



## *Practical Doctrine*

Can doctrine be practical? Is the idea a contradiction? The Elders at Westview are convinced that if our doctrine does not lead us to a deepening of our relationship with God, which brings us a greater joy, then something is wrong. We express something of it in our Vision statement: "the truth gives birth to worship and fruitful living".

Today's focus is on the "Word of God". Over many years we have taught on the reliability, sufficiency and effectiveness of the Bible. We have looked at the various arguments presented by some against the scriptures, their relevance and historical reliability. We hold to our statement of faith which states "The Holy Scriptures are inspired by the Holy Spirit and are the final authority for faith and living." Today's focus will encourage us to consider how closely aligned our practice is with our doctrine, but also to encourage us to treasure the Bible more. If we grow in our appreciation of the Word, we will not need to impose reading programs on ourselves, we will find ourselves reading and meditating on the Word day and night. As we do that, we will grow in our relationship with God, and discover joy that we could find in no other way.



## **REGULAR MEETINGS**

**SUNDAY CHURCH**.....weekly at 9:30am  
**SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER**.....8:15am on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month  
**WEDNESDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP**.....weekly at 9:45am  
**WIGGLING WOMBAT PLAYGROUP**.....Thursday from 10am  
**THURSDAY CHURCH**..... weekly at 6:30pm  
**COMMUNITY PRAYER NIGHT**.....7pm on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month



## JJ's Baptist Accreditation

JJ has started studies towards his Baptist accreditation. As part of this process JJ will complete 12 units through Morling Bible College (Baptist College). On Thursdays he attends GWFC Bible College Campus which is partnered with Morling, where he is currently doing 2 subjects via correspondence - *Leadership & Management* and *Introductory Preaching*. He would value your prayers for him as he gets back into this type of study and juggles that with his other ministry.



## Mission Aviation Fellowship

Westview have had a connection to MAF for sometime through the Preeces and Lin who has kept us informed of their work. In August, MAF Australia are running a "Fuel for Father's Day" initiative to raise awareness and money to fuel this worldwide Christian Ministry. Lin will give us a brief update on some of their "Gift Cards with Meaning", available following the service. This vital service partners with over 2,000 NGO's, aid agencies (Christian and secular), to provide health, hope and healing in these remote communities.

If you do not know of MAF, check out their website for more information at [www.maf.org.au](http://www.maf.org.au). They use aviation and communications technologies to reach the most isolated communities in the world where little to no infrastructure exists, to transform these communities in Jesus name. So before you go out and buy dad a card or gift, please consider giving him a "Gift with Meaning".



## Passing of Betty King

Many may remember Betty who was a valuable member of the Westview community. She spent many years caring for Roy her husband who was quite disabled after a stroke and who passed away 7 years ago. A year later, Betty moved to an Aged Care facility closer to her son on the central coast. Last Sunday Betty went to be with her Lord at the age of 97. Her funeral will be lead by Tony at Guardian Funerals Chapel, Sunnyholt Road Blacktown at 2pm, Monday 22nd, followed by a burial service at Pinegrove.

## WHAT'S COMING UP?



### Next Target Group Meeting for Kennings

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

### Starting August 28th:



## PRAY for our PERSECUTED BROTHERS & SISTERS

*Country:* Libya

*Population:* 6.4 million

*Leader:* Aguila Saleh Issa

*Government:* Transitional

*Main Religion:* Islam

*Main Source of*

*Persecution:* Islamic Extremism

### *Violent Incidents Against Christians*

Christian migrant workers are allowed to gather in their own churches, but Libyans are not allowed to attend. Most Libyan Christians are afraid to meet with other believers, as any kind of non-Islamic religious gathering is forbidden for Libyans. Last year saw a number of highly publicised violent incidents against Christians in Libya, including the 21 Egyptian Christians, working in Libya, that were killed by Islamic State.

### *Please Pray:*

- ➔ For a peaceful and stable central government to come to the country, which is a failed state.
- ➔ For Muslim Background Believers who are discriminated against by their families and communities.
- ➔ For healing for Christians who have suffered violent attacks, torture and abductions.

For more information, please see [www.opendoors.org.au/persecutedchristians/countryprofiles/libya/](http://www.opendoors.org.au/persecutedchristians/countryprofiles/libya/).

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