



7 February 2010

Welcome *A warm welcome to all who join us today in giving worship and praise to our great God and Saviour. May this be a time of growing in grace and strengthening our relationship with the Lord and with each other. Please join us for a cuppa after the service. If you are visiting today, please sign our visitor's Book. We have an information leaflet explaining our church's ministries and activities, feel free to take one or ask for one.*

WORSHIP TODAY

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: Praise the Lord with a new song
Reading: Psalm 149

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: A Question of Responsibility
Readings: Mark 12:13-17; Romans 13:1-6

Duty Elder: Yke Laverman

Duty Deacon: Aafke Span

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:39 AM Pastor Jim de Witte

6:00 PM Rev. Keith Vethaak

Duty Elder: Corey van Garderen

Duty Deacon: Kevin de Jong

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Lord's Supper Leadership Training/
Prof. Development

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – J-Team

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$3,380.91
Leprosy Mission	\$678.00

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J. van der Wolde, J. Blik, H. Burggraaf

Next Week: J. Bruinewoud, P. Bruinewoud,
C. Daniels, T. Raatjes.

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Kevin de Jong, Paul Cholel.

Next Week: Phillip & Paul Ellings

DATA PROJECTOR

Today: Cameron de Witte

Next Week: Dave Barrot

GREETERS

Today: Corry Blik

Next week: Rita Piening, Nan van der Kruk.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today we come together to worship God for his grace and goodness. We are called by the Psalmist to offer God songs of praise for that grace, mercy and goodness. As we meet we are also reminded of the cost of our freedom to come before God and worship him and our redemption as we celebrate the Lord's Supper. While it is a death we remember, it is also a celebration. A celebration because it was not a pointless death but a remarkable reminder of the grace of God; an act of love that is totally undeserved. Our response is one of thanks and praise and it plays out in the way we live and serve our risen Saviour.

JTeam Craft- Achoo!

For a Jteam craft this term we need empty tissue boxes- large size is best. Please pass them on to Anita de Witte as soon as possible. We need about 15-20 by 10th March, so start sneezing!

Church Op Shop

We open Thursdays 11.30am-4.30pm and Fridays 10am- 4.30pm. Donations can be dropped off during these times. Please remember we cannot accept electrical items. If you would like to volunteer some time to help us either for set up on Thursdays at 10am, pack up on Fridays at 4.30pm, or general help sorting donations and sharing cuppas with customers, please speak to Anneke Laverman or Anita de Witte. We would love some extra help!

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- **School has started again** Pray for our children and young people who are beginning new phases in their lives: Rachel has started in Preps; Asher has changed schools to go to Maranatha and will need to get to know a new peer group, Zoe has started at secondary school with new routines, and Cameron is doing year 12 this year. Our graduates from last year -Christo has already started an apprenticeship, Glenn is starting his engineering course at Melbourne Uni. next month and Amy is awaiting confirmation for a PCW course – but meanwhile she has obtained her driver’s licence! Well done Amy! (also her Oma Robbie!)
- **John and Debbie Van Neutegem** have traveled to Sydney for the Military Tattoo. Pray for safe travels for them. They will also see Phillip after his bike accident and shoulder surgery this past week. Phil hopes to be out of hospital for the week-end.

- **Chris Pretorius** was involved in a car accident this week. A nose/tail reaction in which his car was badly damaged, but thankfully Chris was unharmed apart from a whiplash injury.
- **Adri Van Vliet** was hospitalized after a fall. She is in Room 24, Ward 2 North, Epworth Eastern Hospital: 1 Arnold St. Box Hill. She has become very frail physically and will be reassessed for high care.

Her bedside phone is 8807 7224.

On Monday **Ben and Karen Hamilton** had the joyful news that they were expecting twins – they were elated, but by Thursday there was no heart beat found on Ultrasound -so they are now dealing with the disappointment of yet another miscarriage. They need our comfort and our prayers.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Annie Pilon	February 9
Peter de Jong	February 10
Gerrie Heerdink	February 11

To feel joy deeply, to live love daily, to forever know God’s presence in your life... these are our wishes for you.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

THE GRACE GROW GROUP (Triple G) Starts again on February 10th and will cover chapter 39 of our current study. We meet in the Prayer room at church on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 2.00-3.30 pm. Everyone is welcome. For further information contact Maurice Eleveld (8740 2397)

OASIS GROWTH GROUP: We hope to start bible study again on Tuesday 9th February at the

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Burggraaf's at 7.15pm – 9.15 pm. New members are welcome. Ph: 9791 2601.

COFFEE BREAK LADIES BIBLE STUDY, will start again on coming Tuesday 9th February, with a coffee morning at the church at 10am. All ladies are welcome to join us, as we have fellowship and study God's Word every Tuesday morning.

