



Newsletter

24 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 Rev. Peter Stevens
(Pastor Jim in Dandenong Chinese CRC)
Message: Shining in a Dark World
Readings: Genesis 1:1-5; Matthew 5:14-16

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: Are you going through the motions?
Reading: Mark 10:32-45

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte
6:00 PM Pm. Pastor LaMont Ferreira
(Pastor Jim in Langwarrin)

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Dandenong High School Chaplaincy

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Music Ministry (Reformation Sunday)

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$3,377.20
Deaconate	\$481.40



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: G. Smedes, C. Span, V. Steendam.
Next Week: N & M Steunenbergh, H van der Jagt
D Mekking

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Phillip & Paul Ellings
Next Week: Matthew Noorbergen, Dave Barrot

GREETERS

Today: Rita Piening
Next week: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud

From the Pastor's Desk

This morning we have the privilege of Pastor Peter Stevens bringing us a message from God's Word. You can read more about his work and ministry elsewhere in the newsletter. There is also information on how you can support his work. We pray that God will richly bless the reading and the preaching of his Word. This evening the youth of the CRCA in Victoria have the opportunity to meet here in Dandenong and they will be challenged on what it means to follow Jesus.

Last week Friday and Saturday I, along with others, had the opportunity to attend the Global Leadership Summit and be encouraged in our leadership, ministry and personal lives. Over the next couple of

weeks I will be reflecting on some of the sessions we attended and its impact on me. DVDs of the whole Summit are available for people to watch themselves. See me if you are interested.

I was struck by the wonderful initiative of people in addressing global issues such as poverty. Blake Mycoskie is a young Christian man who was struck by the sight of children in parts of Argentina he visited never having owned a pair of shoes. A church was collecting used shoes, in good condition, and redistributing them to children. Blake thought this was dependant on the continuing generosity of donors and not necessarily sustainable. Blake decided to start his own shoe company, TOM shoes, with its premise being that for every pair of shoes he sold in the developed world and brand new pair of shoes would be given to a child in a developing country. Blake set up TOM shoes as a for-profit business that continues to grow and always providing new shoes to a child in need on a one-for-one basis. In the four years of operation they have distributed over 600,000 pairs of shoes. It is an amazing testimony of God's blessing provision.

Why Shoes? Many children in developing countries grow up barefoot. Whether at play, doing chores or going to school, these children are at risk:

- A leading cause of disease in developing countries is soil-transmitted diseases, which can penetrate the skin through bare feet. Wearing shoes can help prevent these diseases, and the long-term physical and cognitive harm they cause.
- Wearing shoes also prevents feet from getting cuts and sores. Not only are these injuries painful, they also are dangerous when wounds become infected.
- Many times children can't attend school barefoot because shoes are a required part of their uniform. If they don't have shoes, they don't go to school. If they don't

receive an education, they don't have the opportunity to realize their potential.

This year they launched 'One Day without Shoes' to great success. Pencil in April 5 2011 as the next 'Day without Shoes'. It is an awareness campaign about the needs of shoeless people around the world and all you have to do is go the day without wearing shoes. How cool to go to school or work on bare feet!

If you are interested in TOM shoes, check out their website www.toms.com/ where you can learn so much more. Shoes can be purchased on-line or locally through Hype DC stores at Southland, Docklands, Richmond and Geelong.

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

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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.

Information packs are being distributed now.

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.

Solomon News.

Greetings from Honiara. Again we have so much to share. We are sometimes amazed at how much God allows us to be involved with in the work of his Kingdom. Here are some highlights:

1. The SWIM Team from Wamberal CRCA in NSW that went to Samasodu in Isabel Province has been and gone. In the space of just a few weeks, they built 2 staff houses to go with the clinic they built 4

years ago. In addition to this they did ministry at the school, and ran a leadership and preaching course for pastors and other church leaders. With a team of 29 people, they accomplished much in the strength of the Lord. Thank you team! Thank you Lord!!

2. An undoubted highlight, and something for which we have been working for several years came to fruition. The Bethesda Disability Training and Support Centre started its first course with 7 people with disabilities on Monday 11 October. Actually, that day was really spent in rushing last minute preparations for the official opening the next day. We were honoured and pleased to have the Governor General officially declare the centre open in the midst of about 150 guests and dignitaries. Special was the choir of about 30 deaf students from the San Isidro Care Centre., They 'sang' the national anthem and a couple of praise choruses. The students and some of the staff presented a choir item too. The opening was featured on television, radio and print media. One company donated \$5,000 almost on the spot, while one of the embassies donated two mini solar systems to provide for night lighting when the generator is off. After one week, the students are all enjoying the challenges of the course.

3. Machi has just returned from a full week away in Malaita. She and another lady from our local church were guest speakers at a women's seminar attended by 800 women. A challenging but most rewarding week both for the speakers and those who attended.

