



A Check ~ Up and A Reminder

This Sunday is an opportunity to take stock of where we are now as a church community; what has happened and where we are now. The formation of our vision as a church was prayerfully and thoughtfully considered by all the elders, deacons, and the whole church family. The process was birthed out of looking at the Scriptures and thinking about things like 'why do we exist' and 'what are we here for'. On August 7th this year at our 38th church anniversary we agreed and committed as a church family to this vision.

Let me remind you what that vision is:

Our Purpose: *"Westview Baptist Church exists to bring glory to God as a community of faith in Western Sydney."* This is **why** we exist. Our purpose, our meaning, our chief goal and pursuit. To bring glory, honour and praise to our God. Which leads us into our mission:

Our Mission: *"to make passionate disciples of Jesus."* This is **what** we are about. This is the way that we seek to bring glory to our God. In everything we do, we are about being and making passionate disciples of Jesus. That is who we are, and that is what we do. We seek to make passionate disciples of Jesus.

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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

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And so birthed out of who we are, why we exist.
For God's glory, and so making passionate disciples of Jesus...



We prayerfully and thoughtfully considered outcomes that we want to see, that we will work towards, that we will give time and prayer and energy towards.



Our vision: *"In our healthy church where the truth gives birth to worship and fruitful living, we see:*

1. people wholly dependent on God in prayer,
2. the gospel transforming the lives of those around us,
3. each person using their God-given gifts,
4. leaders being raised for ministry,
5. people being sent in partnership."



This Sunday is an opportunity to take stock at how we are going and also to reenergize, to reinvigorate us in this vision—this we will do by looking at Matthew 28:16-20 together.



Sunday School in the New Year 2017 - Changes

Hi all, we are looking at having a roster for Sunday school for the new year. We do have a growing population of younger children and we would really love to have 3-5 or so different people put their hands up to help serve our community in this way. Would you join us in praying about this need as a church community? It really would help us to bear the load better to have a group of people who feel this is an area where they might be gifted or able to lend a hand - even if it isn't to teach the kids but to help out in some way. When one or even two people alone take care of this week in and week out it does get very tiring and can wear them out. If you would be willing to explore this please speak to JJ. We would happily provide resources and training.

FAMILY NEWS



Beecks Family's Visas

The target for this year's Missions project is \$5000. So far we have received donations of \$4592 meaning we only need just over \$400 over the next 4 weeks to meet our target!

Please consider giving to support our partners in this ministry. Thank you so much for your contributions so far.

BWAA Gift cards available this Sunday and next!

Baptist World Aid Australia's **Little Book of Big Gift Ideas** for 2016 has 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 December 4th and 11th. Please speak to Jan Smith if you want more information.



(The purchase price of the gift cards is tax-deductible.)



December Birthdays!

Paul Burmon - 3rd

Rita Grima - 6th

Wendy - 12th

Pudge - 15th

Robyn Rowe - 21st

Sherry - 28th

Colin - 28th

Scott Bomford - 28th

We do so appreciate each of you and the blessing you are in our lives. May God continue to bless you in the grace and knowledge of His Son.

WHAT'S COMING UP?



Indoor Soccer!

Sunday 11th December. Bring \$5.
2:30-3:30pm. Emerton Leisure Centre.
35 Jersey Rd, Emerton.

National Church Life Survey (NCLS) Next Sunday 11th December

The NCLS is a nationwide survey which we have been encouraged to do by the Baptist Union of NSW and Greater West For Christ. It will give a detailed picture of the church in Australia, but will also give us some helpful information regarding how individuals perceive the vitality of the church. It is an opportunity for individuals to have their input into the life of the church. We will be taking some time during our service next Sunday to do this together as a church.

For more info: www.ncls.org.au.

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