



**WESTVIEW**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*Making Passionate Disciples of Jesus*

7 August 2016

*"The steadfast love  
of the LORD never ceases;  
his mercies never come  
to an end;*

**VISION SUNDAY!**  
**38<sup>TH</sup> CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**

*they are new  
every morning;  
great is your faithfulness."  
Lamentations 3:22, 23*

*Anniversaries* mark a time of change from the

past experience to the present with an eye to the future. Our church anniversary could be significant in various ways. You may have been a part of the group who left Blacktown Baptist to form a new church at Kings Langley (what courage you displayed!). You may have been a part of the Doonside Baptist church which experienced difficult times before we joined together as one (thanks for hanging on!). It might represent the church community where you came to faith in Christ (praise God for that!), or the church community you have joined when you moved from your previous church for whatever reason (you are most welcome!). Whatever your story, it is now our story, for everyone is welcome to join our covenant community, to make Westview their spiritual family as we ask God to help us live as a community of his kingdom as we submit to Christ's rule over us.

This anniversary may mark the biggest change in the life of our church. In contemplating our teaching, experience, ethos and culture over 38 years, we are seeking to sharpen our impact in our world through clearly defining our purpose, mission and vision for the future. This Sunday the 7th is the day that marks this change as we seek to remain close to Jesus, be ever faithful until he returns, and to see people become more passionate disciples of Jesus, all for the glory of God. So this Sunday, everyone present will have the opportunity to mark their presence and their desire to move forward in this way with the signing of a plaque.



## August Birthdays

Peter Grima- 1st  
JJ- 8th  
Bob Muir- 9th

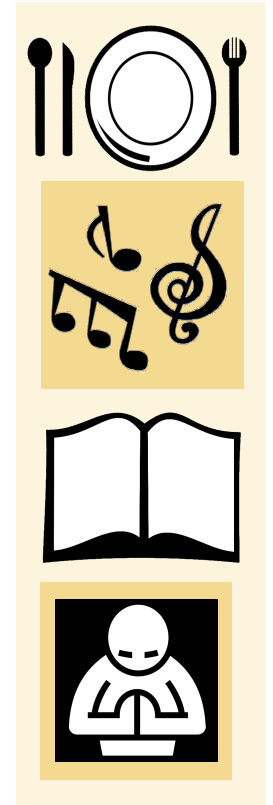
David Simpson- 11th  
Corwel Misra- 31st  
Joey- 31st



## "Thursday Church" Starts this Thursday! (11th)

There are many difficulties we face in being a community of faith in our modern world. Society seems to demand everything from us, especially our time. God once said to Pharaoh who demanded the lives of the Israelites, "Let my people go so that they can come and worship me!" We have many such demands upon us which might hinder our coming to God in purposeful worship.

In seeking new ways of building deeper community as God's people, the church leaders are asking that Westview Church meet together *twice a week from 11th August: on Sunday morning AND Thursday evening*. Where the primary focus on Sunday is to open the Word of God, the primary focus on Thursday will be to pray together. The demands of society might put pressure on you to decline the opportunity, and we realise that not all will be able to attend, however we ask that everyone might make every effort to join together with us so that nobody misses out.



From 6:30pm we will gather for a potluck dinner, so bring a pot of something to share (nothing too fancy, it is not the priority!). 7:15pm we will sing praises to God, 7:30pm we will open our hearts to the Word, and by 7:45pm we will be praying together. We expect to conclude at 8:15pm and head home soon after.



### City to Surf Fund Raising

If you wish to sponsor Upendra in the City to Surf raising funds for Nepal (INF Australia) please visit the following link or speak to him:

<https://city2surf2016.everydayhero.com/au/upendra-1>.

## WHAT'S COMING UP?



### Next Target Group Meeting for Kenning's

The next TG meeting will be held at the church property on *Sunday August 21st @ 7pm*. Please pass any feedback to the Elders or Deacons.

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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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