4. The past 5 weeks or so have probably been the busiest ever for our Conference Centre/Transit House. We have had groups coming and going, on one occasion 3 different groups overlapping. Sometimes the beds had hardly cooled down before the next group was in. It has kept Lauretta and our local staff busy. What a blessing that all the groups coming through were on the Lord's business. One notable group was the Church of Nazarene holding their national pastors' conference here, and about 50 or so attended and also contributed to our Wednesday evening fellowship.

5. Jair has been kept more than busy, not just with the prison ministry, but also in the repair of base vehicles. We seem to have had a spate of ailments on different vehicles, all of which he has ably attended to. It really is a blessing to have him on board.

6. The Team from Southern Highlands

Christian School have had a great week at Betivatu School in Guadalcanal. They left on Thursday, and at the same time we picked up members of our Mission board who have come to spend a week with us to encourage us and see our work. I am sure they will be a blessing for us. Another container is on the way from WA, and we thank the kind folk there for putting it together and the donations they made. The last one from NSW was cleared quickly, and we appreciate the folk there too for a great task. Hospital school and Prison Ministry are going well, as is the KYB ministry and we praise God for all of that.

7. Finally, another big thank you to God and to all our readers for the wonderful way we have been blessed with encouragement, support, gifts and prayers. Some of you may never ever know how some lives have been touched by your support so graciously and lovingly given. But your reward will be from the Lord.

Kevin, for the team.

Help Wanted

We are in the process to change the Churches 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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Janis Gully	October 24
Henny Eshuis	October 26
Lorna Dixon	October 28
Sophie Wang	October 30

May your day dawn bright with beauty, rich in the promise of good things to come.

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

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!

The community day service will be held at St Gerards

Gladstone rd Dandenong on Friday the 29th 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.

Invitation

On behalf of the Board, staff and students of the
RTC, I have great pleasure in inviting you to our
graduation ceremony on

Friday, November 19, 2010

7.30pm

At the

Reformed Theological College

125 Pigdons Road, Waurin Ponds

On this occasion we hope to graduate our students
with various awards. We will also valedict some
students who have completed their course but do not
have results as yet.

We would love you to come and and celebrate with
us!

The speaker on this occasion will be the Rev. Brian
Vaatstra, minister of the Kingston Christian
Reformed Church.

After the ceremony you are invited to afternoon tea
in our dining hall for congratulations and
fellowship!

Looking forward to your presence.

With warm greetings,

Dr. Henk DeWaard

Academic Registrar

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- Many from our community came to share
with **Janette and Harry VanderJagt** and **Karissa
and Josh Esselbrugge** and their wider family at the
Thanksgiving service for their father and Opa, **Henk
Brouwer**, on Tuesday. It was a time of thankful

praise for God's grace and love to Henk over his life. May God's loving presence continue to comfort his wife, Janny and all their families during this time of loss.

- **Congratulations to Emil & Ishbelle**

Poppenbeck who celebrate 50 years of marriage this coming week (29th). What a milestone! We pray that it will be a wonderful celebration with family and friends of God's grace, blessing 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!

- Pray for strength and recovery for **Gerrie de Haan** who remains in residential care after her surgery, for another week. Pray also for the well-being of **John**, as he remains in respite at the Outlook Gardens Hostel for another week.

- It is good to see that **John Van Breen** has recovered well, after the loss of blood associated with the removal of some facial skin cancer.

- A visit with **Henny de Vos**, who is becoming increasingly more tired, shows she is becoming frailer in body, but remains in good spirits, and still enjoys interacting with others around her. Pray for her and for Adrian as he cares for her.

- Pray for **Siska and David Barrot** as her pregnancy comes to its close and with delivery being imminent, in the next few weeks.

- We can encourage **Scott de Jong** as he looks for employment.

- Pray for **Cameron de Witte** as he sits for his VCE English exam on Thursday the **28th October**. It's a long time of writing and we can pray for a clear mind, the stamina and the inspiration he will need for the writing and expression that this exam requires.

Pray for all those who are preparing for exams or completing work requirements both at VCE level and at tertiary levels.

SUPPORT FOR OUR VCE STUDENTS:

Both **Cameron and Emily de Witte** have Year 12 exams in the coming weeks. You may like to encourage them with a card, a phone call, and with your prayers as they prepare and sit for exams.

Below is the time tabled exams so you can be

prayerful for them on the day.

Cameron

28.10.10 English

01.11.10 Maths

03.11.10 Maths (a.m.)

Geography (p.m.)

05.11.10

09.11.10 Visual Communication

Design

11.11.10 Software development

Emily

Health &
Human Development

Family Voice Australia

Peter Stevens 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

Families



Dandenong Christian Reformed Church

Youth Service

R U going through the
Motions?!



October 24th @ 6pm

Food and Drink after the Service

Cnr of Police and Gladstone Rds

Dandenong