



Leaders Being Raised for Ministry

In our vision statements we see leaders being raised for ministry in a healthy church. Good leadership is essential for any organization and often affects the ability of an organisation to achieve its goals.



And while the church has always needed good leadership this has always been the case with one other fact in mind: *they are not the supreme authority.* The supreme leader of the church is Christ. It is his body, his Bride, his Spirit's Holy Temple, his Army, his Flock and his Family.

So it is God who graciously calls, gifts and raises up leaders for his church, and through his precious Word gives the church knowledge and wisdom to recognise those he calls to leadership. But the indicators of godly leadership found in the scriptures so often differ from those our society values and looks for. So we do well to constantly remind ourselves of those biblical characteristics which indicate his leaders called to shepherd his people.

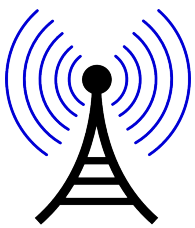




Baptist Accreditation

JJ has taken the first two steps in the process towards being accredited as a Baptist Pastor in NSW & ACT. Last Wednesday after a Preliminary Registration Interview (Stage 2) he has been given permission to make the application for accreditation (Stage 3), and last Thursday he commenced his accreditation studies at GWFC College. Baptist Union accreditation is a very thorough process and one that will continue for a few years.

After Stage 3 is completed he will undergo an interview process which normally takes the best part of a day, and if successful will move to being an accreditation candidate (Stage 4) where he will be on a probation period for at least 12 months. Continue to pray for JJ and Soona as they move through this process.



Telecommunications Tower Public Meeting

The meeting with the public regarding the telecommunication tower took place last Monday night. It was a resounding success. People came to voice their concerns and we had an opportunity to meet the community. There were many good contacts as 20 people from the public came. It would be fair to say that there were a few that came to speak strongly against the tower. The main fears were focused on land values and health concerns which were based more on perception than scientific fact. We thank Lee who did a remarkable job in leading the meeting. The company representative did a remarkable job too.

The discussion among the church members who did attend seems to be consistent: that going ahead with the tower would work against our mission (to make passionate disciples of Jesus) and our purpose (to bring glory to God). The Elders agree and recommend that we do not proceed with the tower, but thank the company for their interest, commend their staff who worked with us, and look for opportunities to make known the decision in the local community. If anyone has a strong opposing position, please talk to the Elders.

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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WHAT'S COMING UP?



Sausage Sizzle!

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



Community Prayer Night

All are invited to attend our prayer meeting *24th July at the Doonside Centre at 7PM*. This is our monthly meeting (fourth Sunday of the month), and we will have much to pray about in the lives of our church family and community.

WHAT'S COMING UP?



Soccer in the Park

Sunday 31st July, 2PM @ Charlie Bali Reserve, Doonside. All are welcome! Bring your friends!

Sunday School at Westview/Creating Safe Spaces Course

We require people who are willing to teach Sunday School. Before anyone can serve the church in any ministry to children they need to have completed this course. We want to make passionate disciples of Jesus for God's glory so we would ask people to consider their ministry to our young people in this way.

The next course will be held on:

Saturday 20th August

@ Chinese & Australian Baptist Thornleigh
235 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

9.30AM - 3.30PM

Cost is \$30.00



Please speak to Lee if you are considering this ministry.



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