



UPDATE on SCRIPTURE MINISTRIES

DOONSIDE HIGH (Year 9)

We have just finished Scripture this week with Year 9. It was a really great term, especially the last few weeks with a number of students indicating that they wanted to become Christians or to learn more about what this means.

There were a number of really good questions this last week, including, 'What happens to our sins when they are forgiven?'. I really sensed that many of the students were truly understanding the gospel, even if not yet putting their faith in Jesus.

We have been looking at the "Think Faith Curriculum", going through Luke's gospel, with the theme 'The Unexpected Saviour' which has been really good.

CHANGES/PRAYER:

- » Alex from Doonside Anglican, after teaching with us on the Scripture team for many years has decided to pull back for a time because of his role on the board at Tyndale Christian School and the time that is taking up. We currently still have myself, Bay, E.J. (Southland Baptist in Seven Hills) and Eliza (Blacktown Baptist). Please continue to be praying that God would raise up labourers for this harvest.
- » Please also pray for us as we are looking to start an after school Drop-in Centre to connect with the students who are responding as well as others from the school/community. Please pray for the provision of a venue to be finalised and again for enough workers/volunteers for this.

CRAWFORD PUBLIC

Crawford continues to go well and my Primary class (Years 3-6) has increased in numbers over the weeks, though not back to what it was last year. Both the Infants class (K-2) and the and the Primary have been going really well as we have been looking at 'Who is Jesus', which also goes through Luke's gospel, and looks at some of Jesus' miracles (the calming of the sea, the forgiveness and healing of the paralysed man, the raising of the dead girl back to life), and shows how these are like windows that help us discover WHO Jesus is as the King, as the Son of God sent to rescue us.

Please continue to pray for these little hearts, that God's Spirit would cause these truths to connect and give birth to worship and fruitful living.

**SIGNIFICANT CHURCH FAMILY NEWS &
an IMPORTANT SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 4th August**

Dear church family,

JJ Bomford, Lee Arundel, and Tony Calman (The Elders), would like to make known the following significant news to our dear and precious church family.

We together as an Eldership with the support of the Deacons believe it best that while Tony Calman remain a member and partner of our church family that he no longer be recognised as an Elder at Westview.

This we feel should be done because as it is we do not believe Tony in his current roles(s) reflects to our church community what the Scriptures reveal an Elder is called to be. An Elder (amongst other things) is a shepherd who knows his sheep and Tony can no longer carry out this function well at Westview because of the other roles he has been called to and that we have sent him out for, other roles in shepherding God's flock.

Tony and Wendy will still remain members of Westview, that is their desire and their joy as well as ours; this is still their spiritual home. Our church has sent them out in partnership in the gospel to serve other churches for God's kingdom and glory. In fact we hope that this change in role will only strengthen and further that relationship/partnership.

Tony and Wendy will be finishing their official time at Glenbrook Baptist by the end of this month (July) and then they will come home to Westview and enjoy a break with their church family here amongst us. For many of us we will continue to relate to them in the Lord as mentors, leaders in the Lord - and that is good and right and true. JJ will continue to be mentored by Tony, and the wisdom of this godly couple will continue to be sought out.

But together as Elders (and Deacons) we believe that this formal change reflects the reality, the function, and the role of Eldership in the local church. We did not envision this when we first sent them out, but now we can see God's wisdom and timing in all this. We also believe that now is the best time to do this in order to celebrate well the ministry, love and care of Tony and Wendy and their family for over 20 years, as Tony has shepherded here amongst us at Westview. This year marks 20 years since he was formally ordained as an Elder here amongst us. There will be a celebration service for them on our 41st Anniversary, which is their first Sunday back with us; please save the date: Sunday 4th August.

We know this news may come as a shock and bring with it sadness for many - as it does also for us - but we do believe strongly that this is the best way for us to honour God in his wisdom and his desire for His church to reflect His will - which is always for our joy, our good and our blessing. We want to follow Him, trusting and obeying Him even when it's painful...

...so please pray for one another in this.

We see here also a renewed vigour to pray and to consider who God is raising up amongst us to serve and shepherd His flock. And we ask you to join with us in praying and considering who God might be calling to this noble task.

As always, please feel free to ask questions to myself, to Lee, to Tony Calman or to any of the Deacons (Steve, Tony K, and Lynne K).

Under the same Chief Shepherd,

Your Elders,

JJ Bomford, Tony Calman, and Lee Arundel

"The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil." (1 Timothy 3:1-6)



WESTVIEW VOLUNTEERS WANTED for DOONSIDE FESTIVAL: Sat 27th JULY, 9am-3pm

The annual Doonside Festival is coming up at the end of this month. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet others from our local community and be a 'presence' there. If you are able to drop down and meet some people and maybe hand out some fliers that would be great.

There are also some tasty food options and some live entertainment and rides for the kids. Located at the Corner of Hill End Road and Cross Street.



CURRENT TEACHING SERIES:

2 CORINTHIANS: *'Jars of Clay: Carrying the most precious treasure'*



Sunday 21st JULY, 2-4 pm

CHARLIE BALI RESERVE, Doonside

All are welcome to join us for some 'not serious' soccer!
Please feel free to invite others to join us.

Great opportunity to connect with the community, exercise, and have some fun!
Speak to JJ for more details.



WESTVIEW MEN'S BREAKFAST:

Saturday 20th JULY @ 8am

This will be a great opportunity to gather together as men and encourage one another and to, well, eat! Lock it in!

→ Cost is **\$5** (if you are able).

→ Friends are welcome!

→ **RSVP to JJ** on 0401 389 713 or johnjbomford@gmail.com.



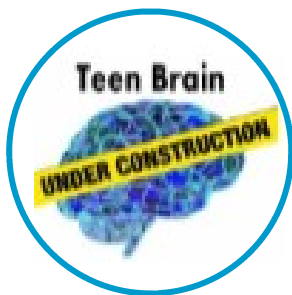
Sammy- 11th

Nelly- 17th

Sue- 18th

Keith- 23rd

Lynne- 28th



PARENTING & THE TEENAGE BRAIN SEMINAR

At DOONSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

Monday 5th AUGUST, 7-9pm, Just \$5

Parents (especially of teenagers) please save the date for this. This is one night, but if it is helpful and well-attended we may look at other ones. There is the possibility of child-minding for the evening. Please speak to JJ for more information.

Regular Meetings

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER: Weekly at 9:00am

SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE: Weekly at 9:30am

COMMUNITY PRAYER NIGHT: 4th Sunday of the month at 7:00pm

FRIENDSHIP GROUP: Wednesdays at 9:45am

WIGGLING WOMBATS PLAYGROUP: Thursdays at 10:00am

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