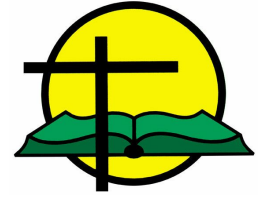


Westview Baptist Church



Sunday 19th June 2016

Question Box Sunday

Question Box Sunday is a great tradition at Westview. Over many years people have served our church well by asking questions through the question box, questions arising from our teaching program, from reading the scriptures, from listening to others preach the word and questions of a more general nature, about life and how to live it in light of what God desires for us as his people. Questions are submitted anonymously, a practice that has allowed people to ask about issues or topics which they may not have been comfortable doing face to face in a home group or to one of the elders. And in many instances questions asked have been on the minds of others in our community and so have helped many people think through things and gain knowledge, and sometimes even understanding of these perplexing issues.

Questions are dealt with, addressed, considered on Question Box Sunday. We can't always guarantee to have the definitive answer to every question asked. And for some questions there is no definitive answer, as we might see in one of the questions this week. But what we always attempt to do is address these questions respectfully and thoughtfully, always looking to God's holy scriptures for inspiration, guidance, leading principles and truth as we attempt to find the way ahead through the questions that are submitted. It is always a sobering thought to consider that you might be sitting next to someone who took the time to submit one of the questions for this particular Question Box Sunday. So pray that God will speak to you this Sunday morning as we continue this good practice of thoughtfully addressing the questions on the minds of people in our community this morning. Feel free to ask your own question, and place it in the box at the back table or email: questionbox@westviewbaptists.info

Family News

Changes for the Derringtons

Much has happened for the Derrington Family. It was wonderful that we could welcome Joanna Lana Derrington born 28th May. We thank God for a safe delivery and the expansion of their family. There will be even more changes over the next few months. They have decided to take the opportunity for Tim to go to bible college. It makes sense for them to be near family in Adelaide where Tim will commence at Bachelor of Theology at the Bible College of South Australia (BCSA). Their last Sunday with us will be 17th July after which they will travel to Adelaide. Tim may get an opportunity to work before they return to the USA to visit Sujin's family and commencing studies next year. Although this news will come with great sadness for us as a church, we can also rejoice in the thought that they are seeking to be better equipped for God's service wherever he might lead them. We will look for ways to ensure we stay connected so that we might continue to pray for them in our joint partnership for the gospel.

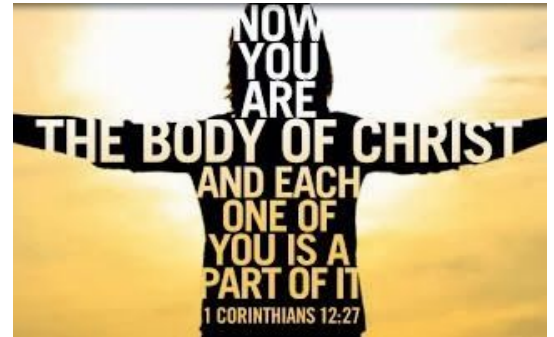
Update from Bay & Beck Ayling

Bay and Beck have sent their latest newsletter. There are some available on the back table or please ask us for a copy. They do mention financial needs that you might consider: "A big thank you to all who have invested into our ministry financially. We couldn't be doing it without you. As we have lost half of the Chaplaincy grant as well as some other significant contributions, we are needing to increase our focus on raising further financial support in order to stay at the level of service we are currently committed to with Power to Change. If we cannot raise the support needed, we may need to drop further days of ministry and perhaps look for other part-time work to supplement. At this stage we are still feeling called to this ministry and trusting God as we put extra effort into raising further funds. Please pray for us during this time and wisdom in how to go about it. Thankyou."

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 3rd July at the church property.

Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters

Country: Somalia **Leader:** President Hassan Sheikh Mohamoud

Population: 10.6 million **Main Religion:** Islam

Government: Federal Republic

Main Source of Persecution: Islamic Extremism

No place for Christianity

There is no place for Christianity in Somalia. The government, religious leaders and militant group al-Shabaab all maintain that Christianity is unwanted and Islam is the only acceptable religion. Christians are forced to meet in secret and face violence from their family and clans.

A Church pushed out

Missionaries brought Christianity to Somalia in the 1800s and 1900s. However, Italian and French colonialists, and later Somali nationalists, hindered mission work. Most missionaries had left Somalia by the 1970s. Political instability has plagued the country and substantially impacted the growth of the church. Christianity was preceded in Somalia by Islam. Radical Islamic groups and the Islamic government have attempted to stamp out Christianity.

Though the missionaries established churches in Somalia, today only ruins of the old church buildings exist.

Meeting in secret

Christians meet in secret but the government has stepped up measures to investigate where Christians meet and find out who is involved in supporting and training Christians and reaching out to Muslims. Muslim Background Believers (MBBs) face more severe persecution than MBBs in many other countries. In recent years, MBBs have often been killed on the spot when their Christian faith is discovered. Militant group al-Shabaab has publicly declared that it 'wants Somalia free of all Christians'. There is a strong drive from al-Shabaab and others to remove all traces of Christianity from Somalia, verging on genocide or ethnic cleansing. The government's aversion to Christianity means that there is no protection for Christians from violent radical Islamic groups.

Please Pray:

- > For the Christian converts in Somalia who fear for their lives.
- > For the underground church in Somalia, that God would sustain it and grant it protection.
- > For an end to the civil war, famine and drought which has plagued the nation since 1991.

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