



WESTVIEW
BAPTIST CHURCH

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God-Given Gifts

As we consider our Vision statements, we turn our attention to one that has caused much angst for many people and even caused the destruction of churches: *gifts*. We see our healthy church to be a place with “each person using their God-given gifts”.

Gifts are given to the church to enable the church to grow in the way God desires. God’s intention is to bring to his Son the radiant bride, the church, whose purpose is to glorify God and live fruitful lives while we await that wonderful day.

It’s more helpful to understand that when Christ gives gifts, he gives them to the church. The individual members of the body are simply channels by which those gifts are delivered, leaving nobody any reason to be proud or to boast. Recognition of gifts can only be seen as we serve one another, so we are to “do something” rather than wait for a message from God. God gives. He apportions gifts. Keep your eyes off yourself and instead, look to Christ, and we will avoid the pitfalls that have caused so many others to stumble.



Tim & Sujin

Today we farewell Tim, Sujin, Tabitha and Joanna as they move to Adelaide to prepare for next year where Tim will be studying at the Bible College of South Australia. We want to remain close and journey with them over the next few years as they complete their studies and prepare for the next part of their ministry. You can expect to have updates in our "Partnership News" segments on a Sunday morning. We are planning to have a special morning tea for them to say our farewell.

Updating Our Church Directory

We are currently updating our Church Directory details. Only those who have previously or now give permission will have their details published in the new directory.

Please contact Wendy:

- If your contact details have changed recently
- To confirm that your details are the same
- If you do not wish to be included in the Directory
- If you would like to update or include your photo
- If you're new to Westview and you would like to be included in the new Directory

Send details and photo to: wendycalman@gmail.com. You can also give a physical photo to Wendy or ask her to take a photo of you on Sunday.

Please include:

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| » Surname | » Mobile Phone(s) |
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Property Development

Many would have noticed that the new footpath the council recently installed has not included a concrete driveway between the path and the kerb and gutter. Generous church members (who wish to remain anonymous) have arranged and funded the missing link. We thank God for their generous spirit!

WHAT'S COMING UP?



Telecommunication Tower Public Meeting

Monday 18th July, 7.30pm at the church property. Axicom representatives will be discussing the proposed telecommunications tower where questions can be addressed. We have invited neighbours to the church property to come, listen, and ask questions they might have. Please note. This meeting will not be a place where any decision will be made by the church. It's purpose is to inform and clarify the proposal before any decision will be made.



Sunday Community Prayer

24th July, 7pm. All welcome for a time of prayer at the church property.

Sausage Sizzle

STOP for a lunch break after our Church Family Service on *Sunday July 24*. A delicious sausage sizzle will be served on our outdoor entertaining deck. See you there next Sunday! Cost free!



MOVING TOWARDS our VISION

Partnership Proposal with the Calmans

That Tony be set aside to focus on a ministry of "Church Health", with Westview (1-2 days/week) and churches in need.

The Midweek Prayer Meeting

People wholly dependent on God in prayer means that we need to be praying together. We are asking people to extend their priority to the church community to come and pray together on a Thursday night. An optional "pot luck" dinner from 6:30pm with the prayer meeting starting at 7:30pm.

Special Target Group Findings

The group can see nothing in Tony and Lynne's character or faith which would preclude them from being recognised as Deacons. We are asking the church to affirm this finding or raise any concerns they might have with this recommendation.

➔ Short clips explaining these things, further information and a link to give feedback can be found on our church website at www.westview-baptists.info/elders-blog.



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