



9 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 Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: A Mother's Love (Isaiah 66:12-13)
Reading: Luke 13:31-35

6:00 PM Br Corey van Garderen
Message: "Unknown but Known"
Readings: Exodus 1, Revelations 20: 11 – 15

Duty Elder: AM Corey van Garderen
PM Peter Noorbergen

Duty Deacon: Vera Steendam

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev Keith Vethaak
6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte

Duty Elder: Peter Noorbergen

Duty Deacon: Gerry Smedes

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – RTC

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – TBA

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,518.60
CrossRoads Bible Institute	\$437.50

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: G. Huinink, P. de Jong, K. Knol

Next Week: E. Poppenbeck, S. Johnson, R. Harris

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Phillip & Paul Ellings

Next Week: Matthew Noorbergen, Dave Barrot

DATA PROJECTOR

Today: Dave Barrot

Next Week: Cameron de Witte

GREETERS

Today: Martin & Coby van Rossen

Next week: Yke & Anneke Laverman

From the Pastor's Desk

I have just - quite literally - returned from the CRCA Ministers and Wives conference. It ran from Monday afternoon to Thursday afternoon in Collaroy NSW and proved to be a great time of catching up with ministry colleagues, sitting under the Word of God, and hearing some more ministry oriented talks from Jack de Vries. We were also able to enjoy a day on the Harbour and walks on the beach. On Tuesday night we heard from a number of different ministries happening around our churches. We heard of the ongoing work in the Solomon Islands, the ministry of Cadets/GEMS around Australia, Bert Kuipers and GOSPEL, along with a passionate presentation by

Gerald Hanscamp on work in Indonesia. It was good to have been there. Anita and I are thankful for the opportunity to have been able to go.

When mother Teresa won the Nobel Peace Prize someone asked her, ‘What can we do to promote world peace?’ Her response was, ‘Go home and love your family.’

Today is Mother’s Day and across the country flowers will be delivered, home made cards will be given, presents bought at Mother’s Day stalls will be loving given and mums will be celebrated. And it is fitting that it is like this. There are few roles that demand such unconditional, self-sacrificing perseverance, commitment and love as that of a mother. Sure, she always nagged at you to eat your veggies and wash your hands before dinner, but let’s face it, where would we be without our mums.

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul pauses to acknowledge the impact that a mother can have, mentioning Lois, Timothy’s grandmother, and Eunice, his mother (2 Timothy 1:5). Paul’s mention of these women is interesting because he personally could claim a great deal of influence on the spiritual journey of Timothy. Paul called him his spiritual son and had not only included Timothy on missionary journeys, but had entrusted numerous assignments to him, including shepherding the growing church at Ephesus. It’s clear that Paul had invested much of his life in mentoring and helping to make Timothy capable and useable.

But Paul readily and willingly acknowledged that the seeds of Timothy’s faith were planted by these two women. We know very little about Lois and Eunice, but our imaginations can picture them praying with

young Timothy, teaching him the simple stories of Jesus and the life-changing truths of God’s Word, and introducing him to the early leaders of the church. All of us know that mothering is a challenging task, but the rewards are great. Think of how Timothy’s mother and grandmother must have felt to see him blossom as a leader in the work of Jesus! As a mum, how does it encourage and excite you to know that you can have such a key role in the life of your children and grandchildren (even great grandchildren).

I know for certain that my character and faith has been shaped and moulded by my mum. But for some, Mother’s Day brings pain. Perhaps it is the pain of a fractured relationship between mother and child; maybe the pain of losing a loved one; or the pain of unfulfilled longings for motherhood. Psalm 34:18 offers these compassionate words: ‘The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit’. Jesus knows and understands your pain and is ready to not only grieve with you, but to bring you his gentle peace and hope.

Take a moment to thank the Lord for your mum, and then be sure to express your thanks to your mum in specific ways.

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!

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<p>Newsletter compiled by Adrian de Vos. Email newsletter@dcrc.org.au Phone 9547 6878 News items dead line is 5 PM Wednesday.</p>		

Men's Convention

Just a reminder that any men interested in attending the Belgrave Heights Men's Convention ought to get their enrolments in soon. The Convention runs on Friday 21st Amy and Saturday 22nd. For forms and information see pastor Jim today.

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.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

THE GRACE GROW GROUP (Triple G)

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 2.00-3.30 pm. Everyone is welcome. **This week** we meet at Maurice Eleveld's place unit 43 Outlook Gardens. 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, dvd's 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

Will meet 8pm at Nel Steunenberg's place. For further information about our group contact Mark Meenks on 97045516.

Pastoral and Prayer Points

Having been away in Sydney I have much news to catch up on.

We give thanks that **John van Neutegem** was able to return home last Tuesday and continue his recovery.

During the week **Phil van Neutegem** proposed to **Rowena Hutchinson** and she accepted. Rowena is from the church Phil attends in Sydney. We pray that God will bless their marriage plans and life together in his name. Phil's address in Sydney is 11/5-7 Park Road, Five Dock, NSW, 2046.

We continue to uphold in prayer all those who continue to struggle with ill health and the infirmities of old age. May God grant them peace and comfort, assured of their standing before God.

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

Esther Meenks	Today	May 9
Gerry Smedes	Today	May 9
Corrie de Haan		May 13
Karl Hauke		May 13
Ngangalang Kaka		May 13

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

LEPROSY MISSION

**On behalf of the of the Leprosy Mission a big
thank you to all those who saved
for this worthwhile course.
We've collected \$581.60
Corry Blik.**

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.

OOOPS

I had intended to include the daily prayer calendar for last week, but my mind went AWL.

Here is the calendar For Week of 9 May.

Adrian de Vos

Sunday, 9 May (Mother's Day)

St Marys, NSW: Give thanks for the Play Group regularly attracting over 15 community kids. On this Mother's Day pray for continued relationship building with the Mums.

Monday, 10 May

R.T.C. : As the RTC broadens and diversifies its ministry, pray that it will be more effective in equipping a much greater number of well-trained gospel workers.

Tuesday, 11 May

Solomon Islands: Pray for Machi Rietveld's teaching ministry in training Know Your Bible (KNB) Leaders in Solomon Islands.

Wednesday, 12 May

Redlands, QLD: Pray as Redlands develops its church planting strategy. One church plant is beginning, and there are plans for two more, the Lord willing, by 2015.

Thursday, 13 May

Devonport, TAS: Pray for the ministry to parents in the community through parenting courses and for the

development of a youth outreach ministry.

Friday, 14 May

Dandenong, VIC: Pray for the building of bridges with the residents and management of Shawlands Caravan Park, forging relationships the sake of the gospel.

Saturday, 15 May

Jack De Vries: Pray as Jack travels around the country spurring churches on toward church health and coaching leaders in reaching people with the Gospel for the glory of God.

Notice:

Jono would like everyone at church to know Hennie + Harry are both well and having a fabulous holiday.

Profession of Faith

On Sunday 23rd May brother **Bert Elfring** will profess his faith in the Lord Jesus. It will be a wonderful celebration as we hear how God turned Bert's life around. We, as a church family will share this day together so it would be great if you could bring something to share for morning tea.

Thought for the Week:

God has promised us a safe landing — but not always smooth sailing.

Point to ponder

If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this one. Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at the earth and you will get neither.

C.S.Lewis