



26 September 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. Bill Berends
Message: TBA
Reading: TBA

6:00 PM Br. Herman Linde
Message: TBA
Reading: TBA

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Vicariate

NEXT WEEK

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2 – KRUPA Childrens Home

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,828.15
Reformed Theological College	\$692.30
Donations Hall	\$400.00



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: C. van Garderen, J. Schapendonk,
R. Salvaratnam, J. Appel

Next Week: K. de Jong, L & D. Barrot.

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Phillip & Paul Ellings

Next Week: Matthew Noorbergen, Dave Barrot

GREETERS

Today: Yke & Anneke Laverman

Next week: Corry Blik

WELCOME

As a church community we want to welcome our two visiting preachers today. Thank you to **Rev. Bill Berends**, one of our R.T.C. lecturers, for being willing to share God's Word with us this morning, and also to **Mr. Herman Linde** for leading us in worship this evening, and bringing us a message from God's Word. We are grateful for your gifts and your ministry among us. We pray that God will bless us all, as we share in worship, in fellowship, and in receiving God's words for us this week. May they encourage us to live out God's love and grace in the week ahead.

Pressing on... When Paul talks about "pressing on" and "taking hold of" in Philippians

3:12-21 it reminds me of long mountain walks which we often do up in the high country in the summer time. The 22 km Grand Ridge walk from Kosciusko to Charlottes Pass with its many ups and downs, can only be accomplished by 'pressing on' and taking hold of the goal - which is to arrive in Charlotte's Pass where we have a car waiting. At times it is tempting to look back and think about returning to Kosciusko and taking the chairlift back down again... but then we would miss out on the spectacular views that the ridge path offers, and where we see the grandeur of God's creation from the top of the Aussie world. Pressing on, is something we have all had to do at various points in our lives:
 -persevering through a rehabilitation or physio program, or the study and practice that is required to complete a year of study like year 12, or the slog of training to become accomplished in a sporting skill, or any other skill. It requires a constant pressing on and keeping the goal clearly in mind.

Pressing on ... means we have a clear focus and do not stop to dwell on what we have already done, but focus on what still remains to be done, forgetting past achievements, no resting on our laurels, but having our eyes open to what God is teaching us **now**, the work God still has for us to do **now**.

It can be hard work pressing on. This week as I visited, I recognized those who are struggling to 'press on' due to limits they are experiencing. The encouraging thing is that Paul isn't saying he has got it all together, he hasn't arrived, he's not perfect, but he's reaching out for the grace and purpose of Jesus, who so wondrously reached out for him - on the Damascus road, and he's aware that he's still under construction... that he is being drawn on towards the goal of knowing Christ and the power of His resurrection in his life as he continues on the journey of faith and service.

As you 'press on' this week in being God's people, keep your eyes on Jesus, who persevered in obedience, even to the cross. May you be encouraged by all that Jesus has accomplished for us in that.!

Henni.

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.

Volunteers needed at Outlook Gardens

Outlook Gardens is currently in need of volunteers to assist our activity and nursing staff with our residents' social and medical appointments.

Please call 9795-7566 and speak to Hilda or Maggie if you could possibly help us.

A big thank you to all members of the congregation for their continued support and hard work.

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

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4.30pm, or general help sorting donations and sharing cappas with customers, please speak to Anneke Laverman or Anita de Witte. We would love some extra help!

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

Humphrey Lourensz	September 28
Felix Berman	September 29
Susan Lepema	September 29

With many special thoughts of you and prayers that God will bless
Your birthday and the year ahead with every happiness.

INVITATION

The Church Council and Congregation of the Christian Reformed Church of Geelong have pleasure in inviting you to the installation service of the Reverend Ron Nauta, minister of the Word and Sacraments. The service will be led by Prof. Henk De Waard on October 3, 2010 at 3:00pm in the Hall at Covenant College, Creamery Road, Bell Post Hill, *Mellways Ref. Page 441, C1*. We are grateful to the Lord that He has provided a minister to serve in this congregation.

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.

VENTURE BIBLE STUDY

(young adults bible study)

Venture Bible Study meets this Sunday at 4 at the Noorbergens.

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 For further information about our group contact Mark Meenks on 97045516.

A peaceful witness to life

For those who may be interested on Saturday 9th October at 2pm there will be a March for Babies held in the city in remembrance of the day the Victorian government passed the Abortion Law Reform Act in 2008. It is for the more than 20,000 babies aborted each year in Victoria (1 in 3).

