



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



## **CELEBRATION SUNDAY**



27 November 2016

*We welcome you this Sunday as we celebrate God's goodness to us as a church. The church is the beautiful bride of Christ, being prepared for the marriage supper of the Lamb. Jesus Christ himself gives good gifts to his church to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. For this end, Jesus gives godly leadership which we celebrate today: the leadership of the past, present and future.*



*Our first Elder, Bob Stock,* continues to be a blessing to many people at Westview and beyond. His journey with Westview commenced on 6th August, 1978 with the new church in the (then) new area of Kings Langley. Almost anyone who knows Bob could give an account of how he has been used to be a wonderful blessing to our lives. We should also recognise that without the humble self-sacrifice attitude of his wonderful wife Jocelyn, his partner in ministry, he could not have given all that he did.

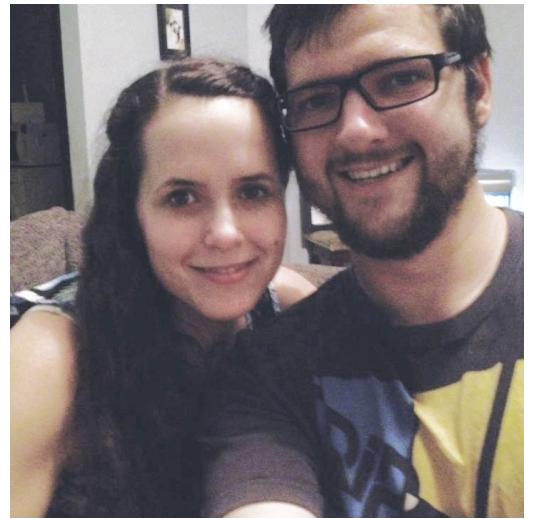
Bob's ministry has also been seen in his godly suffering. He has been open and shared his decade long journey with prostate cancer which he has used to bring glory to God. On 20th May 2015, Bob was taken to hospital and as a result of his health he was then taken to be cared for by his family down in Kangaroo Valley, and he has not been able to return to Westview until today. Today we want to thank God for Bob's life and leadership of the church over these many years.



*When we ask Elders (Pastors)* to be set

apart for the ministry of the Word, we enter into a Covenant of Grace with them. It has been such a covenant which Bob and Jocelyn, Tony and Wendy have enjoyed. Today we enter into such a covenant with JJ and Soona while recognising the changing role Tony and Wendy will have in the future, being sent out by Westview to minister to churches in difficulty: to minister with a focus on church health.

*It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:11-16)*





*We also celebrate this Sunday* the gift of

Tony and Lynne Kenning who we recognise within our church community as Deacons. Deacons are servants and Tony and Lynne have demonstrated through their love of Christ their servant-hearted attitude through much of their life. Deacons are recognised by their humble-hearted character and willingness to serve the church community; they are examples to imitate as they follow Christ. Today we recognise Tony and Lynne as Deacons of Westview and celebrate the gift they are to us.

*In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:4-6)*



***I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations;  
I will sing of you among the peoples.  
For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;  
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;  
let your glory be over all the earth.  
(Psalm 57:9~11)***

*After the formal part of our meeting together, we would like to invite all who can stay back afterwards to share a meal with us.*

