



15 August 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: God's Great Purpose of History
(Habakkuk 2:2-20)
Reading: Habakkuk 2:14

6:00 PM Br. Gerry de Groot
Message: Is Being a Christian Really Worth it?
Reading: Malachi 3:13-4:6

Duty Elder: Peter Noorbergen

Duty Deacon: Gerry Smeedes

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

Duty Elder: Yke Laverman

Duty Deacon: Aafke Span

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Ministry Formation Workgroup

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Christian Outreach Ministry
(COM India Children's Home)

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,108.55
Middle East Reformed Fellowship	\$470.20
Donation Hall	\$200.00

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: Y. Laverman, J. Lepema, B. Hamilton

Next Week: D,P&P. Ellings, J. Esselbrugge,
P. Kaka

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Jennifer van Neutegem,
David Cameron

Next Week: Kevin de Jong, Paul Cholel

GREETERS

Today: Corry Blik

Next week: Nan van der Kruk

From the Pastor's Desk

With the election just days away now I received an email from ACCESS Ministries (which coordinates CRE in Primary Schools regarding the ongoing funding of chaplaincy in schools. I thought it was worth repeating their comments and concerns in the newsletter.

“With the election now announced we need to make our voices heard and ensure that the funding of chaplaincy continues.

“We presently receive funding from the Federal Government of \$20,000 per chaplain for a basic

salary. In November 2009, the then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd gave a commitment to continue the funding until the 31st December, 2011. The review of the program is presently taking place. **Whether the School Chaplaincy program remains after the election and beyond is uncertain.**

“Kevin Rudd was a great advocate of chaplaincy however his view was not shared by all his colleagues.

“It is important that we encourage both parties to support the continuation of chaplaincy and its expansion whilst retaining the present Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) guidelines. Our concern is that the program could be modified going forward.

- **The current government has indicated that the program may be given over exclusively to a secular service.**
- **The Greens Party has indicated that it prefers a secular service model.**

In other words, the unique holistic and spiritual dimension of chaplaincy will be lost.

- **The Liberal Opposition has stated that the program will continue under their leadership, however it will not expand the number of school chaplains.**

“All parties need to hear the voices of those who value the unique role of chaplains and to hear of the magnificent impact on the lives of our children and young people and the school communities they represent.

“Please – for our children and our communities – contact your local MP, the Prime Minister and the

Leader of the Opposition and tell them why chaplaincy should continue and be extended to all schools.

“Can you share with them stories of how chaplains are supporting children? Will you encourage others concerned about chaplaincy to do the same (your church, your committees, your friends, your school)?

“Go to <http://support.schoolchaplaincy.org.au/> to **inform your local MP of why they should support our chaplains.** Entering your postcode at this site will deliver the contact details for your local MP. From there you just need to add a short, simple story about why **school chaplaincy must be continued.**

“Finally, please pray that God in His grace will overrule and this vital ministry to children will be preserved and will flourish.”

Survey

Grant Power, a student at the University of Queensland, is currently doing his Honours thesis, researching the impact of Australian political leaders’ religious membership and religious activity on the voting intentions of different Christian denominations. He is undertaking an online survey, hoping to receive responses from a cross-section of Australian Christians.

The survey is at:
www.religionandpoliticssurvey.com.au

Grant is hoping that members from Dandenong Christian Reformed Church would be able to participate in his online survey. It only takes about 5 minutes and is completely anonymous. At the completion of his thesis he will share the results with us

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Ministry Formation Workgroup

The second collection today is for the denominational Ministry Formation Workgroup. It was set up by Synod to help churches implement the Fourfold Task and become more intentional and active in church planting and ministry training. Jack de Vries is the denominational coordinator of this ministry and we are thankful for his tireless work on our behalf.

40 Hour Famine

It is only one week to go till the young people begin their 40hour famine. A number of our young people are taking part in the World Vision 40hour Famine. Currently it is Matt Noorbergen, Emily, Zoe and Asher de Witte. They plan to go without things like food, talking, shoes, thumbs and furniture for the 40 hours starting on Friday evening (21st August) to the Sunday. They would love your support as they go without raising awareness and support.

Why are they doing the 40 hour famine?

Did you know that the Global Food Crisis continues into its third year and that more than 1 billion people can't get enough food to ensure their survival, let alone live a healthy life?

Did you know that hunger and malnutrition is the number one risk to health worldwide- greater than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined?

Did you know that every \$40 raised through the 40hour famine can help 6 children for one month?

The funds raised this year will support 40hr Famine projects in Nepal, Kenya, Laos and Cambodia. These projects are working to increase reliable access to food and clean water, reduce the effects of climate change, develop livelihoods through microenterprise development and training and invest in agricultural education and development.

The guys will be available in the hall after church to answer your questions and to accept your sponsorship. See how you can help!

Connecting with my Neighbour Conference.

