



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

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Living as we do in a free country, it may be hard for us to realise that Christians in Australia are 'foreigners in a foreign land.' Some of us may face tough times occasionally for our faith; we may seriously disagree with political decisions and public discussions, but for the most

part the major issue facing us from this community right now is indifference. We may therefore overlook that Jesus says we are not of this world and as Paul says, our citizenship is in heaven.

Daniel and his young Hebrew friends, exiles from Israel and dragooned into the public service of a totalitarian regime, were determined to hold onto their faith and not compromise their obedience to God's ways. Whatever it might cost, they trusted God and were fully dependent on him in prayer.

But their prayer life led them in the unexpected direction of seeking God's blessing of peace and prosperity for their Babylonian captors.

This week we will hear Nebuchadnezzar's testimony (Daniel 4). Right at the heart of the regime, Daniel again uses God's gift of interpreting dreams to.....*(continued on following page)*

## 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

*(continued from previous page)*.....'speak truth to power' when the murderous monarch has another dream that no one else can explain. This time Daniel has the potentially explosive opportunity to challenge the megalomaniac to repent and acknowledge God as Almighty Lord.

God is patient and wants all people to come to salvation. This is a 'foreign' message to the majority of people around us, including the powers that be in Australia. Let us often pray for the welfare of this land and be ready to share the good news at every opportunity, whatever the cost, so that more and more people may become passionate disciples of Jesus for his glory.

## FAMILY NEWS



### Scripture Union

Last week for SU Sunday Hayley shared with us the wonderful work that Scripture Union NSW are involved in making Jesus' amazing message of hope known among the people of NSW, through camps, family missions, school groups and more.

If you'd like to sign up for the newsletter or prayer calendar (that Hayley mostly produces in her role there as Communications & Donor Care Assistant) give Hayley your email address and/or if you'd like to give or find out more speak to Hayley. You can also check out the Scripture Union NSW website at <http://www.sunsw.org.au/getinvolved> or check out their Facebook page.

### MAF: Money raised!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the MAF Father's Day appeal. Our church raised \$110 dollars towards this great cause. A big thanks to Lin Low as well for her help with this.

# Covenant Community

Westview Baptist Church is a covenant community of faith in Jesus Christ seeking to live in covenant agreement to love and support each other in our endeavours to bring glory to God as a community of faith in western Sydney. It has been our practice, practically since our church was established 38 years ago, to covenant as a community to support those people from our community who we set aside for full time ministry. Over the years this has included Bob and Jocelyn Stock and Tony and Wendy Calman. As this exciting year of evaluation and change has unfolded we now have JJ and Soona Bomford, called by God and with the encouragement of the whole church community, serving our church in full time ministry and so we want to support them in their roles, by the grace of God, as we have done with others in the past. Likewise, as Tony and Wendy look to undertake new roles in a broader ministry with other churches, it is appropriate that we review their current covenant arrangements to ensure that they continue to be loved and cared for by our church community.



And so, based on principles founded on the scriptures and good practices over many years, the elders and deacons ask you to prayerfully consider the covenant documents that have been circulated to the church, seek your comments, concerns and any changes you think necessary with a view to having these covenants affirmed at the next WRAP meeting (October 9th, 2016) and then enacted at a subsequent Sunday morning meeting. We ask that your input to this matter be addressed to either Lee, Kath or Steve, not to Tony, Wendy, JJ or Soona directly. Paper copy can be found on the back table or viewed online at <https://goo.gl/zRIEju>.

## WHAT'S COMING UP?



### Creating Safe Spaces

Training is required for church leaders and anyone who supervises children in any church ministry. The next CSS Training is on **5th November at Blacktown Baptist** and one of our members has already signed up for it. If you

would like further information so that you can serve in this way, please talk to Lee.

### Working Bee

Spring is a good time to get things ready for the year ahead. We are planning a "working bee" for all who can attend for **Saturday 24th September at 9am**. Please keep this time free to come and give what time you can.



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