



2 May 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 Dr. Bill Berends
Message: God's Ransom of the Godly
(Psalm 49)
Readings: Mark 8:31-38; 10:35-45

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: Why do Good Works? (LD 32)
Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Duty Elder: Dave Barrot

Duty Deacon: Karl Hauke

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte
6:00 PM Br Corey van Garderen

Duty Elder: Corey van Garderen

Duty Deacon: Vera Steendam

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Lord's Supper – Crossroads Bible Institute

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – RTC

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,350.90
RCYC- Reformed Church Youth	\$519.25

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: C. van Garderen, J. Schapendonk,
R. Selvaratnam, J. Appel.

Next Week: G. Huinink, F & H. Piening, K. Knol

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Kevin de Jong, Paul Cholel

Next Week: Phillip & Paul Ellings

DATA PROJECTOR

Today: Glen de Jong

Next Week: Dave Barrot

GREETERS

Today: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud

Next week: Martin & Coby van Rossen

From the Pastor's Desk

This morning we warmly welcome Dr. Bill Berends as he leads our service. May God, through his Holy Spirit, guide our worship and praise, and may he give us hearts to hear and respond to him in thanks and praise for his grace and goodness to us. We also look forward to celebrating the Lord's Supper together and being reminded of the grace of God extended to us through the death of our saviour Jesus Christ. As Paul writes in his letter to the Galatians, 'May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world' (Gal 6:14).

Reformed Theological College

Today we have Dr. Berends from the RTC leading our service and our second collection next week is also our ministry share support for the ongoing work of the RTC. However, the RTC is also inviting our individual support for its new and growing ministry initiatives.

This year the new Missions lecturer, Phillip Scheepers began his work at the College. He also has the responsibility and oversight of the Task3 ministry training path, which sees a number of pastors already in training to develop this training path in the local churches. The College also now offers the Master of Divinity course to graduates and an increasing number of on-line courses.

The development of these new programs requires increased resources and so additional funding support is being sought. The College is seeking one-off donations, ongoing donations, interest free loans or bequests from interested people. Corey van Garderen will speak on this need today, asking for you to prayerfully consider your financial support of the College and your continued prayer support of the College.

As a local church we have a close connection with the college with two members, Colin and Chris Pretorius, currently studying the MDiv. We pray that God will continue to bless and guide their study.

Children's Ministry Coordinator

Ray Rus, known to most of us, has been appointed to the role of Children's Ministry Coordinator within our denomination. We look forward to Ray connecting with our churches bringing his knowledge

and expertise into the work. Ray will also be the denominational coordinator of the Childsafe program and will undertake training of leaders in the months ahead. We pray that God will bless his work.

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!

Men's Convention

Now the women's convention is over we men have an opportunity to attend a Men's convention to be held at Belgrave Heights Convention Centre (22-24th May). I would love for a group of men to join me at that convention (just the Friday night and Saturday). Because of its proximity to home we do not need overnight accommodation but can sleep in our own beds. The theme for the weekend is The Gospel: know it and live it. I will be putting notices in your pigeon holes in the weeks ahead, so you can respond.

Eternity

Eternity is a new national newspaper for Christians that contains news of from around the nation, testimonies, opinions, feature articles, justice issues and so much more. Pick up your free *Eternity* Newspaper from the hall after church. Read it, share it.

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News items dead line is 5 PM Wednesday.

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: Meets from 7.15pm – 9.15 pm. New members are welcome.

Contact Harry Burggraaf on Ph: 9791 2601.

COFFEE BREAK LADIES BIBLE STUDY,

Meet at the church at 10am. All ladies are welcome to join us for a coffee, as we have fellowship and study God's Word every Tuesday morning.

RUMPUS ROOM

(young adults bible study)

All those 18+ are welcome, we meet fortnightly on a Sunday from 4-6. We look at the bible via talks, dvds, and study books to see what God's call for

Our life is in His world.

If you would like to come and join please see David Barrot or ring him on 0401 073 954.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

For further information about our group contact Mark Meenks on 97045516.

Leprosy Mission

**April is Leprosy month
could all those with a savings box
please hand them in to me asap**

Thank you Corry Blik

Pastoral and Prayer Points

John van Neutegem returned to hospital again this week after another infection from the picc line inserted to administer his treatment. Please pray for John, Debbie and the family with this setback. Pray that a new treatment path can be put in place for John.