Just a reminder that the conference is just 2 weeks away and it promises to be a great weekend as we hear from gifted missionaries on how we can connect with our Muslim neighbours.

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.

It has been decided to make this an open night for anyone to attend, with a challenging message we can all connect to and worship we can all participate in. A freewill offering will be taken up that night.

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 tomorrow.

A huge thank you to those who have put their name down to help with our hosting of the conference. If you haven't put your name down, but can help out, please do so soon. The sign-up sheets are in the foyer.

For those who have put their name down the supper times are:

Friday night at 9pm (after the Keynote address)

Saturday: Morning Tea is served at 10.30am; afternoon tea at 3.30pm. Lunch is being provided by a local Sri Lankan restaurant. There will be an offering taken up on the Saturday to cover some of our costs for the 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.

RTC

The Board of the Reformed Theological College is delighted to announce that Rev John de Hoog has been offered the position of Lecturer in Old Testament and Hebrew at the College.

Following discussions with the Faculty, the CRCA and RPCA Deputies, and with input from the RCNZ Deputies, Rev de Hoog was interviewed by the Board and there was unanimous agreement that he is ideally suited to the position. His theological views, ministry experience and gifts fit very well within the RTC context and the Board believes he will be well-received by the College's supporting churches – the CRCA, RPCA and RCNZ.

Rev de Hoog is well known to the supporting churches of the College. He trained at the RTC - receiving his BD in 1991. John also possesses a BA (Hons) from the University of Tasmania, a MA(Theol) from Moore College, and is completing his MTh through the ACT with his Thesis being "The canonical function of Psalm 119". He is originally from Tasmania, but has also ministered in CRCA churches in Sydney, Canberra and most recently in Geelong. John is married to Sallee and they have four sons, Michael, Christopher, Nathaniel and Joshua.

The Board is deeply thankful to God for answering our many prayers for a suitable Faculty member. We anticipate that Rev de Hoog begin at the College in January 2011.

Rev Bill Bosker (Chairman - RTC Board)

Warburton WA SWIM Team

Anyone interested in being part of the team to Warburton in Jan 2011, should contact Pastor Jim or Peter Abetz (pabetz@crca.org.au) to express your interest.

Peter has been in touch with Sue Clark in Warburton, and she suggests we come the week of Sunday 9th to

Sat 15th Jan, or the week after.

Pastoral and Prayer Points

Last Sunday morning **Tinie Teeuwen** collapsed due to her respiratory problems. She died with medical support around her. She is with the Lord whom she believed in, and whom she lived for, in faith. We offer our love and condolences to her husband Cor at the Hostel, and also to her children and their families. The service of thanksgiving and burial was held on Friday at our church. May God's love and comfort surround each one at this time of loss.

Pray for John Van Neutegem who was admitted to hospital on Wednesday after a mild seizure at home. He is under observation and treatment options are being considered. He is currently in the South Eastern Hospital under observation at the time of writing. Also pray for Debbie and the family.

Ruth Harris is on the waiting list for surgery for the arthritic joint in her left hand. Pray for her and all those who live with pain.

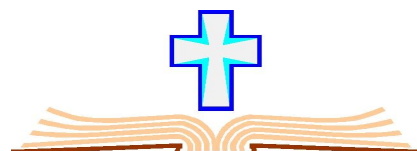
Gerrie de Haan also requires surgery, but this will not be able to be done till early October.

Gwen Williams remains at the Angliss Hospital, in the Rehab ward and needs our ongoing encouragement.

Care and Share

For all Care Share members there is a team meeting on

Monday 30th August at 1.30pm in the Church Office meeting space to discuss issues that arise out of the visiting and to debrief and encourage each other. Henni



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!

Worthy Women's Dinner

Hosted by Mt Evelyn Christian Reformed Church

Date: Friday 20th August 2010

Venue: Chateau Wynna

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!

Eternity

The latest *Eternity* newspaper (August edition) is now available in the church foyer. Pick it up and have a read. There are a number of articles in there dealing with the elections under the title 'Who Would Jesus Vote For', along with a range of other very interesting articles.



Pakistan flooding - Emergency Collection

You will have seen the images and cries for help from a nation that has been crippled by a national disaster. Through trusted Christian partners, we are able to assist in our Lord's name with emergency relief. Please give generously to WD&R's appeal this coming Sunday 22 August. (WD&R is unable to provide receipts for tax deductible purposes.)

Please continue to pray for so many people - in such desperate situations. Please also pray that people may not succumb to diseases which often do follow from such floods. Pray that God would be compassionate to the people of Pakistan.

Bert Kuipers

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

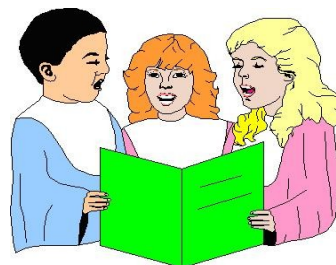
\$15 pp - \$30 fam. - \$12 conc.

