



7 November 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: Words (Matthew 12:33-37)
Reading: James 3:1-12

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: Truth or Consequences
(Exodus 20:16) Lord's Day 43
Reading: Ephesians 4:25-32

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Kids Church

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Wycliffe Bible Translators

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,611.50
Music Ministry	\$374.60



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: H. van der Kruk, P. Noorbergen,
M. van Daalhuizen.

Next Week: M. Cholelel, G. Zomerdyk, H. Zwaal

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Jennifer van Neutegem,
David Cameron.

Next Week: Kevin de Jong, Paul Cholel

GREETERS

Today: Martin & Coby van Rossen.

Next week: Yke & Anneke Laverman

From the Pastor's Desk

A couple of weeks ago the Saturday Age ran a lead story with the headline, *Labor's bold play to win the 'Pink Vote'*. I had never heard of that term used before in an election campaign, but here it was as the lead story.

The article went on to say, 'Laws against homophobia will be strengthened and the rights of same same-sex couples to adopt children will be reconsidered if Labor wins next month's state election.'

'In a pitch for the "pink vote", Premier John Brumby

has also promised to give the gay community a greater say in shaping government policy, improve the rights of couples to have overseas or interstate marriages recognised in Victoria, and provide more funding to stamp out homophobia in schools.

‘...But Mr Brumby has stopped short of reversing his long-standing opposition to same-sex marriage, despite pressure from within his party and the fact it is a key issue for many voters, particularly in the inner city where the government is under threat from the Greens.’

I agree with the articles tenure that all members of the community should be valued, regardless of sexuality or gender identity and we should not discriminate against any individual. It is a stance of all Christians, as we view all people created in the image of God. But while we are created in the image of God we also recognise that the image is marred by sin and needs to be redeemed in Jesus Christ.

So what concerns me, and will probably brand me as ‘homophobic’ by some in the community, is the lengths suggested by the Brumby government to appease this section of the community. They propose a review of the Adoption Act which prevents same-sex couples adopting children and a reform of the Marriage Act so couples married overseas can have their relationship registered in Victoria.

As with all moral issues, our beliefs about our origin determine our attitude. If we believe that we arose from slime by a combination of random chance events and the struggle for survival, it is understandable to say that there is no higher authority, and we can make our own rules. However, if there is a loving God who planned us and gave commands for us to follow, then we must do so. God has set forth His standards in the Bible, beginning

with the foundational teaching in the book of Genesis.

The foundational teaching on marriage and sexual issues is found in Genesis 1 & 2. When Jesus was questioned about marriage, He referred to these 2 chapters (Matt 19:1-12; Mark 10:1-12). We were created to a plan, male and female complementing each other. Genesis also teaches that God instituted and designed marriage between a man and a woman. Homosexuality is described in the New Testament as an unnatural, immoral perversion (Romans 1:26-27) so it follows that these relationships do not have a place in mainstream society, if we are a Christian nation. But are we?

There is so much more that can be said about the issue, but my concern is the extent to which all the political parties will go to secure office. It seems they stand on an issue in a certain way if it will secure them the election. I think it is wise to check the stance of all the parties and candidates on issues such as this in the coming election. I know there are some, like Family Voice Australia and the Australian Christian Lobby who are asking for information on issues such as this. Should that be available in the weeks ahead I will pass it on.

Pastor Jim

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.

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<p>Newsletter compiled by Adrian de Vos. Email newsletter@dcrc.org.au Phone 9547 6878 News items dead line is 5 PM Wednesday.</p>		

Below is the time tabled exams so you can be prayerful for them on the day.

Cameron

28.10.10 English (done!)

01.11.10 Maths

03.11.10 Maths (a.m.)

Geography (p.m.) (done!)

05.11.10 Health & Human Development

(done!)

09.11.10 Visual Communication

Design

11.11.10 Software development

Emily

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!

Eternity

The latest *Eternity* newspaper (November edition) is now available in the church foyer. Pick it up and have a read. There are a number of interesting articles in there dealing with youth and also death.

The Crossroad Bible Institute

Newsletter for November 2010

For those interested you will find some copies in the foyer, as always there is a lot going on.

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

Family Voice Australia

Last week we were blessed by the ministry and teaching of Peter Stevens from Family Voice Australia (FAVA). FAVA's 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.

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 and keep up-to-date with their ministry and work.

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 CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

This year's Christmas breakup for J-Team is planned for the 24th Nov. and it would be great to have people from the congregation come along to interact with the kids and parents. More info to follow about times etc. We would like to present each of the kids with a lolly bag on this night and so we are asking if you would be able to add a bag of lollies to your shopping list and donate it to J-Team. This would help keep our costs down and also allow you to help out with this vital ministry. All donations can be given to Jim, Anita or Jeanette. Thanks from The J-Team Leadership.

