

4 July 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 Rev. Harry Berends  
Message: The Rich Man and Lazarus  
Readings: Luke 16:19-31; Revelation 3:14-22

6:00 PM Rev. Keith Vethaak  
Message: Jesus and Long Hair  
Reading: Luke 7:36-50

Duty Elder: Peter Noorbergen

Duty Deacon: Kevin de Jong

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte  
6:00 PM Br. Colin Pretorius  
(Afrikaans Service)

Duty Elder: Colin Pretorius

Duty Deacon: Aafke Span

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Solomon Islands

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Gideons

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2140.50
Cornerstone	\$557.85

### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J & W. Joseph, F & C. Berman

Next Week: H. Blenk, A. Coe, G. de Groot,  
K. Hauke

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: Phillip & Paul Ellings

Next Week: Matthew Noorbergen, Dave Barrot

#### DATA PROJECTOR

Today: Cameron de Witte

Next Week: Cameron de Witte?

#### GREETERS

Today: Nan van der Kruk

Next week: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

### From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday we have the wonderful privilege of having two guest preachers. In the morning we have Rev. Harry Berends (son of Jos Berends) lead our service and in the evening we have Rev. Keith Vethaak. We thank God that these men are gifted and able to share God's Word with us and we pray for God's rich blessing on their preaching and our hearing of that Word. We pray that the services might bring praise and glory to our great God.

In the past couple of days I have been challenged about the words that I speak. Form a book called *10*

*Most Powerful Words* (Jack Hanes) I am reminded that the words I speak carry immense power. In Proverbs 12:18 we read, 'Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing'. How many times have I pierced others with my reckless words? How many times have I been pierced with someone else's reckless words? When was the last time I was healed by someone's wise words? How often do I take the opportunity to heal someone else with my wise words?

Words are powerful and perpetual. Our lives, marriages and churches are held together by the words we speak. The challenge is to fill our homes, churches and children with words that life, bless, help, and encourage rather than with words that pull down, are negative, cynical and critical. Matthew 12:35-37 is a timely reminder of the impact of our words. I say this because so often we might speak to someone and not be wise in the things we say, or the words we use and before we know it we have said something to someone or about someone that will damage their heart, life or reputation. As God's people we need to be careful with the words we speak.

### Worthy Women's Dinner

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August is time for women of all ages to come together for a great night of food, fun and a challenge through the guest speaker. The Worthy Women's Dinner is an annual event run by the Mt Evelyn Christian Reformed Church. It is a shared meal together to encourage women to realise what God can do through them by using whatever gifts he has given them. Because of increasing numbers of ladies attending the Dinner is being held at the Chateau Wyuna, Mt Evelyn. The cost is \$35 per person. See Anita de Witte for more information.

### Connecting with your Neighbors' Conference

This is a not to be missed conference that will be held in our church on Friday night and Saturday (20-21<sup>st</sup> August). It promises to be an informative gathering on sharing God's love and care with our Muslim neighbours led by some of Melbourne's own who have vast experience ministering among Muslims. The speakers will be Mark Durie, Bernie Power & Steven Cooke.

### The Connecting with your Neighbors Conference will help you:

- Understand the Islamic worldview on spirituality.
- Know what they believe about spiritual issues such as sin, judgment and eternal life.
- Learn key Muslim assumptions about life.
- Acquire many practical know how's of ministering to them.
- Help Muslims get past roadblocks to coming to faith.

It will help you to better relate to the Muslims who live around you and the steps needed to lead them to Christ will be much clearer to you.

The conference starts at 7.30pm on the Friday night with the message: "*Seeing the world through Muslim eyes: tools for talking with your neighbour*" by Mark Durie. The Saturday program includes sessions on "*Meeting felt needs*", "*Sharing your faith*", "*Apologetics*" and "*Dos and don'ts of Muslim Ministry*", plus a testimony of a believer from a Muslim background.

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The conference cost is only - **\$25** Conference & Lunch - **\$30** (Tea & Coffee provided).

Registrations close August 15th.

Enrolment forms to follow soon.

### **Crossroads Bible Institute**

To help raise funds for the Crossroads Bible Institute, which facilitates bible studies in prisons across Australia and the Solomon Islands they are selling a music CD 'White Picket Fences' by Heidi and Greg Walker. The CD is contemporary, family friendly music which encourages and promotes a true walk with God.

Each CD costs \$20 and orders can be placed through Jean in the office or by contacting Anne Bruinsma [awbrnsma@tpg.com.au](mailto:awbrnsma@tpg.com.au). If you want to sample the music before thinking of buying, then see Jean for the sample disc.

### **Religion in the Public Square**

The Church & Nation Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria is organising an inaugural three day colloquium, *Religion in the Public Square*, from Thursday–Saturday, July 22–24, 2010 in the Assembly Hall, 156 Collins St, Melbourne.

We have a keynote speaker, a noted ethicist, Dr Scott Rae, whose texts are on the reading list for quite a few theological colleges.

