



16 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 Keith Vethaak
Message: The Jesus Prayer
Reading: Luke 18:35-19:10

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: You Must Truly be Changed (LD 33)
Readings: Matthew 13:1-5; Ephesians 4:17-24

Duty Elder: Peter Noorbergen

Duty Deacon: Gerry Smedes

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte
6:00 PM Br. Peter Noorbergen

Duty Elder: Yke Laverman

Duty Deacon: Aafke Span

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Wycliffe Bible Translation

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Pentecost – Solomon Islands Workgroup

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$1,864.55
Reformed Theological College	\$623.55

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J. Blik, S. Johnson, L. Dixon
Next Week: G. Smedes, C. Span, V. Steendam.

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Matthew Noorbergen, Dave Barrot
Next Week: Jennifer van Nuetegem,
David Cameron

DATA PROJECTOR

Today: Cameron de Witte
Next Week: Glenn de Jong

GREETERS

Today: Yke & Anneke Laverman
Next week: Nan van der Kruk

From the Pastor's Desk

It is a wonderful privilege to freely gather as God's people today. This morning we welcome Keith Vethaak as he leads our service. May God, through the Holy Spirit, guide our worship and praise, and may he give us hearts that hear and respond to Him for his grace and goodness to us.

This week I was reading a devotion on the Acts 3 account of Peter calling the crippled man to stand and walk in the name of the risen Jesus. The devotion was entitled 'Holy Audacity'. Peter was bold. After all, who in their right mind would walk up to man who had never stood on his own two feet and tell him

to get up, and in public place too. The question the writer asks is, ‘What would have happened if the man fell back to the ground?’ The Christian faith would have suffered an enormously embarrassing blow. Peter and John would have been seen as apostles of foolishness rather than apostles of faith.

He goes on to write that when we live by faith the possibility of failure is huge. God doesn’t remove that possibility, that fear of the unknown, that mysterious ‘what if’. No, if we did that, we’d be walking by sight and not by faith. If faith rules out the possibility that things might not work out exactly as we expect, then it would stop being faith. Faith in Hebrews 11:1 is the assurance of things we don’t see. A certain blindness is necessarily part of how we’re supposed to live. It requires us to trust God.

There’s a reason we are called ‘believers’. We’re supposed to believe God- boldly. We need to avoid the tendency to fear the possibility that God won’t vindicate us, that prayers won’t get answered. We need to pray audacious prayers that would embarrass us if God if he didn’t answer them. And we need to walk in complete confidence that He will. How do you respond when you read these words? How do you live your faith out? I think that sometimes I don’t pray boldly, but do it tentatively, not really confident that God will hear or respond to me.

Alongside this devotion I am reading a biography titled ‘Passionate Prayer’ in which Brenda Walsh writes in amazement about the answers she has had to her passionate prayers in her ministry. She writes about expecting great things and looking to see where and how God answers those bold prayers. In her accounts she praises God when the impossible, humanly speaking, happens; when closed doors to ministry are opened; when timing is perfect; when

God gives unexpected opportunities for work.

Through this week I have been made to stop and question the heart with which I approach God in prayer. I have been challenged to pray more boldly for the things of God and see how he answers those prayers. The challenge to you is to pray with confidence.

“Seeing is not believing. Seeing is seeing. Believing is being confident without seeing.” G. Campbell Morgan.

The second offering today is for the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators. Their vision statement says: ‘We love people. We love the bible. We want to see the Good News in every language.’ They are a movement that believes in doing whatever it takes to see God’s Word in every language group: praying, financing and going. They want to satisfy a global hunger for God’s word and desire to see that everyone has access to the Word in their own language. Our collection today will go to support that translation work of the bible into various languages. It is our contribution to that vision of the whole world reached with the Good News.

Prayer calender for Week of 16 May

Sunday, 16 May

Wheatbelt, WA: Pray for Geoff & Florence Van Schie as they bring the Gospel to remote farming towns in rural WA. Pray for open doors in the schools through Youth Care.

Monday, 17 May

Redlands, QLD: Pray as Redlands seeks to discern local diaconal/missional needs and develop a strategy

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how best to address them with Jesus' grace and compassion.

Tuesday, 18 May

Launceston, TAS: Pray for the work among new residents from Nepal who desire to learn English. Pray that God may use this to grow his kingdom among these Hindu migrants.

