



WESTVIEW
BAPTIST CHURCH
Making Passionate Disciples of Jesus

31 July 2016

The Gospel Transforming the Lives of Those Around Us



This week is our last week going through our 5 vision statement outcomes. We have said that 'in our healthy church where truth gives birth to worship and fruitful living we see...', and this week we focus on the last of the five statements: "the gospel transforming the lives of those around us." In this we will firstly think about how the gospel must first transform us. The good news of Jesus' death for our sins and our adoption into the family of God must first bring the change within us, we must be a people transformed. God in his goodness does use a people transformed to bring transformation to the lives of those around us.

But it is good for us to keep in mind that the gospel message and the lives of those who have been transformed does cause both positive and negative responses. We do well to keep this in mind, that people hated our King Jesus and they may well hate us and the message we bring. But it is our vision, our goal, our desire and our prayer that the gospel which continues to transform us will transform the lives of those around us. God is the God of transformation—what is impossible with man is possible with God! And so in all our efforts to live out our identity as salt and light we look to Him and pray that He will be glorified in everything.



Greater West for Christ & Church Health

GWFC is the regional association for the Baptist Union of NSW which has a unique brief in that it gives support to any church from Parramatta to the Blue Mountains



where Rev Mark Chapple is the Regional Minister. Tony has been asked to join the Executive Committee for GWFC which he has accepted on a voluntary basis, which currently means a fortnightly meeting. They would like to financially support Tony in 2017 to allow him to devote a day per week to this role.

Family news

Good news from Dave Simpson! Weiling has been granted her visa and will be returning home in the next few weeks. It has been a very hard time for them but we are so glad that they will soon be reunited together.

WHAT'S COMING UP?



“Vision Sunday” 7th August; Westview’s 38th Church Anniversary

A reminder that *next Sunday* will be very significant in the life of our church as we ‘launch’ our vision together. We have been going through a process together as a church thinking about our purpose, mission, values and vision. We want to ‘officially’ launch this vision together next Sunday. So please make every effort to be there.



Please note the service will conclude with a lunch together. All are welcome to bring something to share for after the service for lunch if they would like. For more information please speak to Kath or Michelle.

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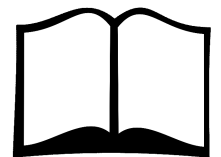
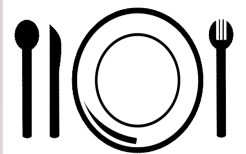


Next Target Group Meeting for Kenning's— August 21st

The next TG meeting will be held at the church property on **Sunday August 21st @ 7pm**. Please pass any feedback (positive or negative) about Tony & Lynne being recognised as Deacons to our Elders or Deacons or to a Target group member. Thank you.

"Thursday Church"

Have you picked up the news? Westview Church will be meeting together *twice a week from 11th August: on Sunday morning AND Thursday evening*. On Thursday from 6:30pm we will gather for a potluck dinner, so bring a pot of something to share. If you are coming straight from work, please don't feel obliged to bring a meal. Allow the church community to serve you and enable you to share in a meal together. If you will be late, let us know and we can set aside a plate for you when you arrive! From 7:15pm we will be singing, 7:30pm looking at the Word, and by 7:45pm we will be praying together. We expect to conclude at 8:15pm.



After much prayerful consideration, the Elders believe that this time will be one of the most significant things that we could do to further our mission to make passionate disciple of Jesus. Please don't neglect this wonderful opportunity. This will also be a significant event for those who have met on a Thursday morning at 6am for prayer over the last 19½ years. We don't see it as a conclusion to that prayer meeting but a development of it. In a real way we would not be where we are today without those people meeting and praying for our church. Thanks to the many people who have joined with us for prayer over those many years. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the church and God's kingdom.

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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