



10 October 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: Lord of the Sabbath
Reading: Matthew 12:1-14

6:00 PM Afrikaans Service
Message: TBA
Readings: TBA

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – RCYA- Youth Connections

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Lord's Supper - Diaconate

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,842.05
KRUPA India	\$917.05
COM Radios	\$65.00



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: G. Huinink, F&H. Piening, K. Knol

Next Week: E. Poppenbeck, S. Johnson,
M. Kimmer/Wang

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Jennifer van Neutegem,
David Cameron

Next Week: Kevin de Jong, Paul Cholel

GREETERS

Today: Nan van der Kruk

Next week: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

From the Pastor's Desk

Today it was a privilege to sit in on a group of community service providers, like Centrelink, Southern Health, WAYSS, Dandenong Council, and hear them interacting with each other (and with us as the church) on how we can better meet the needs of the residents of Shawlands Caravan Park. This is the third time we have facilitated these meetings and they grow in excitement and cooperation. These people are genuinely concerned for the well-being of the park residents and are thankful the work we contribute to it as a church. Someone commented that they have never experienced such a free sharing of information, ideas and resources with other organizations, and they loved it!

As I sat there I was thinking about the words of James, ‘What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such a faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, ‘Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed’, but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action is dead.

‘But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.”’

‘Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.’ (James 2:14-18)

Here James is not talking about a works righteousness, but is asking a vitally important question. And the question is what kind of faith do you have? What James tells us is that the kind of faith that makes us righteous before God will also make us righteous before men. A true faith in God transforms our lives and affects the way we live and act. As a church we are acting out our faith, being the hands and feet of Jesus, as we reach out to the park residents. They know who we are, they know the work we are doing to help transform their lives. I believe that we are in a place where we can journey with people, meeting their needs and pointing them to Christ as we pray with and for them.

Liz, the park manager, was telling the rest of the group that residents are thanking the church for our input, and asking many questions about who we are. The service providers freely interact with us because we are a church that wants to help. There is an exciting future in the ministry in the park as we partner with Howard, Liz, Rob and the many service providers we are in contact with. Please keep this vital ministry in prayer, asking God to transform hearts and lives and grow his kingdom.

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.

Lord’s Supper

Next Sunday we plan to celebrate the Lord’s Supper in both services. God’s Word calls us to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup (1 Corinthians 11:28). In the light of that we are called to ask ourselves these questions:

1. Do I believe that my sins are forgiven only because my Lord sacrificed himself for me on the cross?
2. Is it my sincere desire to love God and my neighbour, and to serve them according to God’s Word?

You could pray: “Almighty God, we pray for Your grace that in the coming days we might rightly examine ourselves. Comfort us as repentant sinners and give us assurance that we may look forward to a blessed celebration. And if any of us are not right with You, give us grace and mercy, Lord, that in repentance we may change our way of life, and join this coming Sunday in the celebration of this most glorious feast. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

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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!

It is with great joy that we celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of our parent/grandparents of Alex & Olga Pleiter on Friday 15th October.

We thank the Lord for seeing them safely through the last 50 years and we pray there is many more to come.

Debbie & John, Phillip & Rowena, Belinda & David, Jennifer, Yvonne, Sharon & David, Megan, Scott.

ChildSafe Training

ChildSafe is a program designed and promoted by Scripture Union to assist organisation in providing an environment that is child safe and friendly. Because we have a duty of care when working with children, ChildSafe has developed a range of standards, guidelines and training material.

A number of years ago we, as a church signed up for the ChildSafe program. At that time most people undertook the initial training module, but we haven't kept that up-to-date. We have been using ChildSafe material with our enrolment forms and registration of children in our programs. Since then the denomination has registered with ChildSafe and is a recognised training provider.

On Saturday 6th November Ray Rus (Denominational Children's Ministry Co-ordinator) will be holding a training day in our church for a number of CRCA

churches. We need all people that are involved in our children's and youth programs to attend this day. That is people involved in Kidz Church, Creche Church, J-Team, Kids Hope and URY.

