



18 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: Training a Child (Proverbs 22:6)
Reading: Reading Proverbs 3:1-12

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: Celebrating Sabbath (Exodus 20:8-11)
Readings: Lord's Day 38; Hebrews 4:1-12

Duty Elder: Yke Laverman

Duty Deacon: Kevin de Jong

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

Duty Elder: Colin Pretorius

Duty Deacon: Henni Burggraaf

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Cornerstone

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – RTC

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2915.20
Gideons	\$578.10

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J & P. Bruinewoud, C. Daniels,
T. Raatjes

Next Week: A & Y. Pleiter, J. van Neutegem,
D. Cameron.

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Jennifer van Neutegem,
David Cameron

Next Week: Kevin de Jong, Paul Cholel

GREETERS

Today: Rita Piening

Next week: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud

From the Pastor's Desk

This morning is a special day for the Kaka family with young Konyi receiving the covenant sign of baptism. We rejoice with them on this day, and also commit ourselves to support them in their role as godly parents.

I'm not sure if you have been keeping up with the news surrounding the Phillip Island Adventure Resort. The resort is run by Christian Youth Camps (CYC) and owned by the Christian Brethren. As reported in the Age (7/7/10) Cobaw Community Health Service is taking CYC and Christian Brethren to VCAT seeking compensation because they refused to allow Way Out (their youth support group) to use

the site for gay youth to meet about homophobia and discrimination. They are claiming that the exemption to the Equal Opportunity Act for Christian organisations does not apply to a commercial entity (but isn't a Christian School a commercial entity too?). The defence by CYC and the resort is centred around the fact that the nature and purpose of the group's activities did not conform with the doctrines of Christianity (and the Word of God) upheld by CYC and the resort, and the managers were also concerned about the impact on other groups using the park.

I think that we have yet another test case challenging Christian organisations about the beliefs they uphold. The current Equal Opportunity Act, which we fought to maintain, continues to allow religious groups to 'discriminate' against anyone as long as it is done because of genuine religious beliefs or principles. We need to pray that this case against CYC is dismissed, so that we can continue to operate under the Word of God. There is a relentless attack against what we believe and the truth on which we stand and I think we need to be aware of the sorts of challenges that are coming our way. Just some food for thought.

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.

Connecting with my Neighbour Conference.

The conference enrolment forms are now available (you will find one in your pigeon hole). More forms can be collected from the information table in the hall area.

As the host church we are needing to provide help and support during the conference. There is a sign-up sheet in the Hall asking for volunteers to help during the conference. We need helpers in the kitchen to set-up and clean up the evening supper and the morning and afternoon tea, as well as lunch. The food is provided, but help is needed in the kitchen. Volunteers are needed in ushering and, possibly, car park assistance as well as with the sound system. See where and when you are able to help and write your name down on the sheet.

Profession of faith Class

A number of young people have expressed a desire to have Profession of faith Classes. I will be holding classes on Sunday mornings, after the morning service, for about 1 hour. We will meet every second week, starting on Sunday 1st August. If anyone is interested please see Pastor Jim soon so we can work out numbers.

J Team

There will be a J-Team leaders meeting on Wednesday 21st July at 4pm in the church. It will be great to get together and give thanks to God for the blessings of last term and to plan the term ahead.

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J-Team will be starting again on Wednesday 28th July at 4pm. Any children in Prep to grade 4 are welcome to attend. For further details see Jeannette Noorbergen, Anita de Witte or Pastor Jim.

URY

URY, for youth grade 5 and over, will start again on Tuesday 3rd August at 7pm in the church. Everyone welcome.

Worthy Women's Dinner

Hosted by Mt Evelyn Christian Reformed Church

Date: Friday 20th August 2010

Venue: Chateau Wyuna

170 Swansea Rd Mt Evelyn

Tickets: \$35.00 per person

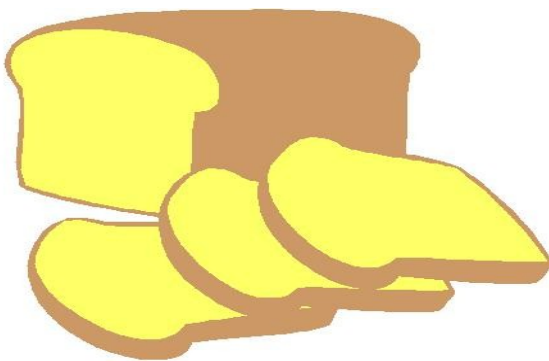
For enquires and tickets phone

Karin: 9735 0035 or Julie 97355765

Email: julieana.bouma@bigpond.com

RSVP: 8th August

Be sure to invite your girlfriends!



