



14 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: Wholehearted Servanthood
 Reading: Philippians 2:5-18

6:00 PM Rev. Keith Vethaak
 Message: TBA
 Readings: TBA

Duty Elder: Corey van Garderen

Duty Deacon: Kevin de Jong

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev. Henk de Waard

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte

Duty Elder: Peter Noorbergen

Duty Deacon: Henni Burggraaf

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
 2 – J-Team

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
 2 – COM

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,794.55
Leadership Training/ Professional Development	\$498.45

Donation Hall	\$190.00
"Haiti" Deacons	\$220.00

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J. Bruinewoud, P. Bruinewoud,
 C. Daniels, T. Raatjes.
 Next Week: D. Cameron. G. De Groot, K.Hauke

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Phillip & Paul Ellings
 Next Week: Matthew Noorbergen, Dave Barrot

DATA PROJECTOR

Today: Dave Barrot
 Next Week: Cameron de Witte

GREETERS

Today: Rita Piening, Nan van der Kruk.
 Next week: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

From the Pastor's Desk

Today is a special day in the life of our congregation as we install David Barrot and Colin Pretorius as Elders and Gerry Smedes and Vera Steendam as Deacons. We are thankful that they are willing, able and available to take up these leadership roles in the church. We pray that God will bless and guide them, and all our Church Council, as they minister amongst us. The phrase comes to mind when I think of people like this, 'Always a servant'.

Today is also a special day because it is Valentine's

Day. We know it is that time of the year because we see chocolates, cards, pictures everywhere. It is a day where we are meant to tell our loved one how much they mean to us. We love them and respond to their love to us. I think that as Christians we have a great God in heaven who is Love (1 John 4:16) and in his love has sent his Son Jesus Christ into the world (John 3:16). Let's respond to the great love of the Father with our love for Him and his Son with our words and actions. Our love for him is demonstrated in our love for each other (1 John 4:7). There is no fear in love because perfect love drives out fear.

Induction of New RTC Missions Lecturer

Dr Phillip Scheepers will be formally inducted as Lecturer in Missions at the Reformed Theological College in a special service held at the College on Friday, 19 February at 7.30pm.

We warmly invite all friends of the College to join us on this special occasion. Dr Scheepers will be the main speaker so it will be a great chance for people to hear him and also to meet him and his wife Chanel and their two young boys. Supper will be provided afterwards.

Pastoral and Prayer Points

· **Henk and Nan Vander Kruk's** son Edwin was injured in a sporting mishap; finishing up in hospital with a fractured neck vertebrae. The good news later this week was that it was an incomplete fracture, and while he may have to wear a brace, he is able to move and is not in a wheel chair! We can praise God for that!

· **John Mans** has been in hospital for a while now, first with some swelling around his face that required treatment, and while there he also had bowel surgery on Tuesday. After two days in ICU, he is now

back in the ward and recovering. Pray for Truus and John and for the healing John's body needs after this surgery.

· **John and Debbie Van Neutegem** are thankful for safe travels and time spent in Sydney with Phillip. John's tests this week showed that the cancer in his brain has not increased! The cancer in his lungs was no longer visible, so they are going to do another CT scan just to make sure.

· Pray for **Mark Steunenberg** who needed to be hospitalized this week at the Valley due to an irregular heart rhythm which caused him some distress. He is being treated and kept under observation as they decide appropriate treatment.

· **Adri Van Vliet** was hospitalized after a fall. But she has been able to return back to her old room at Strathdon where she awaits a high care placement.

· **Bill and Tina Meijer** have not been able to worship with us for some time as Tina has been told she is no longer able to drive. This is a big change in their life. There have been health declines for both Tina and Bill. They could benefit from our encouragement. Why not send them a card this week to remind them they are missed. Bill will also have a time in respite at Dutch Care Kilsyth facility as from the 16th February for 4 weeks. He would value a visit during that time.

· **Pastor Jim, also Colin and Chris Pretorius** have spent the week in Geelong for their intensive studies. Jim for the Task 3/BILD course, and the Hebrew language intensive for Colin and Chris.

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!

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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!

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

THE GRACE GROW GROUP (Triple G)

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

COFFEE BREAK LADIES BIBLE STUDY, started again on 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

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.