On the day we will undertake the training modules and do the 'test' on-line to be registered as a ChildSafe team member. The training is from 8.30-11.30am for team members and 8.30-2.30 for team leaders.

Further information will come out in the weeks ahead.

COLLEGE BOXES

Ladies please bring your savings for the college with you to church. October is the month that the boxes are emptied. I will be pleased to take them from you. In case you do not have a savings box and would also like to do something for the students. please contact me. Yours in Christ.

Janny Appel.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Dylan Hamilton	Today	October 10
Phillip Ellings		October 12
Nyomie Meenks		October 13

May the Lord bless you And send from above The peace of His presence,
The joy of His love.

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 meet at John & Heather Nicholson's. Unit 56 Outlook Gardens

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 will be at the home of Kath and Colin Harrison this week. Hope to see you all there. For further information about our group contact Mark Meenks on 97045516.

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.



Leprosy boxes

It is time once again to hand in your savings to Corry Blik asap.

Thank you.

Christmas Child Appeal

Some of the J-Team families have packed shoeboxes with gifts for young children in other countries, to be distributed for Christmas. This is the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Appeal.

We have a number of shoeboxes left if anyone is interested in filling a box with love and gifts that will put a smile on a child in distant places like Vietnam and Africa. The boxes need to be filled soon and returned so that they can be packed and freighted overseas in the next few weeks. See Emily or Zoe if you are interested in taking a box. They also have a flyer with information on what can and can't go in the boxes.

CRCA Women's Convention

will be on

Friday 24 – Monday 27 February 2012

At Camp Clayton, Ulverstone, Tasmania

www.campclayton.org.au

Bedding and towels will be supplied
and no need to use high bunk beds!

So start planning to be there...

Only 17 months to go!



J-Team Meeting

There is a meeting this Wednesday (13th October) for J-Team leaders and helpers in the church at 4pm. Please join us with your passion and enthusiasm as we plan the last exciting term of 2010.

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- What a celebration it was to hear **Ian Meenks** profess his faith and tell the story of God's love and grace changing his life, last Sunday. **Continue** to pray for **Ian** for God's daily enabling, as the journey continues.
- Pray for that daily enabling for **John and Debbie Van Neutegem** too...as they experience the limitations of skills and mobility for John as the disease progresses and with increased care needs.
- **Congratulations to Alex and Olga Pleiter** who celebrate 50 years of marriage this coming week (15th). What a milestone! Considering Alex's health issues, we give thanks to God with you, for His blessings and care over your life together to this day. May you continue to know God's blessing of health and strength and His sustaining grace and care for the rest of the journey together!
- **Lorna Dixon** has gone to assist her daughter Susan on her return home after her hospitalization.
- Praise God that **John Blik** was able to return home on Tuesday with continued medications, and pray for a complete recovery.
- Pray for successful surgery for **Gerrie de Haan**, as she is hospitalized on Tuesday 12th. Pray also that John will be well cared for by others during this time of Gerrie's hospitalization.
- It is on a sad note, that we are made aware that **Martha Cholel and her family** are moving to **Morwell** in the near future. We will miss Martha, Paul, Abraham, Tamuto, Cholel, and Monday. We want to wish them God's blessings for each one of them, and that they will find a sense of community and a church family to which they can belong. May you go with God.
- **Truus Mans** has moved into Unit 15 at Outlook Gardens Village this past week. Also **Con Daniels** and **Ada Coe** have moved to new accommodation. (New addresses can be found

elsewhere in the newsletter) Pray for all those who have moved, or who are in the process of moving that they can adapt to the changes in surroundings and to new communities.

- Up hold the team of people who will participate in the **BBQ at Shawlands next Sunday 17th** that God might use the conversations and connections with residents to let His love and grace flow to those who need it most.

New Addresses for your books

Ian Meenks
58 Leopold Cres
Hampton Park Vic 3967
0415 609 863

Truus Mans
15/237 Outlook Drive
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9790 0742

Ada Coe
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Endeavour Hills Vic 3802
0407 162 596

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Sandhurst East Vic 3977

