



30 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: Law and Grace
Reading: Galatians 3:1-15

6:00 PM Pastor Peter Mechielsen
Pastor Jim in Langwarrin
Message: The Only Thing that Matter
Readings: Romans 11:33-12:2

Duty Elder: Colin Pretorius

Duty Deacon: Kevin de Jong

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte
6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte

Duty Elder: David Barrot

Duty Deacon: Karl Hauke

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – CRCA Resources

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – World Hunger & Thanksgiving - WDR

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,455.35
Solomons Island Workgroup	\$591.25

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: N&M. Steunenber, P. van den Berg,
H. van der Jagt, C. Yong

Next Week: H. van der Kruk, P. Noorbergen,
M. van Daalhuizen

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Kevin de Jong, Paul Cholel

Next Week: Phillip & Paul Ellings

DATA PROJECTOR

Today: Dave Barrot

Next Week: Cameron de Witte

GREETERS

Today: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

Next week: Rita Piening

From the Pastor's Desk

It is truly a blessing and privilege to gather as God's people for praise and preaching. We ask that God will be present in power through the Holy Spirit so that our worship might be in spirit and truth. This afternoon Pastor Peter Mechielsen from the Langwarrin CRC will lead our service. I will be in Langwarrin as part of our monthly pulpit swap.

This past week I learned about the Church of Google...I kid you not. It was set up by Matt MacPherson. Matt is a resident of Ontario, Canada and is in his early twenties. Below is the premise for

the existence of Googlism and the Church of Google.

The Church of Google

“We at the Church of Google believe the search engine Google is the closest humankind has ever come to directly experiencing an *actual* God (as typically defined). We believe there is much more evidence in favour of Google's divinity than there is for the divinity of other more traditional gods.

“We reject supernatural gods on the notion they are not scientifically provable. Thus, Googlists believe Google should rightfully be given the title of "God", as She exhibits a great many of the characteristics traditionally associated with such Deities in a scientifically provable manner.

“We have compiled a list of [nine proofs](#) which definitively **prove** Google is the closest thing to a "god" human beings have ever directly experienced.” (www.thechurchofgoogle.org)

In their 9 proofs they talk about the Omniscient (all-knowing), omnipresent (everywhere) nature of Google. They also talk of the infinite, immortal and answers prayer. Their concluding remark is: ‘God is thought to be an entity in which we mortals can turn to when in a time of need. Google clearly fulfils this to a much larger degree than traditional "gods".’

You can even find the 10 commandments of Googlism and they are working on how to be certified as an ordained minister of Google!

Now you may conclude that this is all rather ‘tongue-

in-cheek’ stuff, but they are very serious in, if not to promote an alternate religion, to certainly debunk all other faiths as man-made just like Google. Now when I read my Bible I come across a very different picture. I have an all powerful God who spoke the word and the universe came into existence; a universe that is breath-takingly big and beautiful. I have an awesome God who creates and sustains life. I have a loving God who redeems this world through his only Son Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. And without that Lord and Saviour even the makers of Google are still dead in their sin and misery.

You couple this sort of thing with the trial in NSW Primary schools of Secular Ethics classes that run in direct opposition to the Special Religious Education classes (SRE= CRE in Vic). These classes are being presented as a viable alternative to religion and have greatly affected the numbers in the SRE classes. All this is part of a push by powerful voices like the NSW Federation of Parents and Citizens, to remove all religious education from public schools. Pray that this will not happen. The whole history, value and validity of SRE and Scripture in schools is on trial here. Visit www.SREonTrial.com.au to know how you can unite, pray and protect the future if SRE. Victorian schools may be next in the firing line.

Pastoral and Prayer Points

We rejoice with Peter and Katherine Kaka on the safe birth of a healthy baby boy, Konyi, last week. We pray that God will bless and guide them as they bring up Konyi and the other children in the fear of the Lord.

Many families from the church are spending time

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travelling here and abroad and we trust they will experience God's protection in their trips. Henni and Harry Burggraaf have passed the half way mark on their holiday; John and Corry Blik left last week for a couple of months travelling Australia; Corey and Helen van Garderen leave tomorrow for some time in Europe, and Wilma van Brussel will follow later and meet up with them; Gerry and Maria Smedes leave soon to also visit family overseas; and I'm sure there are others travelling about. It was good to see Gerry and Robbie Heerdink back from their travels. We trust you all have a great time and come back refreshed and energised to continue in God's kingdom work.

John and Debbie van Neutegem, and the family, have travelled to Sydney. It was meant to be for Phil and Rowena's engagement party but that has had to be postponed. Rowena has contracted glandular fever (and perhaps Phil too) and is presently hospitalised. We pray for her speedy recovery and that God will still grant them a good time together as extended family.

Continue to hold in prayer all those who are struggling with chronic health issues, that they may experience God's daily strength and grace, and also for their carers.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

THE GRACE GROW GROUP (Triple G)
Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 2.00-3.30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

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

Wednesday night Bible Study will be meeting at the home of Harry and Jannette Vanderjagt's this week at 8pm. For further information about our group contact Mark Meenks on 97045516.

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

Viola Hodder	May 31
Cecil Campbell	June 1
Kelly de Jong	June 3
Peter Noorbergen	June 4
Catherine Kaka	June 5
Tom Raatjes	June 5

A special birthday prayer for you — That God's eternal love
Will fill your heart and day with joy. And blessings from above.

Church Council

The Church Council meets again this Thursday (3rd June) in the church at 7.30pm. If you have items for discussion at CC then speak to your Elder, deacon or Pastor Jim.