The papers on offer fall into six areas:

- Business ethics and the future of capitalism
- Securing freedom of religion in a hostile environment
- The case for Religion in the Public Square
- Understanding vocation
- Affirming and promoting pro-life policies
- Sex: the worst and the best

Hopefully, we have managed to put together an attractive programme with excellent speakers.

The freedom of religion segment we expect will generate considerable interest as we seek to push the

boundaries in favour of freedom of conscience, thought and religion in what has become an increasingly hostile environment.

We warmly invite our friends from the Christian Reformed Churches to consider attending, and if so to get their registrations in early as we may exceed seating capacity!

The link to the registration flyer, giving details of the programme and speakers as well as costs is <http://candn.pcvic.org.au/media/ColloquiumFlyer.pdf>. See Pastor Jim if you need a registration form or flyer and you cannot access the website.

### **Pastoral and Prayer Points**

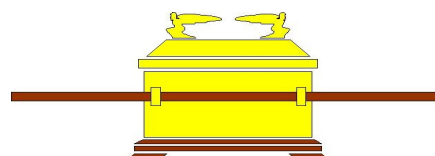
We want to remember the family of **Cecil Campbell** who buried a father, grandfather and great grandfather last week. We pray that God might surround them with love, comfort, encouragement and support in this time of grieving.

We also want to remember all who grieve the loss of a loved one. Any time there is a death the old wounds can be opened up again and the loss will be felt all over again. May we all seek our comfort from the God of all comfort.

It was good to see **John Nicholson** up and about after his operation. We pray that his healing will continue well.

We welcome back **Harry and Henni Burggraaf** from their long overseas sojourn. We know that Jono is happy to have them back, as are we as a congregation.

Today is the start of Target 21 for **Amy Noorbergen**. We pray that God will bless and use the T21 experience for Amy.



### **Bible Study**

The Oasis Growth Group will be meeting again this coming Tuesday (6<sup>th</sup> July) at 7.15pm in the home of Harry and Henni Burggraaf (17 Edgewood Road Dandenong). Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Harry or Henni 9791 2601

### **Thank You**

The family of Cecil Campbell would like to thank those who attended Cecil's thanksgiving Service on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to the church members who set up and served lunch, provided flowers, and those who helped with the music, sound and visual parts of the service.

We appreciate you all very much and thank you for remembering dad. A big thank you to the staff at the Hostel for caring for dad for nearly 4 years.

The family of Cecil Campbell.

### **Quotable Quotes**

To avoid situations in which you might make mistakes may be the biggest mistake of all.

*Peter Mc Williams*

Sometimes it seems like God is difficult to find and impossibly far away. We get so caught up in our small daily duties and irritations that they become the only things that we can focus on. What we forget is that God's love and beauty are all around us, every day, if only we would take the time to look up and see them.

*Matthias*

You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother.

*Albert Einstein*

### **Afrikaans Worship Services**

Next Sunday (11<sup>th</sup> July) is our first Afrikaans service at 6pm. Through this service we are extending an invitation to South African families to attend special worship service in the Afrikaans language. The service will be conducted by Br. Colin Pretorius this

month. In the following months the services will be taken by Rev. La'Mont Fereirra. This missional experiment is designed to help us reach out and connect with the many South African migrants in our area. We would like to meet with them and invite them to become connected with our regular church community. These services will be on the second Sunday of each month (July, August & September) at 6pm. We value the prayers of God's people as we build bridges that reach out to this group of people.

## **FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**

### **THE GRACE GROW GROUP (Triple G)**

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 2.00-3.30 pm. Leader is John Nicholson. Everyone is welcome. Contact Regina Gnanathurai on 9795 6252

**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 is on this week at the home of Kath and Colin Harrison. We will be starting a new book about God's Comfort. Please bring \$10 to pay for your copy. See you then. 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

Dirk de Haan	July 4
Miro Kaka	July 5
Harry Burggraaf	July 6
Jennifer van Neutegem	July 10

May God look down and bless you Now when your birthday's here  
 And keep you in His loving care Each day throughout the year,  
 And may He grant you happiness In everything you do--  
 Today, tomorrow, always, Every day your whole life through!

Forgiveness is granted and is not to be expected, or demanded

Forgiveness is a blessing PS 32:1

Forgiveness is covering and concealing sin by the forgiver Ps 85:2

Forgiveness is a removal of anger Ps 85:1-3

Forgiveness is a mutual activity, following the example of the Lord Jesus

and our heavenly Father, and a requirement of God's people Matt 18:21-25

Even where forgiveness is fully and freely granted, the consequences of the sin remains.

The Sydney Harbour Casino, like the Melbourne Crown Casino, are the new 20th Century temples of mammon based on greed, and we will come to regret the evil and despair they will bring upon our Australian nation. These casinos will become temples of mammon, dedicated to the almighty dollar, the centres of a new religion called mammonism, devoted to greed for wealth.

(Rev) *Fred Nile, MLC Sydney*

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# Morphing God

*"No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us." - 1 John 4:12*

**WANTIRNA STATE  
YOUTH SERVICE**



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*"Those who obey his  
commands  
live in Him, and He in them."  
- 1 John 3:24*

Sunday, July 25th, 2010

6pm - Supper Afterwards