The march will gather at Treasury Gardens and move peacefully to Parliament house, where there will be singing, speeches and prayer. For more information visit their website:

www.marchforbabies.org.au

CAR BOOT SALE

Set aside Saturday **23rd October** in your diaries for our annual Car Boot Sale. Please think about how you can help out this year. We need people to man the BBQs from 7.30am for bacon and eggs until

about 1.30pm for the sausage sizzle. If you can help with advertising please let us know. Any enquiries to Nel Steunenberg or Anita de Witte.

Box Hill Youth Service

Tonight 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Theme : 'All of life for God's glory - how to praise God while brushing your teeth'

Come and explore the theme of how we praise God in everyday living, there will be food after the service. Stay discuss the topic further and meet some people...

Ladies Day

Saturday 9th October 2010

10am – 3pm

Christian Reformed Church of Langwarrin

Speaker: **Michelle Dempsey**

Topic: **Changing Times –**

“How come young people aren’t like I was when I was young?”

Refreshments will be provided.

Bring a cut lunch and something to sell at the trading table.

About the Speaker - Michelle Dempsey

Michelle is a wife to Mic and a mother to Max and Meg and has had a lengthy career in Christian Education both as a teacher and leader. She is passionate about young people and for many years has been involved in youth groups or running small groups for young people. She is keen for young people to be better understood in our culture and is excited when young people come alive for Christ! Michelle loves a good laugh with people and

delights in the joys that her young children bring to her each day. Michelle is currently working for Christian Education National (formerly Christian Parent Controlled Schools) as the State Executive Officer for Victoria.

Solomon News

Life is always so varied here, and often interesting and sometimes frustrating. The fruit of the Spirit called ‘patience’ and another called ‘gentleness’ may well at times appear to be in short supply. Anyway, this time a few interesting stories from the mission field.

1. Patrick has recently been released from prison after serving about 5 years. He has linked up with a church that sprung up about 400 metres from the SWIM Base. He, with a number of others, lives on the church property. As a result, we see him quite a bit. Recently, Patrick was asked to preach at his church. On the Saturday night before the Sunday he was to preach, Patrick called in at our house. “Kevin, I’ve been asked to preach tomorrow. I need some help.” I asked him what his topic was and he told me it was the parable of the lost son. I told him I probably had some books on it, but said that he was leaving it a bit late. “Oh no” he said, “I am not after books. I wonder whether I could borrow some socks and shoes to wear while I am preaching!” From prison to pulpit! What grace. Patrick was an ardent CBI student and now wants to enrol in some theological studies.

2. About a month ago, we had the National Futsal team stay at SWIM for a camp before going off to play in the Oceania championships. We had the opportunity to share the Scriptures and pray with them before they left. They ended up winning every match, and will represent Oceania at the world championships later on. At present we have the women’s national soccer team staying ‘in camp’ at SWIM before they fly out to New Zealand on Sunday for the Oceania women’s championships. How lovely to hear the sound of worship early each morning and also each evening as these young ladies come not just to train but also enjoy fellowship together. With them too, God gave us the opportunity to share the word, worship and pray with them.

3. Not far from us, a company has a piece of land that they are developing for staff housing. They also use the roadside of their property to dump and occasionally burn rubbish, despite our repeated complaints and protests. Just today, they have again

burnt a huge pile of cardboard and plastics. Unfortunately, the phone line hangs low over the place where this happens. What we have feared for a long time has now happened. The fire was hot enough to burn the phone lines. So, no landline phones, no internet until it gets fixed. Telekom are not known for their speed. Mmmm!!!

4. Our local church has 'cell groups' which are invited to supply an item (choir, drama, testimony) on a rotational basis. Sunday week ago was our turn, and we were able to bring to church about a dozen of the young children who attend our Wednesday evening fellowship. Machi had taught them a choir item and they sang it beautifully.

5. The official opening for Bethesda has been set for October 12. We have invited just about the whole "Who's who" in Solomon Islands. Governor General, Prime Minister, 3 or 4 other members of parliament, heads of churches, heads of diplomatic missions, Speaker of Parliament, Provincial Premier, PWDs, and then some, including all media. Pray for fine weather. We'll let you know how it all turned out.

6. Mission teams continue to be a vital part of our ministry. Wamberal CRCA has a team here building staff houses for a clinic in Isabel Province. Moolap (Geelong) Baptist has a team here doing support work for an SSEC Bible College in Malaita. We have supported Wycliffe with a building project by clearing a container for them. We are preparing for a workshop in Guadalcanal for women (Machi) and another in Malaita (also Machi). Laretta is very busy with the Hospital school and Conference Centre bookings, and Jair has more than his hands full with work on vehicles, base maintenance and prison ministry.