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.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Glen de Jong	Today	February 14
Annette Blenk		February 19
Mark Steunenber		February 19

ON YOUR BIRTHDAY It's time to celebrate... ..the day God blessed the world with you!

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.

WANTED: For the Women's convention: Please save your old magazines, Womens weeklies etc, Christian Woman's magazines, travel brochures and old calendars- There will be a box under the table in the foyer, next week. ThankYou.

For your information: Peter Kaka has opened a business outlet at shop 2/18-20 Hawthorn Rd.

Doveton called **GOLGOLTIN GROCERY STORE** selling African grocery goods. The shop phone is (03) 9706 7741. You can support Peter and Katherine and their family by letting others know about its location, and by visiting their store to get your 'African' groceries. Peter would like patronage from a wider community.

Jteam

JTeam starts again this week and as leaders we are really excited at what God has in store for us. This first term will be a short one with our bible lessons centred around some parables that Jesus taught and we will finish with the Easter story. Please pray for the leaders, the kids and the homes from which they come. We could always do with enthusiastic people to join our team so if you hear God's voice calling you to ministry, why not give Jim a call. We would love to have you on board. from the leadership team.

Short minutes of Church Council meeting held on 4th February 2010

At its first meeting of the new year your church council welcomed our new Elders: Colin Pretorius and Dave Barrot and Deacons: Vera Steendam and Gerry Smedes.. We spent some time reading the word of God and reflecting on the different and unique gifting of all our people and their place in council and the wider church community "train".

We confirmed the installation date of our new office bearers as February 14th and praised God for raising up willing servants for service in his kingdom. Various business items were attended to: approving training at Geelong for Jim to further equip him and us, dealing with the preaching roster, youth ministries, Finance and Maintenance, Elder and Deacon district allocations, and preparing for the upcoming classis meeting. We acknowledged, with gratitude, Kevin de Jong and John van Breens willingness to serve another year, as office bearers. John has already extended his term twice. We were heartened to hear of the first meeting of the young adults and their plans for the coming year. Council members will be allocated certain ministries of our church, to support via prayer, visitation and letters of encouragement. Further work will be done to put together a revised mission statement as part of the

Ministry Advantage input into our congregation.

We will become members of the Willow Creek Australia. An organisation which gives access to leadership resource material and discounts to further leadership conferences that are organised by them. The last Leadership conference that we attended was a great event. All Council members and all leaders in our church will be urged to go the next one.

Jim reported on his work to date and he was encouraged to nominate a team to surround him and Anita and the family in order to monitor and support them.

The Deacons reported on their meeting and the plans they have for the coming year. Ideas were shared re supporting Solomon Islands with container of goods in partnership with op shop and other churches.

We dealt with items of correspondence. It was agreed to change the order of service so that the announcements and offering would be placed before the reading and preaching of the Word. Noting that that we to celebrate Lords Supper, coming Sunday, we observed Mutual censure and looked forward with joy and gladness to celebrate this feast together with total unity.

Our next meeting was scheduled for March 11, 2010.

-Your reporter PN

Christian One Liners

Many folks want to serve God,
But only as advisers.

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It is easier to preach ten sermons
Than it is to live one.

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The good Lord didn't create
anything without a purpose,
But mosquitoes come close.

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When you get to your wit's end,
You'll find God lives there.

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TICKLE YOUR FUNNY BONE

Remember when...

- a marriage was likely to outlast all three wedding present toasters?
- a drug problem was trying to get a prescription filled on Sunday?
- jokes that couldn't be told in mixed company weren't?
- paperbacks had more passion on the cover than in the contents?
- the only person you'd find in a store at three o'clock in the morning was a burglar?
- a whole family could go to the movies for what it now costs for a box of popcorn?

--Doug Larson, United Features Syndicate

QUOTE:

Many people will walk in and out of your life...But true friends will leave a footprint on your heart.

COMPASSION

What is compassion? The act of putting oneself into another's shoes? Listening with sympathy? Acting to alleviate another's distress? Compassion is all these things but never judgemental or patronising. Compassion is love in one of its purest forms.

The home Bible Study group was dis-cussing prayer and that prayer is not limited to those moments when we close our eyes and fold our hands.

He: "I agree! I actually do some of my best praying while I'm driving."

She (quietly): "I also do some of my best praying while you're driving!"