Haiti Response

I have been asked if the deacons could co-ordinate monetary gifts for Haiti. We are glad to be able to do this. The deacons will accept your gifts for a 3 week period (till Sunday 21st Feb.). At the end of February we would send this off to **Compassion** Australia. Please place your gift in an envelope that is clearly marked "Haiti" and place it in the offering bag with your church offerings.

These envelopes can then be sorted from the collection bags and passed on to the deacons. You will need to understand that these gifts will not be tax deductible, nor receipted, but we will inform you of the final amount sent to Compassion at the end of February.

On behalf of **the deacons**: Henni.

CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION will be starting again at Lyndale Greens (formerly Lyndale and Greenslopes) primary school. There is a shortage of CRE teachers especially in the lower grades. Please consider if this is the ministry God is calling you to and speak with me so I can give the phone number of the convenor Sally Slaughter . Helen van Garderen

Photocopier

With the ending of the contract on the photocopier we have upgraded to a new model machine, into which the computers are networked. The problem is that new codes need to be programmed into the machine for all current users. If you need an access code to use the photocopier please contact Julie de Jong or Jean Joseph for that to be put in place. If you have problems the old machine is still available for use.

RTC

This week sees the start of the new academic year for the Reformed Theological College. The exciting news

is that two of our members will be studying fulltime at the college in preparation for entrance into the Ministry. Both Colin and Chris Pretorius will be undertaking Master in Theology studying, starting this week with Intensive Hebrew. We thank the Lord for raising up these men and pray that God will guide and bless them in their travels and studies.

From Monday to Friday Pastor Jim will also be away doing further study at the College. He will be participating in the BILD course in preparation for accreditation to administer this training course in the years to come. For any pastoral issues that will arise during the week, please contact Henni Burggraaf or an Elder or Deacon.

Kids Hope

The new school year has started and we know that the needs of the children in Rosewood Downs is still huge. I will be meeting with Brad Allen (Principal) soon about the new class allocations for the students currently in the Kids Hope program, so he suggests we wait a couple of weeks before starting, so the children can settle into the new year.

Brad had also mentioned the desire for new mentors. The plea is for anyone with a love for children and one hour a week available to please consider becoming involved in the program. If you are an old mentor wishing to start again with a new child, or a new person wishing to get involved, please see Pastor Jim today for more information. A Regional Mentor training day is set for Friday 12th March, otherwise it can be conducted one-on-one for those who can't make the training.

I want to express a huge thank you on behalf of the school to Jos Berends, who has retired from mentoring, after doing it for 4 years. Brad expressed his appreciation to Jos at the Helpers Morning Tea last year, and that, at 90, she is 'allowed' to retire. But he wants to know if there are others (not yet 90) who can help out.

Pastor Jim

URY

The new year for URY starts on Tuesday 17th

February in the church at 7pm. As you heard last year the main leadership group has needed to change, with people moving on to other things. This means that we currently have only a small team to lead URY. The appeal is for helpers, in whatever capacity, to assist with the running of the program. If you can spare some time on Tuesday nights we would love your involvement. The current team is Ben Hamilton, Lynette Pretorius and Jim de Witte. Ask them how you might help.

Denominational Children's Worker

The Reformed Children's and Youth Committee (RCYC) invite applicants for the position of Denominational Children's Worker. The Denominational Children's Worker is a servant within the Christian Reformed Churches to support, train and resource churches in effective ministry to children. We are seeking someone experienced and passionate about ministering to children and have a desire to see churches function effectively and safely in their children's ministries. The right applicant will be competent in training, networking and the use of relevant and current technology.

This position is 2 days per week and accountable to the RCYC. Please contact youth@crca.org.au for full job description. Applications close March 5th 2010.

This is a re-advertised position

Elder/Deacon Installation

On Sunday 6th December, at a general meeting, the congregation affirmed the calling of Colin Pretorius and David Barrot to be Elders and Gerry Smedes and Vera Steendam to be Deacons in our congregation. We thank God for their willingness to serve us in this way and pray that they will be a blessing to our congregation. We hope to have the installation service for these people on Sunday 14th February.



Christian One Liners

Don't let your worries get the best of you;
Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
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Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited
Until you try to sit in their pews.

You can't buy life

Money isn't an important factor in my life. Granted some problems and situations can be resolved with money but the true value of life cannot be bought with money. Here are some examples.

WE CAN BUY	WE CAN'T BUY
The Bed	The Dream
The Food	The Appetite
The Book	The Intelligence
The Luxury	The Beauty
The House	The Home
The Medication	The Health
The Wedding Ring	The Love
The Diversion	The Happiness
The Crucifix	The Faith
The Best Plot in The Cemetery	Heaven

This is the beginning of a new day.

God has given me this day to use as I will.

I can use it or use it for good,
but what I do today is important,
because I am exchanging a day of my
life for it! When tomorrow
comes, this day will be gone,
forever, leaving in its place
something that I have
traded for it. I want it to be
gain, and not loss; good and
not evil; success and not failure:
in order that I shall not regret
the price I have paid for it.

Anonymous