The 'Jubilate Choir' together with 'Selah' of Oxley College And Various Artists

Present an Evening of Music

**At 'The Highway' Apostolic Church
1330 Ferntree Gully Road Scoresby (Melway
72H7)**

21st August 2010 7.30 pm

\$15 pp - \$30 fam. - \$12 conc.

Tickets are available by ringing:

Harold & Janneke Dykstra on 9700-2378

Peter & Alice Krins on 9735-5334

Or check with Choir members in your congregation

Pastoral and Prayer Points

Pray for those who are sick, had surgery, or are in hospital.

- **Carmen Johnson** underwent hip surgery, after a fall last week Friday, in which she fractured her femur. She is doing well at Dandenong hospital.
- **Tiny Teeuwen** continues in Dandenong hospital at present with respiratory issues.
- **Persis Ferdinands** is in South Eastern hospital for a shoulder problem.
- **Herman Blenk** is recovering after surgery and requires some further treatment and consultation.
- **Paul Cholel** had his sinus surgery on Tuesday and is home recovering.
- **Mark and Naomi** had a scare this week when Naomi had a small bleed but ultra sound reassured them the baby was doing well. Praise God!
- **Gwen Williams** has had to move to care accommodation after her hip surgery. She is now at "Tarralla" (Blue Cross) 6 Jackson Street Croydon 3136 (Phone: 9723 1197). This move means she is closer to her children, but we will miss her in our church community.

Lorna Dixon and Emil Poppenbeck are grieving the loss of a family member. We pray for God's comfort and love to surround them. Also for all who mourn the recent loss of a family member.

Pibor Offering

Last week Peter shared with us the problem's that are surrounding his family in the Sudan. In response to that we are holding a special offering to provide support to the families over there that have suffered displacement and looting at the hands of soldiers and rebels. We will also continue to uphold them in prayer.

Following on from that is a letter from Peter explaining the situation and a letter from one of the SALT pastors on the ground in the region.

“Dear congregation, I want to greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. On behalf of the Church Council I am very happy to stand in front of you to share the condition of my family back home in the Pibor, Sudan, especially my mother Lokoli Luthurke, elder sister Nyandit Kaka, young brother and all my friends.

“On Friday 21 May 2010 a group of aggressive men attacked the army base in the suburb called Lukurnyang. Their aim was to fight the soldiers, not civilians but because of the gunfire everyone ran away to safety for a week. After the fighting settled they returned to their homes and found nothing left. Now people are looking for sleeping mats and blankets, cooking and eating utensils and water containers because they have no tap and need to walk to get water.

“Finally I appreciate you for sharing this situation with me and carrying it on your shoulders.”

From the Sudan we received this communication:
Thank you very much for your concern for the suffering of the people of Lukurnyang and the whole of Murle Community in Jonglei State

For your information, it is not only Lukurnyang now but the whole town and also Tangnyang village in which fourteen soldiers lost their lives and twenty four of them are now hospitalized in Juba.

As result, most people are in hiding for fear of their

lives. According to information from the area, situation is getting worse as people cannot plant. Only a few people are able to stay on, in the town. The number of affected people is now over 20,000 and they need food, shelters, blankets etc.

I will furnish you with an account number where you may send the envisaged assistance as soon as possible

In his grace

Rev. Orozu Lokine Daky

*SALT Regional Coordinator and East Jonglei
Presbytery Peace Desk Director*

The Church Council has resolved to assist in this work and we are asking the congregation to support the relief effort. To do this 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.

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.

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

OASIS GROWTH GROUP:

The Oasis Growth Group will restart again this coming Tuesday (20th 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 Steunenberg 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!

DVD Lending Library

Over the years we have collected a number of children's DVDs and videos, like Veggie Tales, for J-Team. We would like to make these DVDs available for you to use whether that is with children or grandchildren. The DVDs are available from the lounge area. All we ask that you do is write in the book your name and the DVD that you have borrowed and that you return it within 2 weeks.

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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
Knox Gardens Community Hall, Argyle Way, Wantirna South, Melway Ref - 72 G2
"Those who obey his commands live in Him, and He in them." - 1 John 3:24
Sunday, July 25th, 2010
6pm - Supper Afterwards