What more can we say, but the fact that God is good in so many wonderful and sometimes unexpected ways. Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.

Kevin

COM Spread the Word

COM continues to grow in its ministry and mission to reach the people in every village of India. As we are well aware the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. To increase their ability to spread the gospel they have produced a range of messages recorded on memory sticks and DVDs. The aim is to take audio units out to the villages with a support volunteer. The

gospel messages are then broadcast through the audio units and a trained missionary will follow up with the people in the village who respond. Imagine how quickly the Word of God would spread throughout India by this audio program.

We have the opportunity to partner in this mission project. Each radio unit costs \$30 and the aim is to have 12,000 units operating within a year. To support this work of COM we are holding a special offering after the services today. All money raised through this offering will go to the purchase of the audio units.

There will be a video presentation during the service outlining the work.

Elder/Deacon Nominations

The Church Council is seeking nominations from the congregation of suitable people to be considered for the ministry of Elder or Deacon in the church. We have three Elders who are finishing their terms (Yke Laverman, Peter Noorbergen and John van Breen) and one Deacon (Kevin de Jong). Please prayerfully consider whom you might nominate or even whether you might be able to stand yourself. Nominations must be received before our next meeting on the 7th October.

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- **Welcome back** to all the travellers! It is good to see many of the choir members back from N.Z. as well as **Scott de Jong** back among us, from the red centre. Scott is back to stay in Victoria and will be looking for work here again. He has had to deal with the traumatic experience of a death threat and is processing the emotional stress that comes with that. We are grateful he is back with us and alive to tell the story.
- **Pia Antheunis** has accepted a permanent placement at Dutch Care Kilsyth. She will move into Amalia room 30, in Overbeek Lodge, Dutch Care, 736 Mt. Dandenong Road, Kilsyth (3137) in the coming week, but she is hopeful of being

able to come back to the Outlook Gardens Community when an appropriate vacancy arises in the hostel.

Lorna Dixon received the news that her daughter Susan (60) had suffered a stroke. Further investigations showed that it was neither a stroke nor a tumour, but that there is swelling on the brain. They have done a biopsy and the results of this will be known on Monday. Please pray for Susan to receive good medical care during this phase and for the recovery she needs, as well as for her husband Malcolm and the family, at this time of uncertainty and concern.

Heather Nicholson has been able to return home from hospital. She is very limited in her energy levels but knows God's enabling presence and peace.

Pastor Jim and Anita and the family are on holidays and we trust they will be refreshed by this 'time out', even though Cameron is required to continue at school to complete VCE work. Pray for all those doing VCE subjects this year, as they complete work and study for exams, as the final term of school starts in October.

Following **Phillip & Rowena's** wedding last week-end, the Van Neutegem family has spent time in Canberra. We pray for safe travels home again for them.

Shawlands Workgroup

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES:

Our next meeting has been changed to **Monday 4th October** at Jim's place

in preparation for the next BBQ at Shawlands on **Sunday 10th October**.



is God really perfect?

"...just as He who called you is holy, so be holy is all you do" (1 Peter 1:15)

Do you know someone who never does anything wrong or never makes a mistake? Certain people have searched for many years for someone who is perfect. They have never found such a person.

The Bible says in 1 John 1:5, "God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all." This verse means that God is holy and pure. There is no sin at all in Him. There is not even one little bit of badness in God. He is set apart from sin - set apart from all that is evil or bad. God and sin are opposites like light and darkness. God is holy. The Father is holy; the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is holy; the Holy Spirit is holy.

There is someone who is perfect - that is God! Only God is perfect. We have all sinned and sin separates us from God. Because God is holy He has to punish sin. But He gave His Son to die for sin so that we could be forgiven and be made holy. When you believed in Jesus as your Savior, you were forgiven of your sins and made holy before God. Aren't you glad?

Psalm 23: A Psalm for Busy People

The Lord is my pacesetter, I shall not rush;

He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals. He provides me with images of stillness, which restore my serenity;

He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind,

and His guidance is peace. Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day,

I will not fret, for His presence is here.

His timelessness, His all-importance, will keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity

by anointing my mind with His oils of tranquillity. My cup of joyous energy overflows.

Such harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours,

for I shall walk in the peace of the Lord, and dwell in His house forever.

Composed by Toki Miyashina, a Japanese woman.