

'It is the way the Master went ...

At the end of Matthew 9, Jesus tells the disciples they should pray for the Lord to send out workers into the community because there were so few workers and there was such a need.



In chapter 10, we see how God began to answer their prayers: Jesus sent them on a mission trip! It would be challenging work, frequently involving harm and danger, but Jesus guarantees God's help and guidance.

When we join the mission of Jesus, we are likely face to the same kind of things. But we also have his assurance of the Spirit's guidance along the way, and those who stand firm to the end will be saved.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Supporting the Beeck family in 2017

We as a church have decided to continue supporting the Beeck family in Mozambique as our mission project for this year. Please continue to pray for and think about how you might be able to give towards this project. We will have fundraisers during this year towards this purpose. The following is a letter from the Beeck's after hearing that we will be supporting them again this year:

"We would just like to send our sincere thanks to everyone at Westview Baptist Church for supporting the project to raise funds for our visas last year! We are also delighted to hear that you plan to continue supporting the project in 2017. We were hoping to be able to reduce that amount of money needed for this project. The local currency has weakened significantly so our actual visas are substantially cheaper. Unfortunately, with a change of our registration, this year in order to renew our documents, we will all need to travel to South Africa to obtain new visas. We hope to use the excess funds for that purpose but if all goes well from there, we should be able to reduce our spending in this area in the years to come. Wonderful things are happening here in our local area and we thank God for the privilege of being able to serve him.

Thank you everyone for your incredibly generous support, Warmest regards,

Kath & Cam Beeck."

If you would like to give please put it in the envelopes marked 'mission project' and place in the giving box or speak to Allan or Andrew.



February Birthdays!

Lyn Low - 1st Connie - 10th

Sam - 3rd Charlotte - 15th

Kath - 4th* Matt - 18th

Hayley - 6th Allan - 28th

Jonathan - 8th

*(a very special birthday!)



'INSANITY OF GOD' Movie / Open Doors night - Feb 16th

On Thursday 16th February at 7pm Westview will be joining with our brothers and sisters from Doonside Anglican Church to watch the screening of the documentary "Insanity of God" with Open Doors.

It will be wonderful to meet and share with our brothers and sisters down the road!

The film tells the story of many persecuted Christians from the perspective of a missionary couple Nip and Ruth Ripken. From the comfort of America to the depths of Somalia, Russia, and China, the Ripkens have seen and experienced loss, heartache and suffering in Christ's name, begging the question: "Is Jesus worth it?"

How does faith survive, let alone flourish in the places of the world that are overcome with the darkness of sin, despair and hopelessness? Join the Ripkens as they tell the story of being taught by believers in persecution "how to follow Jesus, how to love Jesus, and how to walk with Him day by day even when it doesn't make sense."

We encourage you to come along! Please RSVP to Tony or Lee.



Sunday School to Resume

Over the summer holidays Sunday School has had a break but will now be starting back from **next Sunday February 5th**. Please continue to pray that God would lead and provide for us as we think into how we can best support our children in this ministry.

If you would like to be involved in Children's ministry at Westview you will need to first complete the 'Safe Spaces Training' course; the next one is at **Penrith Baptist Church on Saturday February 11th from 9:30-3:30pm**. Please speak to Lee if you would like to attend.

WRAP Meeting - Sunday February 12th (In 2 weeks!)

In 2 weeks time we will be having our first review and planning meeting for the year. This is an important time in the life of our church community to discuss things, take time to look back at what has happened in the past and what is happening in the present, and to plan and dream for the future. If you have anything that you would like to have included for the morning please contact Lee before the meeting. This time will commence shortly after our service around 11am and should be done by 12-12:30pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Thursday Church is Back! But what is it?

Thursday Church is a wonderful weekly time of sharing life, food and fellowship. A time of coming together in dependence on our God in prayer. We sing some songs, reflect upon a passage of Scripture and pray together. Can we encourage

everyone who is able to come a long; it is a wonderful way to grow together in our dependence upon our God and our love and encouragement of one another in our faith in Jesus. We start back on Thursday 2nd February at 6:30pm.

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