



5 December 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
(Baptism of Riley Barrot)
Message: Tattooed
Reading: Psalm 139

7:00 PM Sri Lankan Service
Message: TBA
Readings: TBA

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Br. Michael de Kretser
(Pastor Jim in Leongatha as part of Classis support to a vacant church)
6:00 PM Jubilate Choir & Pastor Jim de Witte

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Church Planting Taskgroup

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – U.R.Y.

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,290.05
ROAD Workgroup	\$487.30
Donation Hall	\$275.00



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: H. Blenk, A. Coe, G. de Groot,
K. Hauke
Next Week: P & J. Bruinewoud, C. Daniels,
T. Raatjes

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Jennifer van Neutegem,
David Cameron
Next Week: Kevin de Jong, Paul Cholel

GREETERS

Today: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels.
Next week: Rita Piening

From the Pastor's Desk

Today is a special day in the life of Dave and Siska Barrot, and the wider family with young Riley receiving the covenant sign of baptism. We rejoice with them on this day, and also commit ourselves to support them in their role as godly parents. Baptism is a great time of rejoicing. In it we see God's promises wonderfully signified and confirmed. Just as water washes dirt from our bodies so truly has the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ brought life and cleansing to those who love him. Baptism reminds us of the Lord's deep involvement in Christian families, and his provision for a caring and loving family where faith can take root, grow and blossom into personal a Christian commitment.

For Dave and Siska the baptism of Riley is a blessing and responsibility. It means they take on the responsibility to nurture Riley in the Christian faith and live consistent lives of witness and love. We, as a church, also commit to support Dave and Siska in that wonderful work, so all members must do whatever we can to lead the little ones, like Riley, to faith.

Our prayer is that Riley's baptism will be a great encouragement and strength to Dave and Siska. And we pray that we will honour our vows to support them, and all our church families. Most of all we pray that Riley will more and more understand the wonder of God's love, and be able to respond in true faith to Christ as his Lord.

If you are family and friends of Dave and Siska visiting with us today we want to warmly welcome you. We hope that you will experience the grace of the Lord and that you will join us for a cuppa in the hall after the service.



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.

OP SHOP

Our church Op Shop opens twice a week to raise funds for the needy in our community. We are open:

Thursdays 11.30am-4.30pm Fridays 9.30am-4.30pm

Drop in for a free cuppa and to encourage our volunteers.

POSITION VACANT

Are you a keen gardener who needs an extra patch to care for? Finance and Maintenance Committee is looking for a volunteer or two to care for the gardens at the front of the Church. Money spent on new plants, mulch, fertilizers etc. would be reimbursed. If you have time to help make our church gardens beautiful please see Anita de Witte or Corey van Garderen.

Community Support

We continue to assist the Ion family with getting their children to school.

Thank you to those who helped this past week. We will try to see the school year out, providing this support. While this is a big commitment it is lightened by sharing it together. It makes us realize that there are families with complex needs compounded by this accident. They are very appreciative of our care and help.



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Indescribable Worship event

On the 27th January there will be an 'Indescribable Worship Event' at Bridge Church Richmond. Muscian Chris Tomlin (How Great is Our God) will be performing and Louie Giglio (Indescribable DVD) will be speaking. I have a limited number of tickets available for this night at \$40 each. If you are interested please see Jim de Witte soon to secure your ticket.

Compassionate Catalogue

With Christmas fast approaching we are challenged again to think about blessing children and families in third world countries that struggle in the daily battle to survive. In the past years our congregation has generously supported and blessed families across the world. The Compassion Catalogue gives you a range of gifts that you can purchase for needy families that we have contact with through our international Word and Deed ministries. Using the Catalogue enables you to support the projects with which your own denomination is involved with in developing countries. The overheads are very low: about 2.5%. Even these are borne by WD&R, ensuring all gifts go to the destination. Corey & Helen van Garderen will be promoting and distributing the latest catalogue when it comes early December. Keep an eye out for it.

Voting for Elders and Deacons

The Church Council is pleased to be able to put forward to the congregation the names of the following people for the office of Elder and Deacon. For Elder: Harry Burggraaf and Cor Span. For Deacon: Colin Harrison. Church Council regards each of these people as suitable for the task and unless any biblical objections can be raised against them, we ask the congregation to vote via acclamation (yes/no) for two elders and one deacon on Sunday, 12th December, immediately after the morning service.

If you are unavailable next Sunday then voting slips can be obtained from Julie de Jong or Jean Joseph. Please give prayerful thought as to how you vote.

Church Council.

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 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday night Bible Study. For further information about our group contact Mark Meenks on 97045516.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Peter Bruinewoud	December 6
John Bruinewoud	December 6
Henny de Vos	December 6
Cory van der Jagt	December 8
John van Neutegem	December 9

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

Christmas Cantata

Next Sunday evening (6pm) we will be celebrating a combined Christmas service with the Jubilate Choir, along with the Casey and Langwarrin congregations. The choir will be bringing us the Christmas story in song and we will sing, pray and open God's Word together. Feel free to join us for this special service and don't forget to invite your friends along.