John Nicholson has also spent time in hospital this week for surgery and we pray that God will restore him to health and strength soon.

Pray for health and strength for all those who are struggling with chronic health issues.

We also need to give thanks to God for his grace and goodness. Yesterday **Ulbe Siegersma** could celebrate his 90th birthday. We thank God for the years he has given you and pray for his continued blessing and leading in the years ahead. Yesterday **Chris Pretorius and Sarah Bouma** celebrated their engagement. We pray that God will bless your life together in his name. Tomorrow **Roland and Doris Weimen** celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. We rejoice with you in God's care over your life together.

Ascension Day Service

On Thursday the 13th May at 7.30pm we will hold a combined Ascension Day Service in our church. All welcome to come and reflect on this important date in our church calendar.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Ruth Harris	May 4
Rapti Selvaratnam	May 4
Tini Schram	May 6

With many special thoughts of you and prayers that God will bless
Your birthday and the year ahead with every happiness.

WELCOME!!

The **1st of May** was the national day of prayer for the leprosy Mission Australia.
But you are most welcome to pray during the month of May.

We encourage you to pray with your family and friends, support group, Church services, small groups or where ever you have a desire to pray for the Mission.

Thank you again in sharing in the ministry of TLM.

On behalf of Chief Executive Officer Graham Peck.

J Team

J Team has started again for this term with the number of children attending now pushing close to 30+. This means that we now have to add another table at dinner time to accommodate all those smiling faces and hungry tummies. This term for our bible lessons we will be learning about forgiveness, handling fear, being thankful, loving your neighbour and sharing. We will use the Veggie Tales DVD's to help us. Please pray for our children, the leaders and also the parents/homes from which our children come. Each week we hand out lollies as prizes to the children that are listening intently through bible time. If you would like to donate wrapped lollies like snack size freddos, crunchies etc. which you can buy from the supermarket in bags of about 12, we would be happy to receive them. Please remember to cover us in prayer every Wed. avo. Thanks from the Leadership Team

Religion in the Public Square

An advanced notice for your diaries is this Religion in the Public Square conference (July 22-24) being organised by the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in Melbourne. The conference is a serious attempt to address the issues of ethics and religious freedom in business, politics, public and private life. Brochures will be available in the weeks ahead.

Open Doors

On Sunday 9th May or Monday 10th May you have the opportunity to hear the story of Joy D. Joy D's fiancé, a pastor was shot and killed just before their wedding day by an extremist during a worship service. Today, Joy D works through Open Doors in South East Asia serving the very people who took her future husband's life.

We invite you to hear her story called 'Living Dangerously for Jesus' and see how God is using her to strengthen the Christian faith of Muslim Background Believers.

When: **Sun 9 May 6:00 pm:** Dandenong Baptist Church, 25-27 James St DANDENONG. **Mon 10 May 7:30 pm:** Living Streams Christian Church, 245 Middleborough St BOX HILL.

J Team Family Night

On Wednesday the 12th May we have a special family night for all J-Team children, and for us as a congregation. On the night we have Lynton Allen inspire and entertain us with a combination of live art, music and storytelling. Lynton is a gifted artist who produces stunning works of art as he talks about God and his creation. When Lynton was with us last time the children were in awe of his skills.

You are invited to join us for the evening. At 5pm the children will be singing and then Lynton will do a presentation. This will be followed by a shared meal together at 6pm. Any new families with primary aged children are welcome to come for the whole time, starting at 4pm.

The wise Judge:

When farmer Brown died he left all his property to his two sons. In his will he provided that the land, the buildings and the equipment be evenly divided, but he did not exactly say how it was to be done. The two brothers talked it over, but failed to come to an agreement. Finally, they agreed to have a wise judge, whom both of them respected very highly, settle the issue. After the judge listened to them, he gave them advice. "Let the elder brother divide the property into two parts he said, "and then let the younger brother have first choice." (from the Blacktown Bulletin)

Thought for the week

The prayers a man lives on his feet are just as important as those he says on his knees

— DP

Charlie the Church-mouse says:

"I just read how St Paul's Cathedral in London is moving one inch every 100 years. Reminds me of some other Churches I know."

"So David slew Goliath with the pebble he did chuck. What lesson can we learn from that?"

"Please sir —make sure you duck!"

—DP.