

# Practical Doctrine & Practical Mission

Our desire as those who want to 'bring glory to God' is to 'make passionate disciples of Jesus'. In order for us to grow in this we will all benefit from practical training on who our God is and how we can grow to know Him, and in what the gospel is and how we can grow to know how to make it known.

We want to be passionate disciples of Jesus who overflow in our lives to make passionate disciples of Jesus for God's glory. Therefore, we need to continue to be reminded and to grow in our understanding of the truth and what it looks like in life. So our aim is to have opportunities throughout the year in our teaching where

we take time out to focus on doctrine (the truth we believe from God's Word), and mission (making Jesus known) in a way that seeks to make it practical. This week we start this off looking at 'Practical Mission:

Sharing Our Faith'.

#### REGULAR MEETINGS

# FAMILY NEWS



It's absolutely wonderful to have Weyling back with us. We are so thankful to God for the answer to prayer for her permanent visa. Praise the Lord!

### **Giving to Westview**

Sometimes people are a little confused regarding the giving at Westview. It has never been our practice to "pass around the plate". We believe that the financial support for the church is the responsibility of those who are committed to the church. "Passing a plate" can cause visitors anxiety, especially those who are not regular church attenders. Also, the church is supported and funded only by the giving from our church community. No financial support comes from the government or the Baptist Union. Everything that we have or do, is enabled by those who give.

There are two basic methods for giving to the ministry of Westview. A box on the table near the entryway is available for those who wish to give cash or cheque. Electronic transfer is very popular, and the details are published in the bulletin each week. If you would like more information, please talk to Allan Smith who is our church treasurer.

The Elders and Treasurer do appreciate the way the people of Westview so generously give to our ministry together. God's provision is most obviously expressed through the generous hearts of his people. We do ask that you prayerfully consider your giving to the ministry of our church as we seek to bring glory to God in Western Sydney.

## **Thursday Church**

We thank God for such a wonderful start to our new initiative where we had an opportunity to pray together as a church. The informal nature of the evening, the warmth, friendship, combined together to make it a wonderful night. The night started at 6.30pm with a meal together. It was a "no fuss" meal. People brought food enough for themselves and then a little more....(continued on last page)

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

# 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 to the Elders or Deacons.

## **Starting August 28th**

Series on Daniel: Faithful Followers in a Foreign Land

# Coming up this week! 20th August! 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

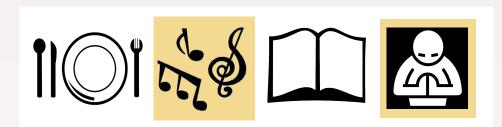
@ Chinese & Australian Baptist Thornleigh
235 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills
9.30AM - 3.30PM

#### **Cost is \$30.00**

Please speak to Lee if you are considering this ministry.

### **Thursday Church**

**Every Thursday from 6:30pm** at the church property. Food, Fellowship, Word and Prayer. All are welcome.



#### **Thursday Church (CONTINUED)**

...so it could be shared by the whole. The spaghetti sauce spilling into the salad and dhal only made it all that more interesting. Although we started eating straight away, those delayed by work or other commitments got there when they could and still managed to have something to eat. Some, because of their family commitments, did not come for the meal arriving intentionally at 7.15pm. We thank God for their effort! JJ commenced by leading in some songs. Tony introduced the Thursday Church Prayer Journal. After JJ opened up to us Eph 1:1-6, we were encouraged to reflect on the passage and write down 1. something we can praise God for, and 2. something we can pray for each other. Following this, we followed the pattern of the Lord's Prayer. We each identified two unbelieving friends we will pray for and we shared those names with one other person who will pray for them too. We are also praying for the whole church by working through the Church Directory, working alphabetically in reverse. Our aim is to make sure that over the next few months, the whole church will know that they have been prayed for.

This response came the very next morning which expresses it well: "I cannot imagine things could have gotten off to a better start and I am sure like me you are thankful to God for his clear leading in this whole undertaking. Well thought out, the books were great and the timing worked out really well. Looking forward to this growing as time progresses. I have woken up with a cough and a tickly throat ....,but I am enjoying a little glory reflecting on me today as we praise His glorious grace."

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