



30 January 2011

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: I Believe (John 20:31)
Reading: John 20:24-31

6:00 PM Pastor La'Mont Ferreira
Message: A Parental View of Ministry
Readings: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Guest preacher from Jews for Jesus
(Pastor Jim in Leongatha as part of our Classis preaching support for a vacant church).
6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – The Leprosy Mission

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Leadership Training/Prof. Dev.

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,717.60
Reformed Theological College	\$440.90
Donation Hall	\$275.00

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J. Nicholson, M. van Rossen,
J. van Breen

Next Week: J. Otto, R. Painter, C. Yong

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Jennifer van Neutegem,
David Cameron

Next Week: Kevin de Jong, Paul Cholel

GREETERS

Today: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud

Next week: Martin & Coby van Rossen

From the Pastor's Desk

It is great to have a holiday break and spend time with family, and also be involved in mission work with Scripture Union at Wilson's Prom (you will hear more about it during the morning service). But it also good to be back. I look forward to a new year and watching to see where God is at work in us and through us. I pray that we will be open to his leading and guiding, for his glory. The difficult thing about coming back from a break is finding out what has been happening in the community while you have been away. I hope to be up-to-speed in the days ahead. The wonderful thing is the way the community rallies to support each other in the good and the bad, and I pray we will always be able to do

that, and do it well. The other great thing is the guest preachers that have ably lead our services and faithfully preached God's Word. So, 'thank you' to all those who carried the load while Henni and I were away on holidays. I pray that we can continue to share the load in the year ahead.

This evening we have our first evening service in our place, but we start with a monthly Classis swap. Pastor La'Mont Ferreira will be leading our service, while I will be in Casey. May God's Word be faithfully proclaimed, here and aboard.

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Australia

There is an invitation from the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Australia to attend the service of installation at which the Rev. Graeme Hart (former RTC student) will be inducted as minister of that congregation. The service will be held in the McKinnon Reformed Presbyterian meetinghouse at 261 McKinnon Road, McKinnon (Melways reference 68/F11), on Sunday 6th February, commencing at 4.00 pm. Please extend a welcome to members and friends of your congregations to attend this service. With Christian greetings. Andrew Stewart

State Youth Games

State Youth Games (SYG) is an annual sporting event for churches throughout the state. It combines a relaxed camping atmosphere with competitive sporting activities. The weekend includes night programs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It is open to teenagers, young adults and youth leaders from year 7 up. It will be held over the Queen's Birthday Long weekend (Friday 10th- Monday 13th June).

Last year we had around 70 youth and leaders from 4 different churches join together and participate in a variety of sporting events over the weekend last year. This year we are continuing this tradition and would love you to join us for a weekend full of fun, fellowship and sport. However, if you are not the sporting type, but you feel SYG is something you would like to attend and support others we would love to have you along too.

The cost for the weekend is \$130 for a participant and \$100 for a spectator.

For more information and enrolment forms see Dave Barrot soon.

STUDY AT THE RTC FROM YOUR HOME COMPUTER

This semester the Reformed Theological College will be offering 3 subjects on-line – more than ever before.

“Classes” commence in early March and students can take the opportunity to study in one or more of the following subjects:

New Testament (with Dr Steve Voorwinde)

Content and Setting of the Gospel Tradition

Theology (with Dr Bill Berends)

The Doctrines of Grace and Eschatology

Church History (with Dr Phillip Scheepers)

The Church from 1550 to Modern Times

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

Units can be undertaken for credit or audit. FEE-HELP may be available to assist with course costs.

Contact the RTC for further information - (03) 5244 2955 or admin@rtc.vic.edu.au

Induction of New RTC Old Testament Lecturer

We are delighted to announce that Rev John de Hoog has commenced work at the College. He will be formally inducted as Lecturer in Old Testament at the Reformed Theological College in a special service held at the College on Sunday 27 February at 5.00pm.

We warmly invite all friends of the College to join us on this special occasion. Rev de Hoog will be the main speaker so it will be a great chance for people to hear him and also to meet him, his wife Sallee and their family. Supper will be provided afterwards.

We also request that churches continue to uphold your College in prayer as we seek together to fulfil our vision "...to raise, equip and support a generation of leaders for the advance of the Gospel..."

Simon Edwards

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- **Congratulations** to Mark and Nyomie Meenks with the safe arrival of Jesse Daniel who arrived on Thursday 20th January. After some earlier concerns for both Nyomie and the baby we praise God that Jesse is here safely as a little brother for Esther and as a son for Mark and Nyomie. Naomi stayed in hospital a little longer due to Jesse's weight loss but they hope to be able to bring him home soon.
- **Roland Weimen** remains in the Kingston Centre for rehabilitation after his hospitalization. He continues to have some health issues which prevent him from returning home at present. Pray for the healing he needs and for Doris and his family as they consider future care needs.

