



11 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 Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: Great Prayer in Despair
Habakkuk 1:12-2:1
Reading: Psalm 73

6:00 PM Br. Colin Pretorius
(Afrikaans Service)
Message: Life without God is Death (Afrikaans)
Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Duty Elder: Peter Noorbergen

Duty Deacon: Aafke Span

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

Duty Elder: Colin Pretorius

Duty Deacon: Yke Laverman

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Gideons

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Cornerstone

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2192.65
Solomon Islands	\$431.55

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

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

Next Week: J & P. Bruinewoud, C. Daniels,
T. Raatjes

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Matthew Noorbergen, Dave Barrot

Next Week: Jennifer van Neutegem,
David Cameron

DATA PROJECTOR

Today: Cameron de Witte

Next Week: Cameron de Witte?

GREETERS

Today: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

Next week: Rita Piening

From the Pastor's Desk

Psalm 103 was read at the funeral service for Truus Hamilton last Thursday. In the opening verses of the Psalm we read, 'Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits...'. this is what we come to do today as God's people in this place. We come together to praise God. That praise of God is not just in times of joy and peace and prosperity, but also in those times of pain and struggle and sickness. Forget not all his benefits...the greatest benefit is that, in his love and grace and

compassion he has not dealt with us according to our sin. He has not treated us as we deserve! What a great reason to praise God. What a privilege it is to come together, in his presence to praise his holy name. I pray that God will stir our hearts in thanks and praise, as we worship together this morning. However you are feeling as you come to the service, I pray that you will leave having praised God with your inmost being. A warm welcome to all who are visitors this day may you feel at one with us as we meet today. What a blessing it is to be here today.

Worthy Women's Dinner

Friday 20th 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 or to register your interest.

Afrikaans Service

This Sunday evening at 6pm we are holding our first Afrikaans Service, led by Colin Pretorius. As Colin has written, 'The ex-South African community has grown markedly over the past few years, and a large proportion of these new members of our community are Afrikaans-speaking. A number have become members of, and have found their spiritual homes, in local churches.

'However, it is felt there is a need within the community to have a service in their mother tongue,

and it is this need that the DCRC hopes to fulfil, at the same time drawing people into the local fellowship community. The DCRC not only views this as a missional task, but as an exciting outreach opportunity.'

We hope that you can be in prayer for this service that those who attend will hear the gospel and will consider making Dandenong their spiritual home.

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 (20-21st 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.

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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.

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 If you want to sample the music before thinking of buying, then see Jean for the sample disc.

Short Minutes of the Church Council of Dandenong Christian Reformed Church July 1st

Pastor Jim led the opening with passages from the Bible on words and how they can be used as a tool of destroying and building. This provided discussion in times when we have been on the receiving end and the giver of words that cause this, and we were reminded of God's warning in Matthew 12:35-37. We then opened with prayer mindful of what God has called us to do and how we speak in accordance to his will. Some of the items church council looked at were:

- Ministry Support Roles and how we as a council can support and encourage the congregation in their work within and outside of the church. We brainstormed many ideas and look forward to implementing them soon.

- Ministry Spot Roster and looking at highlighting some of the ministries that as a church we do and how we can be blessed and supported by others. These will take place in our morning services to highlight and to inform.
- Target 21 and with Amy leaving last Sunday the 4th of July, that we have a send off and prayer for Amy and she goes on this journey.
- We looked at the blessing of Baptisms and Profession of Faith and that there is number of Congregation looking to Profess their Faith and the Baptism of Konyi Kaka.
- As a church we will support SALT as it works to bring relief to the attacks and looting that occurred in the home town of Peter Kaka's mother in the Sudan.
- The letter which was published from Doeke and Dettie in the newsletter and the upset and dismay that it caused many in the church was discussed. It was disappointing and wrong that they expressed how they felt in this way, without directing those concerns to the Church Council. It was also felt that they were wrong and misguided in some of their conclusions. A letter in response was sent to address some of their concerns and highlighting our concern that they did not speak to us, or send a letter to the Church Council about their concerns.
- That as a council we are looking forward to the Connecting with our Neighbour Conference and also the 1st of our Afrikaans services starting on July 11th.
- The Global Leadership Summit is happening again and many from our council will be attending this.

We concluded with correspondence in and out, and we also spoke about the congregation as a whole when it came to Elders and Deacons reports. We finished the meeting in prayer giving everything we spoke about to God and asked for his hand to be upon his church in Dandenong.

David Barrot

An Attack on Pibor

Pibor is the region in the Sudan where the family of Peter Kaka lives. In late May there was heavy fighting between United Nations soldier and other militants, with random killings of civilians. The residents of the village of Lukurnyang (where Peter's mother lives) were forced to flee and go into

hiding for a week. During that time their properties were looted by the soldiers who broke down doors and took everything such as food, sleeping materials, cooking and eating utensils, church property and anything else they could carry off. Instead of protecting civilians and defending their property they were instead looted things.