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



FREE DESKS!

We have 2 desks at the Op Shop we have not been able to sell. Would anyone like them? Please see Anita de Witte if you are interested. Also we are low on queen sized linen at the moment- donations are always welcome!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Scott de Jong	Today	August 15
Regina Gnanathurai	Today	August 15
Fred Piening	Today	August 15
Peggy Hodgkinson		August 16
Ted Slaughter		August 16
Atie Bruinewoud		August 19
Janet de Jong		August 19
Ria Raatjes		August 19

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

Short Minutes of the Church Council Meeting

Church Council met last Thursday (5th August) with Peter chairing the meeting and opening with a devotion from 1 Corinthians 15, with the theme of "In the Lord your labour is not in vain."

Following up on items carried over from the previous meeting it was decided that there would be ministry spot time allocated monthly in our morning service to report on their ministry highs and lows and it will give us the opportunity to pray for them.

Under leadership development, 5 registrations were submitted for the Global Leadership Summit in October, and the Church Council will hold a retreat early February next year for planning and prayer.

Finance and Maintenance submitted a report and there was discussion of the church finances, budget and the AGM, which has been set for the 23rd October.

There was a report on the Shawlands Ministry and the excitement generated by the request of a number of resident families to share their story and appreciation for the church. This will take place on the 15th August. The Christmas celebration is set for Saturday 11th December.

The Classis representatives verbally reported on the Classis meeting and some matter that arose from that for further discussion.

Church Council has instructed some further investigation into purchasing a home for communal housing options for some of the needy people we have recently encountered. The prospect and potential of such a project generated quite some interest.

Over the past two meetings there has been some thought and discussion on the order of service and some changes to be trialled. Starting on Sunday 15th the announcements will be given at the start of the service by the duty elder. The offering, when it is taken up, will be brought to the front and prayed over by the duty deacon. They will then be left there and locked away after the service. These changes have been brought on by concern over the placement of the announcements, the role of the duty deacon and the way the offering is taken up.

Pastoral issues were discussed and correspondence was tackled and the meeting closed with prayer. The next meeting was for Elders on Thursday 26th August and the full Church Council on Thursday 2nd September.



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:

meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month (but not during school holidays) at the Burggraaf's: 7:15 – 9:15 pm. New members welcome to attend. Ph: 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 Bible Study is at the home of Mark and Nyomie Meenks this week. Hope to see you all there. For further information about our group contact Mark Meenks on 97045516.

WANNA SEE GOD'S
GREATEST MASTERPIECE?

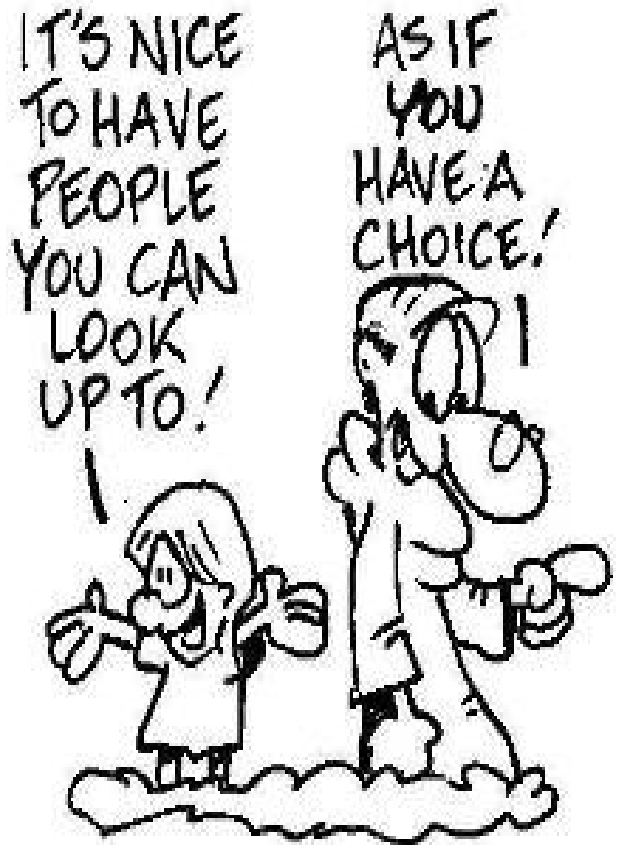
... THEN LOOK
IN A MIRROR!



Care and Share is looking for **more** people who can participate in its visiting program. As some of our visitors grow older themselves we need younger people to replace them. If you have some free time to offer friendship and spiritual and emotional support to others in our church community please talk to Henni Burggraaf (ph. 9791 2601)

Care and Share is the visiting program that supports the elderly and the frail and those isolated in their own homes due to disability.

For all Care Share members there is a team meeting on **Monday 30th August at 1.30pm in the Church Office meeting space** to discuss issues that arise out of the visiting and to debrief and encourage each other. Henni



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.