Pastoral and Prayer Points

We are thankful to God, together with **Henk and Nan Vander Kruk** and their family, that Nan has come through the critical surgery for her brain aneurysm. She is recovering in ICU at Monash MC where her condition is stabilizing but still serious. She will remain there for some time yet. Please contact Henk before visiting her at this stage.

John van Neutegem continues to be cared for at Casey Hospital under palliative care, where he will have his birthday this coming Thursday. Phil hopes to be here tomorrow. Hold the family and John in prayer.

Grace Fokkens has been able to move to a respite placement near her son at Phillip Island, and will move to Outlook Gardens on the 10th to take up her respite placement there.

Ulbe Siegersma was able to have his cataract surgery this past Thursday. May God grant him healing and restored vision.

Ruth Harris has been given a date for the much needed surgery to her hand. Please pray for God's peace of mind for her, as she comes off her medication but which raises her anxiety about having another stroke.

Emil Poppenbeck was admitted to Knox Private Hospital on Tuesday for a chest infection and with breathing problems, but thankfully the treatment is improving his condition. Ishbelle also had a brief hospital stay earlier after a faint and fall. With all their musical involvements, pray for the health they need at this time.

Paul and Chris Vink are grieving the loss of Chris's Mum who died this past week. May they know God's comfort and love surrounding them at this time

Pray for a safe delivery for **Ben and Karen Hamilton** as their baby is due on 10th December.

Tomorrow **Henny de Vos** celebrates a milestone birthday as she turns 95. We thank God for his care and provision for her over the years. May he bless and keep her in the years ahead.

There are a number of folk who are needing to transition from independent living into residential care- pray for the grace, acceptance and support that this requires, both for the person, carers and the family involved.

Shawlands Christmas Carols and Celebration.

We just want to share what the workgroup is planning to do at Shawlands this Christmas season. We have invited Jim Reiher (a children's communicator and entertainer) to come and share with the children and present the Christmas Story. There will also be creative craft activities for the children. We have organized caterers to come and do a spit roast dinner for everyone to enjoy, after which 'Santa' will come with gifts for the children. Our Music team has agreed to lead us in some Carol singing starting at 8.00.

This is where we would like your support- please come any time after 7.30pm. Bring a plate for supper and a folding chair to sit on! It would be great to swell the numbers of those who enjoy singing carols and who can be a welcoming presence with us in the Park- sharing God's love to us in Jesus. At the end of the night we will hand out our gifts with the 'goodies jars' that you have made. We close at 9.30.

You can help to support this event by-

- Praying for God to bless this outreach – for good contact with the residents as we share the Christmas story, and that the Holy Spirit will move in people's lives to draw them closer to God.
- Coming along at 7.30 - please put your name on the list in the foyer for catering purposes. (Bring a plate and folding chair to sit on.)
- Helping to fill our jars with home-made goodies, for each caravan. We need to fill 100 jars.
- If you missed out on the jars, then consider making a donation, for a gift for a child. (approx. 60)
- You may also wish to make a donation

towards the 100 food gifts that we are putting together.

- We would appreciate it if you can help us by providing a plate for supper for that night.

JARS:

A big '*Thank You*' to all of you who have taken glass jars to fill with home-made goodies as part of our gifts to the residents. Many have already been returned.

The filled jars need to be back at church today 5th December.

From the Shawlands Workgroup Team

Upcoming Events 2010 – 2011.

- ☆ Youth Alive Summer Camp – Jan 20-22.
- ☆ The 'Indescribable' Worship Event – Jan 27.
Featuring Louie Giglio and Chris Tomlin.

If you are interested in going see Jim for tickets.

- ☆ Forrest Edge Music Festival – March 11-13
Featuring Gracenote, Stellar Kart, No Greater Sky and many more new Christian bands.

If you need more info on any of these events check the youth notice board.



Holiday Services

During the month of January (2, 9, 16 & 23) our evening services will be combined services with Casey and Langwarrin. This year Casey will host the

services at 6pm. For those from the Village and Hostel who are unable to make the trip to Casey there will be a DVD broadcast service through the video loop in place of a live broadcast. It will be a copy of the service from the week before in Casey.

During January we will have an Afrikaans Service in our church on Sunday 9th January at 6pm. We will resume our own regular evening services on January 30.

DUTCH CHRISTMAS NEDERLANDS KERSTFEEST

We would like to extend a warm invitation to the Dandenong Reformed Church congregation to come along and celebrate Christmas in the Dutch language, which will be held D.V. on Saturday 11th December at 7.30 pm at the Dandenong Reformed Church.

The programme will include the Jubilate Choir, community singing, and a Christmas message.

The collection is for Palliative Care.

Supper with raisin bread-- krentenbrood-- will be served after.

We trust that the Dutch Christmas will be a great and God honouring night as has been in the past .

On behalf of the sub-committee
Ria Driehuyzen.

Camporee 15th – 22nd January 2011

Cadets are holding their next National Camp at Wedderburn NSW and invite all 11 – 15 year old boys (Cadets, and non-Cadets from CRCA) for a week of fun, adventure and learning.

We're planning an exciting program where we will be teaching the boys some important bible truths in a relaxed but meaningful way. Each day, we're also planning a special activity such as: Team Building Games, Mountain Bike Ride, Bushwalk, Beach Day,

