation, indignity, pain and death for the sake of a fallen race. But on this journey he will continue to teach about the kingdom of God, reveal the glory of his Father in heaven and through his actions and interactions with many people minister God's grace to many along the way. And while Jesus will address many issues, be accused of being from Satan, be asked to intervene in domestic disputes and cause offence by healing people on the Sabbath, he always has the message of hope in God's plan of salvation for humankind front and centre of his ministry. But nothing will threaten the success of his message reaching people, both in Palestine 2000 years ago and today in western Sydney, that the determination of people to pursue the other god, wealth and material possessions. Getting right our management of our finances, living kingdom style in the face of the world's attitudes to money isn't always easy. But Jesus has left us good teaching and principles to follow, recorded for us in Luke's gospel, to help us pursue God's way rather than the deceptive, hollow, temporary call of the pursuit of wealth.

Westview Church Fliers and Tracts

We will soon be working through distributing the Westview church fliers and gospel tracts into all the mailboxes in Doonside. If you are able to and would like to help please speak to JJ. ***Please do be praying that God would use this** to bring people to treasure His Son above all things!

Update on Sandra Burgess

After Sandra's operation on her knee earlier in the week, she is recovering well and should be out of Hornsby Hospital shortly. Please pray for her in this time of recovering.

Homegroups/Bible study groups in 2016

Are you currently in a Homegroup for this year? God has given us one another, and one of the best tools for being in one another's lives, sharing and reading the Word and praying together is through weekly small groups. At the moment we currently have groups at these times: Monday daytime (weekly), Tuesday night time (fortnightly), Wednesday night time (weekly), Thursday night time (weekly) and Friday night time (fortnightly). If you are not currently in a Homegroup can we encourage you to speak to JJ or Lee about joining one.

February Birthdays

A happy birthday to Lin Low (1/2), Kath (4/2), Raaya Tiko (5/2), Hayley (6/2), Jonathan (8/2), his father Matthew (18/2), Debra Huckstepp (20/2), Allan (28/2). Wishing you all a wonderful day!

Passage For Teaching Next Week (14th Feb): Luke 13:22-14:6

Why not make some time to read over the passage during the week

WRAP Meeting Sunday February 14th

This meeting will be held directly after our morning service. All are welcome to attend. If you have anything for the agenda speak to Lee.



Indoor Soccer Sunday February 21st 2pm-4pm

Because of the heat we will have some 'soccer in the indoors'. We will be using Emerton Leisure Centre (35 Jersey Rd, Emerton). Depending on numbers the cost will be around \$6 each. Let JJ know if you intend to come.



Community Prayer Night Sunday February 28th 7-8pm

The meeting is held at the church property.



Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters

Country: Mexico **Leader:** President Enrique Pena Nieto

Population: 122 million **Main Religion:** Christian

Government: Federal Republic

Main Source of Persecution: Organised Corruption

One of the most violent countries

Known as one of the most violent countries in the world, Mexico has struggled with a growing trend of violence and crime. This violence is causing persecution for Christians, as well as believers receiving pressure from tribal opposition and within different denominations.

Threats from drug cartels

Although over 95% of the Mexican population is Christian, the church faces diverse persecution. Churches and Christian institutions are targeted by drug cartels making threats and extortion of Pastors commonplace. Since the 1950's, there has been a growing presence of various protestant, evangelical and Pentecostal movements in the country, largely in the southeastern region. There is also a growing number of indigenous Mexicans who have become Christians over the past two decades.

Threat of kidnapping

There are a number of rural villages that ignore the Mexican constitution, instead abiding by the indigenous laws. They oppose Christians and believe that they are attempting to undermine their culture. Attending church services increases the threat of kidnapping, and youths are at risk of being recruited into gangs. Christians who are involved in drug rehabilitation programs or youth work are perceived as being a threat to the drug trade and cartels. There is widespread surveillance of church activities by members of drug cartels.

Please Pray:

- > For harmony with indigenous communities.
- > For Christians experiencing threats and violence, that they will endure in their faith.
- > For unity among denominations, that God's church act as one body of Christ.



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