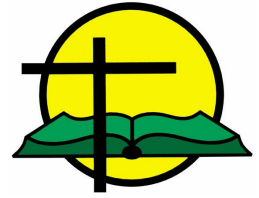


Westview Baptist Church



Sunday 14th 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

The Door into God's Kingdom will soon be closed.

Entry into God's everlasting kingdom of joy and peace is coming to an end. The narrow door that is open will soon be closed. God in His grace has sent His beloved Son to die for our sins, to through faith in Jesus allow entry into His everlasting kingdom of joy and peace. God leaves open the door to everlasting life only in Jesus. He was not required to open the door. He could have closed the door thousands of years before. But in the greatness of His mercy, in the richness of His undeserved grace, He has opened a door to everlasting joy and peace in His kingdom... But that door will soon be closed. Forever closed. Will you enter today through faith in Jesus? Will you turn from sin and trust in Jesus?

Jesus says here in our passage this Sunday, "When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth..." (Luke 13). Trust in God's free offer of forgiveness and eternal life through His Son Jesus. Turn to Him today while He graciously leaves open the door, for it will not always be so... Jesus says: "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.

Family News

Friends of Global Interaction Cumberland Area

"Friends of Global Interaction is a support group for our own Baptist mission work. It is a time to personally meet people who are on Home Assignment (Furlough) from their work of sharing the gospel amongst some of the least-reached people groups in the world. It is also a time to learn more about their work and to pray for our church's work in other countries. We have a wonderful time of sharing and praying and finish the day, if you are able to stay, as we share lunch and catch up with each other. (We bring our own lunch and tea and coffee is supplied.) The meeting is held the 4th Thursday of the month, starting at 10.30am, at Pendle Hill Baptist Church with morning tea available from 10am."

Reading the Bible in a Year

How's it all going? We hope that you are finding it overall a helpful, encouraging and growing experience. If you are reading through the Bible in 2016 and you are struggling to keep up, don't forget there is always free resources to listen to the Bible online (www.biblegateway.com), or if you are struggling or having questions about things you are reading (as I do!) there are great free video overviews (www.jointhebibleproject.com), or if you do not have internet access please speak to JJ and we can sort out a way to get these resources to you. Please feel free to direct questions you might be having or things you are struggling to understand to our elders, who are always available for any questions you might have. Or why not throw a question (even anonymously) into the wooden box and we will seek to address it at our next Question Box Sunday.

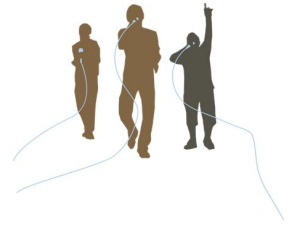
What's Coming Up?

Passage For Teaching Next Week: Question Box Sunday

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.



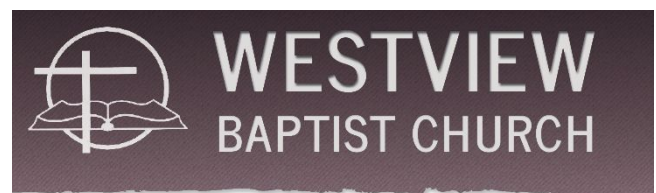
Indoor Soccer Sunday February 21st 2pm-4pm

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.



Doonside Letterbox Drop

On Saturday 27th February, for those who are willing and able we will be meeting at the church property at 8:30am and then we will go around Doonside for a few hours putting fliers and tracts from our church into Mailboxes in the area. If you would like to be involved please meet at the church at 8:30am or see JJ for further details. Please be praying God will use this.



Westview are a "people learning to live Jesus' way",
a journey of faith we would encourage everyone to undertake.

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO JOIN US ON A SUNDAY.

Community Prayer Night Sunday February 28th 7-8pm

The meeting is held at the church property. All are welcome. Speak to Lee for any further details.



Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters

Country: Kuwait **Leader:** Amir Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jabir al-Sabah

Population: 2.8 million **Main Religion:** Islam

Government: Constitutional Emirate

Main Source of Persecution: Islamic Extremism

Pressure from Islamic State

Kuwait has been heavily impacted by the Islamic State (IS), increasing pressure on Christians in an already oppressive country. To combat this the government has increased restrictions on religion, making life even harder for Christians who are now caught between an extremist group and a controlling government. The government requires Islamic religious instruction for all students in state and private schools. Teaching Christianity is prohibited, even to legally recognised Christian groups.

An expatriate religion

Protestantism entered Kuwait in 1903, and Catholicism in 1911. Since then, Christianity has been associated with the expatriate community. Christians from other countries can gather informally for worship. Four denominations are registered and have compounds where they can gather, but these are too small for the number of people who meet there. The situation is much more difficult for converts from Islam, who face relentless persecution.

Fear to change religion

Muslim background believers face severe persecution, especially from family and community. Changing religion is not legally permitted and doing so can cause legal issues for individuals. Converts risk discrimination, harassment, police monitoring of their activities, and intimidation by vigilante groups. In the past, a significant number of Kuwaitis were tolerant towards non-Muslim residents. However this has changed with Islamic Extremist groups increasing in popularity.

Please Pray:

- > For the nation of Kuwait, that God would effect change here that will allow true freedom of religion to all people.
- > That Christians who have converted from Islam may stay strong in their faith.
- > Pray for Islamic Extremists groups to begin losing influence with people.



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