Eternity

The latest *Eternity* newspaper is available from the hall. *Eternity* is a 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.



Baptism

Next Sunday (6th June), in the morning service, we will witness the baptism of Isaac Owen Harrison. Colin and Kath have expressed their desire for Isaac to be baptized and we, as a church, want to affirm that desire and support them in their role as Christian parents.

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.

Shawlands Update

It has been a quiet start to the year with Shawlands, not that things are not happening in the Caravan Park. We have had a couple of BBQs and have been supply bread to the park every fortnight. This gives opportunity to connect with Liz and Rob and some residents. Life in the park is never static, with people coming in and moving on regularly and we have been able to offer support to some in transition in the way of bedding and food supplies. A mother with a new baby needed extra support which we were able to supply.

In December last year we (Andre van Eymeren and Pastor Jim) met with Centrelink Social Workers about the residents of the Park. After some discussion it became apparent that many other service providers would be interested in co-operative work for the residents. In March we invited a whole range of service providers like Dandenong council, Centrelink, Southern Health, Casey-Cardinia Legal

Service, WAYSS and more to a meeting in the Centrelink offices in Dandenong. From that meeting began a more co-operative work between us, Liz and service providers for the residents. Since then, council has conducted health checks of all residents, provided flu injections; Southern Health have provided maternal care to mothers in the park and many are liaising with Liz about specific needs. In May a second meeting was held and we are moving forward together. On Friday 4th June we are hosting a BBQ lunch for service providers to see the park and meet some of the residents. Please pray this will begin new opportunity for residents to access the services they might need to be able to move ahead in life.

Our own work continues with monthly BBQ and we are looking for volunteers to help on the Sunday lunches to meet and greet and help serve the food. On the Shawlands Notice Board (next to the Session Room) you will find a signup sheet for the BBQs. Fill in your name because we would love to include you on the rotating roster for helpers. On the board you will find pictures and other information.

The Craft group is starting again on the 1st June, 10.30-12.30. They are making 'cupcakes' together. If you are interested in doing the craft and being part of the group, then see Aafke Span for more information. (See the notice board for pictures and details too).

Our aim is to have that continuing, faithful, open presence in the park so that we might build bridges to bring Christ as we present a whole of life approach to the needs of the residents. Please continue to pray for this ongoing work, that we might continue to be a blessing to them.

Kids Hope

This past week we received from World Vision an award recognising our 5 year involvement with Kids Hope and Rosewood Downs Primary School. 5 years! It is amazing how fast time goes. We thank God for each mentor who goes to the school each week to be with a child who is in need of love, care and support both educationally and socially. We have a number of families who send their children to J-Team and URY through the relationship at the school.

Following is a report from a mentor regarding Kids Hope:

KHAUS IS DIFFERENT

Three years down the track, the teachers still remain very optimistic about the KIDS HOPE AUS. program and how it has impacted the children involved. A teacher, who has been teaching for many years, told me this week that there hasn't been anything like the KIDS HOPE program at the school before. Other programs have come and gone, but this program is DIFFERENT!!!!

As always, a huge 'THANK YOU' to each mentor and tier prayer partner and a request for anyone interested to talk to Pastor Jim. Every time Brad Allen talks to me he asks if I have anyone else that can help out. Our ministry there is so appreciated.

Youth Service

Being the last Sunday of the month there is another Youth Service to be part of. This Sunday it will be held at the Mount Evelyn CRC, starting at 6pm. Pastor Andrew Boonstra will present the message and service with the theme 'Not in a Box'. Have you put God in a box in your thinking? Join in for the Youth Service and find out.

Men's Convention

Last Friday night/Saturday over 500 men gathered at Belgrave Heights to worship God and be challenged to know, live and tell the Gospel. Leigh Hatcher gave some interesting, thought provoking insights into the changing media and the barriers the church has erected that make it hard to present the gospel. He finished with tools for reaching a sceptical, media savvy world. Ray Galea preached the gospel from Romans 5 and 12 reminding us that God loves his enemies (us) so much he sent his Son to take our death sentence! Finally Ian Powell, as an evangelist, talked about presenting the Gospel to our culture.

Bequests

Recently, in the Church Council report, it was indicated that we received a bequest from the estate of

Nel Jonker. We are deeply grateful that Nel had monies from her estate set aside for the ongoing work of this church. The amount of just over \$8600 was given to us. The Church Council, with Finance and Maintenance are considering just how these funds will be used effectively in the work of this congregation.

Bequests are a way for members to give for the ongoing gospel work of this church after they have gone to be with him. If you wish to leave a bequest to the church in your will then feel free to talk to your Elder or Pastor Jim to see how that can be put in place.

Combined Evening Service

On the 5th Sunday of the month, at 6pm the Dandenong Minsters' Fellowship holds a combined evening service. It is designed to present a more united front to the wider community. The service this month (tonight- 30th May) will be held at the Noble Park Community Church (cnr. of Hosken and Myrtle Streets Noble Park). It is a night of praise, prayer, teaching and fellowship. It does clash with our own evening service time, but if anyone wishes to attend they will be warmly welcomed there.

Think it over:

If you are impatient, sit down and talk with Job. If you are just a little strong-headed, go and see Moses. If you are tired and afraid, take a good look at Elijah. If there is no song in your heart, listen to David. If you feel cold and lonely, get the beloved John to put his arm around you.

If your faith is weak, read about the apostle Paul. If you are getting lazy, listen to James. If you are losing sight of the future, climb the stairs of Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.

Thought

1. God has promised to forgive your sins if you repent — but He has not promised you tomorrow in which to repent.

2. Give not from the top of your purse ... but from the bottom of your heart.