Wednesday, May 19

Pray for the 'Church in the Park' events (kid's events, stalls, gospel messages) planned for three Sundays in May-June, a partnership with other local churches.

Thursday, May 20

Ask God to raise up many new gospel workers through TASK3 – the new ministry training pathway that combines local church training with RTC training.

Friday, May 21

Grace, WA: Pray for Joe & Cecile Vermuelen as they expand their outreach to SA migrants. May the rapid growth of their church reach more and more people for Christ.

Saturday, May 22

Dandenong, VIC: Pray that the Gospel will be planted deep in the hearts of the 40+ community children who attend the J-Team Kids Club ministry each week.

Sunday, May 23 (Pentecost Sunday)

Pray for the fresh wind and fresh fire of the Holy Spirit moving in and through the CRCA resulting in many people coming to the faith, all to the glory of God.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

THE GRACE GROW GROUP (Triple G)

Meets 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, 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 not meet this week. For further information about our group contact Mark Meenks on 97045516.

Pastoral and Prayer Points

We thank God for his grace care over those who have spent time in hospital and are recovering well.

We continue to uphold in prayer those who are struggling with chronic health issues. Pray that God would grant healing, patience, peace and comfort as they wait on him.

Wedding Announcement

Maxwell Gerlach and Joan Hamilton made a commitment sometime ago that together they were destined to go and so they will be united in Holy Matrimony to begin their life together in the name of the Lord and in the presence of His people and to continue it to His glory.

The ceremony will take place in the Christian Reformed Church, Dandenong, Victoria at 4pm on Saturday the 29th May 2010.

Rev. L.C. de Kretzer will officiate at the service.

Your presence will be a blessing to them.

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!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Adri van Vliet	Today	May 16
Krijna Knol		May 17
Jonathon Burggraaf		May 18
Martin van Rossen		May 18
Maggie Pretorius		May 19
Rens Scheepers		May 20
Peter van den Berg		May 20
Lenie Zomerdyk		May 21

May your day dawn bright with beauty, rich in the promise of good things to come.

FREE TV

Anyone who would like a very large TV for free, please help yourself to it. It is in the lounge area, near the toilets. It was donated to the Op Shop and we cannot sell electricals.

FREE BREAD

Although our bread delivery days are not as regular as previously, we still provide free bread for those who need it. The deep freezer in the kitchen (next to the fridge and where the bin used to be) is usually stocked with wrapped bread loaves and rolls. If you need it, please feel free to take some. If the freezer is almost empty and you can afford to buy your own bread **please leave a few loaves for needy people who come to the church asking for food.**

For the next few weeks we are storing frozen rolls for State Youth Games held on the long weekend in June. Please do not take any bags that are marked "SYG", and please don't use any bread from the freezers that are a part of the fridges. If you have a genuine need for free bread and never seem to be able to get some, please see Anita de Witte or Jean Joseph. We also are still doing a fortnightly delivery to Shawlands Caravan Park which is really appreciated by the needy people there.

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.

I am making inquiries about people other people interested in doing their Profession of Faith. If you love the Lord and want to make that love known and profess it in our church, then please see Pastor Jim soon and we will look at holding some classes together where we can look at life, faith and the Christian Reformed Church. Even if you are not ready to profess your faith but want to know more about it and our church then still talk to me. I will see who is interested and when you are available and we will go from there.

Pastor Jim

Baptism

On Sunday the 6th June we will witness and celebrate a wonderful moment when **Isaac Owen**, the son of Colin and Kath Harrison will receive the sign of covenant baptism. It is a great time for them as parents, but also for us as their church family. They recognize that Isaac is fearfully and wonderfully made, and they know the gracious promises of the Lord expressed in baptism. We pray that, as they bring him up in the knowledge of the Lord he will come to understand and accept the wonder of God's grace expressed in Jesus Christ and rejoice in his love.

Shawlands Workgroup

The Shawlands Workgroup is planning to meet on Monday 24th May 8pm at the home of Jim de Witte (73 Murray Rd Dandenong).

The workgroup plans the ministry into the Shawlands Caravan Park and the work potential is growing all the time. We ask that you prayerfully give thought to joining this workgroup because more manpower and ideas are needed. If you want to join, or just want to know what happens, then speak with Aakfe Span about your involvement.