



WESTVIEW
BAPTIST CHURCH
Making Passionate Disciples of Jesus

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WORLD AID
AUSTRALIA
Be love. End poverty.

Extravagant Generosity

We're focusing this Sunday on the work of Baptist World Aid Australia, our overseas relief and community development agency. Along with most of the Baptist churches of Australia we'll give our church family the opportunity to contribute to their Christmas Appeal and more information about that will be provided in the lead up to Christmas Day. As usual all gifts placed in our collection box on Christmas Day that are not marked otherwise will also be given to BWAA.

Christmas reminds us of God's wonderfully extravagant gift to the world when Jesus arrived as the baby in Bethlehem. Just as God was so generous to us, BWAA encourages us to '*give extravagantly so that the widow, fatherless and foreigner of our day can experience the fullness of life as God intended.*'

Baptist World Aid Australia's ***Little Book of Big Gift Ideas for 2016*** has just arrived! These gifts support kingdom-centred work that leads to real transformation—breaking the cycle of poverty for some of the world's poorest people. We can make a lasting impact this Christmas by purchasing gifts for our friends and family that benefit our global neighbours. Look out for Westview's stall on 20 November and on 4 and 11 December. Please speak to Jan Smith if you want more information. (The purchase price of the gift cards is tax-deductible if that's useful to you.)

REGULAR MEETINGS

SUNDAY CHURCH.....weekly at 9:30am
SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER.....8:15am on 1st 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 4th Sunday of the month

FAMILY NEWS



Beecks Family's Visas

The target for this year's Missions project is \$5000. So far we have received donations of \$4285 meaning we still need another \$715 by the end of December to meet the target. Thanks for your contributions so far.

Membership Reports - Mary, Sam, Connie

There is a single report for church membership available this Sunday and next week for Mary Harms, Connie and Sam Mafi. We would encourage everyone to read it and sign the report reflecting your acceptance. In the following weeks after, we will look for an opportunity to welcome them into membership.

NEXT WEEK! Our "Celebration Sunday" November 27th @ 10am!

Next Sunday (27th) is our special service with Bob coming up from the Valley, commissioning Tony & Lynne as deacons and signing the Covenant of Grace documents with the Bomfords and the Calmans. It will be a very significant morning so if you are able to make it that would be wonderful.



Part of our Celebration Sunday on November 27th will be a lunch out on our deck in the brilliant summer sun (we hope) where we can all enjoy a fabulous meal and some fabulous fellowship with Bob, Tony and Lynne and their family and friends. We have arranged for some sausages for the BBQ (beef, chicken and vegetarian), some bread rolls and dessert of cake and ice-cream and some fruit. So we need plenty of salads (green, garden, pasta, Caesar, potato, coleslaw) or any other main meals that DO NOT need keeping warm or heating up. We appreciate your co-operation with this and please see Lee, Michelle or Kath if you have any questions about the lunch. Hope to see you then!



This is something that we want to continue to be mindful and prayerful of. The Scriptures show us that God gifts all his people with gifts for His purposes and some he calls to roles of leadership within His church. It has been helpfully pointed out that:

*"There isn't a leadership level made up of elders and pastors, a service level made up of deacons, and a spectator level made up of all other believers. **There is no audience in the church—we are all in the ministry.**" - John Macarthur*

We will be recognising God's gift to us in Tony and Lynne as Deacons next Sunday. The picture in Scripture is of Deacons taking care of the needs of the church in such a way that allows the Elders to focus on shepherding the flock. They along with Elders are to be of godly character and example to others. God has called each of His people and given each of us gifts, and so we want to always be seeking to use all He has given us to serve our King Jesus.

Thursday Church: "Do try it"

Thursday Church has now met 15 times since its beginnings back in August, and over that time we have had different people come and join us for a night and others who have come along more regularly. It has been a wonderful time together, sharing life and food and coming together in dependence on our God in prayer. We have sung songs, reflected upon the book of Ephesians, and prayed together which has been our primary focus. Among all of that, we have had great fellowship, friendship and laughter. If you are able to join us one Thursday night please do come along. As the Dilmah tea man says: **"Do try it!"**



COMING UP: Church Prayer Night Sunday 27th November, 7-8pm

Come and join us as we meet to pray together to our Great God. After a significant morning together on the 27th it will be a lovely way to conclude a wonderful day with much thanksgiving to our God and much to continue to commit to Him. *'People wholly dependent on God in prayer'* All are most welcome!



HELP NEEDED at the MUM'S PLAYGROUP serving behind the scenes.

A wonderful ministry opportunity to use your gifts to serve others.

Lin Low has been a wonderful help to the Mum's playgroup that meets at our church property every week during the school term. She is going to be unavailable to take care of her important role within the group between February until April (about 7-8 weeks of the group). Her role, which it would be wonderful if we could find someone willing to fill it during the time, would entail putting biscuits, cakes and often dishes the mums bring along in bowls and plates, and cutting up fruit. Also making cups of tea and coffee for the mums and mugs for the children with a jug of water and then washing up afterwards. This allows the Mum's to be with the children and spend time together.

At Christmas JJ we be sharing a small talk on the meaning of Christmas with these mums who come from all backgrounds. The time is from 10am to 12pm on Thursdays. Please speak to JJ or Lin if you are interested in filling in for this ministry or being involved in another capacity.



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