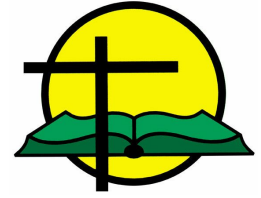


Westview Baptist Church



Sunday 12th June 2016

Hebrews 13

Truth gives birth to worship and fruitful living

Our section is the last section from the letter of Hebrews. It really is an outworking of what has come before. The unshakable kingdom of God (12:18-23), the eternal city of God – that His children are receiving from Him should lead rightly to gratefulness – acceptable worship, with reverence and awe – for our God is a consuming fire. For those who have been spared from God's deserved just and righteous wrath and punishment for their sin. For those who have been forgiven and washed – and even more have been made God's children in Christ... we are now a people marked by gratefulness (or thankfulness).

We are a worshipful, thankful people and this means that we live changed lives. The exhortations (the urgings) to live this holy life of loving obedience to God come out of (are birthed from) the change that God has brought within by His Holy Spirit. He has in Christ promised us an eternal, unshakable city. This Holy God has called us even His very own children in Christ! Heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ! So all these calls (like with the rest of the New Testament) issue out of the work that God has done in Christ and of His Spirit within us. He has enabled us to see and to treasure Christ and so to live in light of our new identity, our new reality, our new Treasure.

So this love for one another, this hospitality and care for others, the valuing and honouring of spouses in the marriage covenant, the imitation of leaders and obedience to them, the prayer and ultimately the imitation of Jesus our Saviour in his example of suffering issue out of and are fueled by all that God has done, is doing, and will do for those who He has set His love upon.

Family News

Property Issues for the upcoming WRAP Meeting

At our last Elders/Deacons meeting, we considered the various needs for the Doonside property. Three items will be brought to the WRAP meeting from the Elders/Deacons which will be presented as priorities:

1. **New Carpet:** The present carpet is no longer deemed safe and does little to make the property pleasant in appearance. A suitable replacement will be sourced.
2. **Air Conditioning:** For almost 2 years we have been patiently waiting for a local Christian AC mechanic to supply and install a system at a minimum price. As that is no longer an option, we will present options to the meeting. As we consider the comfort and health (particularly for some within our church community), we believe that we should make this a priority.
3. **AED Defibrillators - Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs):** This has been under consideration by us since Nov 2014. Since that time, the price has decreased, AED's are much more common in public places, and the devices have developed to easily cater for children as well as adults. Although some have expressed their objections to having a device, we believe that it should be a priority for the health and safety of all who use the premises (AA, Senior Groups, dance group). If anyone would have objection about being revived by an AED, their wishes would be respected. The Wednesday Friendship group have set aside a considerable sum of money to contribute to the cost of one.

Tony & Lynne Kenning

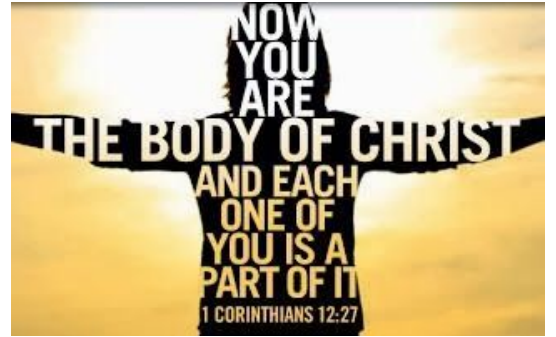
Feedback has come to the Elders over sometime now and at the WRAP meeting we will be presenting Tony and Lynne's names to the church to commence the process to be recognised as deacons of the church. If you have any feedback toward this please direct it to the Elders. More will be said at the WRAP meeting.

What's Coming Up?

WRAP Meeting – Sunday 19th June

This will be a significant WRAP meeting as we aim to affirm our purpose, mission, values and vision together as church. If you are able to make it that would be wonderful. If you have any

questions or further suggestions about the vision and this process please speak to Tony, JJ or Lee before the WRAP meeting. Also if you have any other items for the agenda for that morning please speak to them. This time will start about 11am.



New Morning Tea Roster!

If you would like to help by providing some morning tea one Sunday, please tear off a date from the sheet on the noticeboard.

Time of Prayer – Sunday 26th June – 7-8pm

All are welcome for a time of prayer together on Sunday 26th June at the church property.

Soccer in the Park – Sunday 26th June – 2-4pm.

All welcome for some soccer in the Park. Charlie Bali Reserve, Doonside from 2pm. Bring your friends!



Creating Safe Spaces – Saturday 25th June

Anyone who would like to be involved in teaching Sunday School or specifically children's ministries would be benefit by attending this event. A few from Westview will be going along to this one in June. Please speak to Lee if you are interested.

Time of Prayer – 3rd July – 8:15am

All are welcome for a time of prayer together on Sunday 26th June at the church property.

Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters

Country: Pakistan **Leader:** President Mamnoon Hussain

Population: 199 million **Main Religion:** Islam

Government: Federal Republic

Main Source of Persecution: Islamic Extremism

Hostile environment for believers

Christians in Pakistan often face extreme persecution from radical Islamic groups, the government and even friends and family. Laws preventing anyone from speaking against Islam contribute to the hostile environment. Christians are alienated, imprisoned, subjected to brutal violence and forced into menial jobs.

A loss of freedom

Christians have been in Pakistan since the very earliest days of the Church. In the 1700s and 1800s, many missionaries came to Pakistan and the future for the Christian minority seemed relatively bright. In 1947, Pakistan became an independent state and separated from India after the end of British rule. Though the founding president promised equality to all citizens, this promise was not kept by his successors and the situation for the Christian minority became more complicated. The Islamisation of Pakistan, in conjunction with the rise of radical Islamic groups, has contributed to a dire situation for the Pakistani Church, with freedoms continually restricted.

Christian faith an insult to Islam

Churches in Pakistan resemble fortresses, with high walls and gates. This is for the protection of believers from those who see their faith as an insult to Islam. Although the state promised to provide guards to protect churches, there have been several attacks on churches resulting in dozens of casualties. Christian homes have also been destroyed. Hundreds of women have been abducted, raped, forcefully married and others killed in violent mob attacks.

Please Pray:

- > For the Christians who have suffered violence as a result of their faith, that God would bring them peace and healing.
- > For the many Christians who are fleeing Pakistan, that they would have safe passage to peaceful nations.
- > For women who have faced violent attacks because of their faith, that they would delight in God's love for them through Christ and He would help them forgive their attackers.

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