The situation has settled down now but there is a desperate need to assist in the replacement of property after the attack. SALT is a development organisation that has local pastor working on the f=ground in the village, setting up an education centre and a hospital. Their work comes under the banner of the Presbyterian Church USA. Pastor John Tubuwa and Pastor Orozu Lokine Daky (personally known by Peter) work with SALT. They are coordinating the relief effort.

The Church Council have resolved to assist in this work and we are asking the congregation to support the relief effort. To do tis we will be holding a special offering that will be collected at the door after both services. The monies raised will be channelled through SALT and be used to buy locally the items needed such as sleeping mats, cooking and eating utensils, blankets and water containers. Please prayerfully consider how you can help overcome the need. In an email we received they also ask that we might pray for them. They finish with the words from 1 Peter 5:7, 'We must cast all their anxieties unto God, for he cares for them (sic).'

Baptism

Next Sunday we hope to celebrate the baptism of young Konyi Kaka, son of Peter and Katherine. While we look to the need in Peter's hometown we also celebrate God's covenantal blessings on the family of Peter.

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- Early last Sunday **Truus Hamilton** died after a short illness. She is the sister of John Blik and also 'step-mum' to Ben and Karen and Ray and Jen. Pray for God's loving comfort to surround them and Barney, the Blik families, Truus's children – and all who mourn her sudden passing. Many of our community knew her from earlier days in Dandenong and attended the thanksgiving service last Thursday.

- **Janis Gully** is also grieving the loss of her sister Leslie , who died unexpectedly last Friday at the age of 64. The funeral and thanksgiving service took place on Thursday. We pray that God will surround Janis and her wider family at this time of loss, with his love and comfort.
- **Hazel de Kretser** (Ishbelle and Crosbie's Mum) now has permanent residency at the Hostel and can be found at home in room 20.
- Pray for **Tiny Teeuwen** (who recently moved into Unit 33 O.G.V) and who is in Dandenong hospital at present with respiratory problems.
- **Pray** for carers who are caring for loved ones at home. This is a demanding task that requires a lot of alertness, physical energy, vigilance and emotional resources as well as consistency, patience and wisdom. Pray especially for Gerrie de Haan, Peter Vandenberg, and Adrian de Vos as well as others you know.
- Continue to hold those with health issues and the frail-aged in your prayers – **John de Haan, John van Neutegem, Henny de Vos, Tinie Teeuwen**, and those who now reside in the hostel and receive care.
- Give thanks for the pregnant mothers in our congregation, and pray for the healthy development and growth of their babies. Pray for young parents bringing up little ones and for the energy and wisdom that requires.
- On a personal note, it is good to be back among you all, in our home congregation, after 12 weeks of travelling - such varied experiences of cultures, churches, wonderful scenery, mountain tops, gaining historical insights and learning bits of languages, seeing the wonderful world and creation in which we live. We praise God for safe travels and safe return. Henni
- Today is the final wrap up for the young people on the Target 21 program. Having met with them on Thursday I hear that they have seen and experienced a lot, and they had learned a lot about their God, themselves and their world. The word used by Amy was brain overload. We pray that in the days, weeks and time ahead they will be able to process and consolidate all that they have learned and experienced.

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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

David Barrot	Today	July 11
Corey van Garderen		July 12
Marianne Piening		July 16
Siska Barrot		July 17
Gerda Huinink		July 17

After a certain number of birthdays, we begin to see the spontaneous beauty of the life God gives us each day, and we appreciate its unique pattern... After a certain number of birthdays, we marvel at our own original design May this year of your life be blessed by knowing in every moment, in every day, He is shaping you in His loving and perfect design.

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 97956252 This week we will meet at John & Heather Nicholson's Unit 56 Outlook gardens.

OASIS GROWTH GROUP:

The Oasis Growth Group will be meeting again this coming Tuesday (6th 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

COFFEE BREAK LADIES BIBLE STUDY,
Meet at the church at 10am. All ladies are welcome 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 will be held at the home of Nel Steunenbergh this week. We will be using our new book on God's Comfort. If you have not yet paid

please bring \$10 along. 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!

Some people mistakenly believe that the Holy Bible teaches "money is the root of all evil", which is not correct. What the Holy Bible teaches is, "the love of money is the root of all evil; which some have greedily sought after" (I Timothy 6:10).

Like those in New Testament times, Christians today need to make sure that they are not squeezed into this world's mould, but stand firm for the Christian principles affirmed by Christ Himself. There is no more pragmatic attitude than that. Everyone will benefit in the long run.

"To laugh often and love much;

To win the respect of intelligent people

and the affection of children; To earn the approval of honest critics

and endure me betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty; To find the best in others; To give, of oneself without the slightest

thought of return-To have accomplished a task, whether

by a healthy child, a rescued soul, a

garden patch or a redeemed social

condition; To have played and laughed with

enthusiasm and sung with exaltation; To know that even one life has breathed

easier because you have lived; This is to have succeeded."

¿God in US in God?

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