New Address

Krayna Knol has moved:

17/237 Outlook Drive, Dandenong North, VIC 3175

Ph: 8759 1837

Deacons will meet at Vera's place on Thursday 11th November at 8.00 pm

Shawlands Work Group will meet on Monday 8th November at 8.00 pm at the church.

Association For Christian Senior Citizens Homes Inc.

Outlook Gardens Christian Retirement

Village and Hostel

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General meeting of the Association for Christian Senior Citizens' Homes Inc. will be held at 2.p.m. on Saturday 20th November, 2010 in the Outlook Gardens Community Centre, next door to the Reformed Church of Dandenong, at the corner of Gladstone Road and Outlook Drive, Dandenong North.

Members of the Association and other interested persons are invited to put this date in their diaries and to attend this meeting.

For all enquiries please contact Hostel Reception: 9795 7566.

Can you help?

One of our Kid's Hope families, living in Hampton Park, and who have their children at Rosewood Downs Primary School are unable to get their 4 children to school due to the fact that the mother had a serious car accident (not her fault) in which the car was demolished. Thankfully the children were not in the car at that time. The oldest boy is in grade six and two of their children are in the Kid's hope program.

The teacher's had concerns about them missing school for already a week, so last week we organized to have volunteers to pick the kids up and drop them home again. We need help to continue this for 3 weeks till all the accident reports are cleared with the police.

Alternatively, if anyone has a small car which the family could use in the meantime this would also solve the problem. Please see Henni or Jim

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

- **Congratulations to David and Siska Barrot**

on the safe arrival of their son **Riley Josef** last Sunday morning! He weighed in at 3300gm, and has put a smile on the faces of his parents and grandparents Lidia and Les! We praise God that both Mum and Riley are doing well and David too has survived this initiation into parenthood! May God bless you as a family!

- **John Van Neutegem** remains in the South Eastern Hospital at present. His mental and physical condition has its 'up' days and its 'down' days. At this stage he is not able to come home as he is prone to falls and cannot walk unassisted. Pray for God to guide Debbie and the family as they make decisions about his care needs, and to sustain them during this uncertain time.

- **Peter Bruinewoud** has experienced some breathlessness due to fluid around his lungs. He will have a P.E.T. scan tomorrow and then on Thursday he will go to Cabrini for a procedure to resolve the fluid problem.

- **Gerrie de Haan and John de Haan** have both been able to return home after their respite stays. Just in time to celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary yesterday.

- **Peter Kaka** will be away in Sudan to see his family for 3 weeks, leaving on the 17th November. As Katherine is not yet driving, she will need support with the 3 little ones during this time as well as a ride to church on Sundays. Offer to visit during this time and encourage her.

- Pray for all those who are doing exams or completing work requirements at this time, both at VCE level and at tertiary levels.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Herman Blenk	November 7
Joanne Schapendonk	November 7
Anne Suk	November 9
Henni Burggraaf	November 12
Colin Koch	November 12
Jenny van der Wolde	November 12

May the good Lord above send you abundant blessings on your special day...

DOES GOD EXIST? SIX DAYS? REALLY? WHAT ABOUT GAP THEORIES? WHAT ABOUT CARBON DATING? DISTANT STARS IN A YOUNG UNIVERSE? HOW DID BAD THINGS COME ABOUT? HOW DID ALL THE DIFFERENT RACES ARISE? WHAT ABOUT DINOSAURS? WHAT CAN I DO? HOW DID ANIMALS GET TO AUSTRALIA? HOW ABOUT THE ICE AGE? HOW DID HUMAN FOSSILS SURVIVE THE FLOOD? WHERE ARE ALL THE HUMAN FOSSILS? WHAT ABOUT THE NEPHILIM EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS? WAS THE FLOOD GLOBAL? WHAT ABOUT NOAH'S FLOOD-WHAT ABOUT ALL THAT WATER? HOW DID THE ANIMALS FIT ON NOAH'S ARK? HOW DID FRESH AND SALT WATER SEPARATE?

IN THE BEGINNING...

CREATION.COM
The world's one-stop site for creation/evolution information

Saturday 20 November 2010 at 7.30pm

Creation: Facing Up to the Facts of Life
Dr David Catchpoole, CMI Scientist and author

Reformed Church of Box Hill
28 Watts St, Box Hill

Enquiries: Phone Wendy Geluk on 9876 5536

Admission free - donations accepted. Creation resources available.

PO Box 4545 Eight Mile Plains 4113 Qld

CREATION MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Dinosaurs and the Bible

Most folk, particularly children (yes, even Christian kids) believe that dinosaurs lived millions of years ago. This often leads them to refuting the Bible's account of the history of the Earth and the book of Genesis. But, did you know that dinosaurs are mentioned in the Bible? **Dr David Catchpoole** will present ***Creation: Facing Up to the Facts of Life*** at 7.30pm on Saturday 20 November 2010.