



# Newsletter

17 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: Jesus, the Hope of the World  
Readings: Matthew 12:14-21; Isaiah 42:1-9

6:00 PM Rev. Keith Vethaak  
Message: The Parable of the Sower.  
Readings: Matthew 13: 1-23

## WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev. Peter Stevens  
(Pastor Jim in Dandenong Chinese CRC)

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte

## OFFERINGS

### THIS WEEK

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

### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Dandenong High School Chaplaincy

### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$1,786.80
RCYA Youth Connections	\$420.20



## ROSTERS

### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: E. Poppenbeck, S. Johnson,  
M. Kimmer/Wang

Next Week: G. Smedes, C. Span, V. Steendam.

### PA & VIDEO :

Today: Kevin de Jong, Paul Cholel

Next Week: Phillip & Paul Ellings

### GREETERS

Today: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

Next week: Rita Piening

## From the Pastor's Desk

What a privilege it is to celebrate the Lord's Supper together as children of God. The Supper reminds us of the grace of God that is ours through the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is my prayer that our hearts will rejoice as we savour the glory of God. This evening we have the privilege of having Keith Vethaak lead our service. I encourage you to join us and be encouraged as we hear a word from God through Keith.

I was thinking about the wonder of the rescued miners in Chile. We had the world glued around a good news story as the miners were all safely and successfully rescued from their entrapment in the mine so many metres below ground. It was a sheer

engineering feat that saw a shaft drilled deep into the ground and a rescue pod put in place; it was wonderful to hear about all the support surrounding the miners during their 70plus days underground; we cheered along with the family, workers, and politician who surrounded the rescue pit. It was great to have a good news story dominate our news for a few days.

But it got me thinking about the big rescue that God put in place for us. In and through Jesus Christ we are safely brought from death to life; in and through Jesus Christ we are safely and successfully rescued from our entrapment in sin. We need to think about these things as we join together for Lord's Supper.

I can picture the angels watching each and every rescue and cheering as each person is brought into the kingdom. I see us surrounding the rescue pit and embracing each person as they are rescued. We need to continue the rescue work that Jesus commissioned us to undertake. Let us do that in God's strength.

### 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 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!

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

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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.

### Family Voice Australia

Next Sunday morning we have the privilege of having Peter Stevens bring us God's Word. Peter is the Victorian State Officer of family Voice Australia (FAVA). Their work involves promoting Christian values, particularly those affecting the family, to our civic leaders including state and federal members of parliament. To that end FAVA remains a strong Christian voice for family, faith and freedom. Peter is an ordained minister who speaks to a wide variety of churches and interested groups like schools and the RTC.

We look forward to having Peter bring us a message from Genesis 1 & Matthew 5 showing how we can shine in a dark world. We pray that his message will be both an encouragement and challenge.

The ministry of FAVA is a faith ministry, with Peter dependant on gifts and support from individuals and churches. If you want to support his ministry then put a gift in an envelope marked 'FAVA' or Peter Stevens. Cheques should be made payable to Family Voice Australia.

Check out their website: [www.fava.org.au](http://www.fava.org.au)

### 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 again this Sunday at 4pm at the home of Mark Kruizinga, 41 Bergman Rd, Langwarrin.

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.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Josh Esselbrugge	October 19
Emil Poppenbeck	October 19
Darryl Koch	October 21
Alida Ekkel	October 22
Adri Pretorius	October 22
Charley Nash	October 23

To feel joy deeply, to live love daily,  
to forever know God's presence in your life...  
these are our wishes for you.

## 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.



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### Leprosy boxes

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

**Thank you.**

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## 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.

A big **THANK YOU** to the congregation for the money raised that will help **COM** in India to provide audio units for spreading of God's word.

We are extremely grateful for your support of this project. **John & Ann van Breen**

## CRCA Women's Convention

will be on

Friday 24 – Monday 27 February 2012

At Camp Clayton, Ulverstone, Tasmania

[www.campclayton.org.au](http://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

Planning is well underway for the last term of J-Team for this year. We hit the floor running next week and again we anticipate lots of kids. We are thankful as leaders for the opportunity God gives us to speak into the kids lives. It is our prayer that this will also translate into their homes through the work of the Holy Spirit. As leaders we would value your weekly prayers especially as we again present the Christmas story, showing God's wonderful love through Jesus. Thanks, The J-Team Leaders.

## Help Wanted

We are in the process to change the Chuches Accounting system from Quiken to **MYOB**.

To implement the MYOB system, we are wondering if someone within our congregation has

knowledge and experience with the system to assist us setting it up . If **you** are the person please contact me so that we can discuss it.

Thanking you in anticipation

Corey van Garderen

Treasurer Ph. 9795 5999

### Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Dandenong Christian Reformed Church will be held at 6.30pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October in the church. We will share a fellowship meal together followed by the AGM. We also have a couple from India who work for Christian Outreach Ministries (COM). They will share with us about the wonderful work of COM. We will hear the testimony of one who grew up as a sponsored child in one of the COM homes and is now married and ministering to the next generation of needy children in a home. What a wonderful story of God's grace and goodness.

We ask that every member of the church make an effort to be there to hear about the work of the church and COM. If you cannot attend, please pass on your apology to Pastor Jim or an Elder.

### The community day service will be held at St Gerards

Gladstone rd Dandenong.on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of October.The service starts with coffee at 10 o'clock.

Service commences at 10.30am.

Speaker Mrs Babette Francis.

Topic . Out of darkness into light.

Community project money will be allocated to Cornerstone.

Please come and join us at this service.

### Pastoral and Prayer Points

We extend our love and comfort to **Janette and Harry VanderJagt** and **Karissa and Josh Esselbrugge** with the loss of Janette's Dad, **Henk**

**Brouwer**, who died on Wednesday after many years of renal dialysis. It was good that he could say his good-byes to the family just prior to this. Please hold his wife, **Janny Brouwer** and their families in your prayers through this time of loss and grief. There will be a Thanksgiving service at the Langwarrin C.R. Church at 2pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of October, preceded by a private family funeral.

Praise God with **Gerrie de Haan** who had successful surgery. She will remain in the Royal Woman's for a week and then have two weeks of after-care so that she can really recuperate. Meanwhile, John will have a two week 'holiday' at the Outlook Gardens Hostel as from tomorrow.

**Martha Cholel and her family** are moving to **Morwell** in this coming week. We will miss Martha, Paul, Abraham, Tamuto, Cholel, and Monday. We want to wish them God's blessings as they go, and that they will find a sense of community and a church family to which they can belong.

Pray for the team of people who will participate in the **BBQ at Shawlands today** that God might use the conversations and connections with residents to let His love and grace flow to those who need it most.

We give thanks to God for his protecting love and grace because **Ray Hamilton** received the news that his tests came back negative for cancer.



Dandenong Christian Reformed Church

Youth Service

**R U going through the**  
**Motions?!**



October 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

Food and Drink after the Service

*Cnr of Police and Gladstone Rds*

*Dandenong*