- Some of **our families** have had to deal with family members being diagnosed with cancer. The brother of **Maria Smedes**, Jack Stekelenberg (and **Janny Stekelenberg's** son) was being treated for lymphoma, when an infection set in which nearly cost him his life. He is now regaining strength at Vic Rehab. before continuing his treatment. Pray for the healing and strength Jack needs, but also for wider family members as they support him.

Ray van Breen, the son of **John and Anne Van Breen**, was diagnosed with cancer of the oesophagus and has commenced chemotherapy. Pray for God to bless this treatment, and for God to guide the healing and medical care he needs during this time. Hold John and Anne in prayer as they support and encourage this young family.

Peter Pleiter, Olga and Alex's brother, was also diagnosed with oesophageal cancer, and has also commenced treatment. Pray for him, but also for Alex and Olga, with so many health issues in their wider family.

- **Siska Barrot** has also had some surgery in the past week to remove some troublesome wisdom teeth. We pray that she will experience a speedy recovery.
- Continue to pray for those who grieve losses – especially for Debbie and Henk who have lost their spouse recently, and who are still grieving. Pray for the comfort, wisdom and courage they need as they embrace life again, but differently.

Afrikaans Service

On Sunday the 13th our evening service will be an Afrikaans Service that will be led by Rev. Phillip Scheepers (RTC Lecturer). This is an outreach service to the South African community so if you have any friends, neighbours or work colleagues who are South African invite them along to this service that starts at 6pm.

Op Shop

With the start of the new school year beginning the Op Shop will again be open this Thursday and Friday.

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,

will commence for the year with a coffee morning on Tuesday 8th February at 10am. All ladies are very welcome to join us.

Helen van Garderen.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Maria Smedes	January 30
Chris Pretorius	January 30
Esko Oinonen	January 31
John de Haan	February 2
Noah Hauke	February 3
Sjaan Siepel	February 4
Diana Mut	February 5

With many special thoughts of you and prayers that God will bless

Your birthday and the year ahead with every happiness.

Upcoming Events 2011.

☆ Forrest Edge Music Festival – March 11-13
Featuring Gracernote, 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.

LADIES WEEKEND ESCAPE 26 and 27 February 2011

We are currently in the process of organizing a weekend away for the LADIES for last weekend in February. We plan to leave on the Friday night (25 February) and stay at Anglesea for a couple of days.

Activities will include doing nothing (if that's what you want to do)

Walking on the beach or river bank.

Swimming in the river.

Finishing unfinished projects.

Anything you might like to do in the company of friends.

Friendly chats over cups of coffee or tea

Accommodation will be at a beautiful location in

Anglesea however there are only approximately 16 beds so if you want to be included in this weekend please let Jannette Van der Jagt know as soon as possible so that she can save a place for you.

We already have 4 people who have indicated their wish to attend so be quick and grab a place for yourself.

Transport can be organized so don't let this be a problem. Only 12 places left.

Ring Jannette on 9767 7110 during the day or 9703 1613 in the evenings.

News from the Churches

On Friday, Dec 31 the Lord called home the Rev Peter van Dam (aged 83). Although he had been in poor health for some time, it was still unexpected. The funeral service was held on Thursday 6th January. Rev van Dam was well known by many of our older members because of his many years of ministry in Tasmania, Western Australia and the broader denomination.

News was received that another of our former ministers, Rev. Harry Hoving, is in ill health. He is

suffering from cancer oesophagus, and we pray that God will be near him, and sustain him during this time of illness and treatment.

South Barwon has extended a call to Rev. Clinton Berends to take up ministry amongst them.

WD&R's QUEENSLAND FLOOD APPEAL

Floods have affected 75% of Queensland and many parts of NSW, and also Victoria. People have perished and many are feared drowned. There is a huge impact on thousands of people whose homes have been flooded, whose businesses have been seriously affected. It will take a long time to rebuild and start again. The CRCA does not have many members in the northern regions of Qld. We do of course have churches in Sth East Qld where severe has impacted many homes and lives. **Your WD&R committee would like to give the churches the ability to respond in a God glorifying way.**

At present we are exploring ways of doing that. It seems that the preferred way will be to channel the funds through some of the local congregations, such as Westside and Toowoomba, as they minister to community families impacted by this disaster. They will be good stewards with the funds building bridges of hope into a hurting community.

WD&RW is calling on our churches to pray to the Lord for mercy for the people affected. Pray for the communities as they clean up and pick up their lives after the floods. Pray too that God would use believers to witness to the love and mercy of God.

We are also holding a special collection today, as you leave the service, to raise much needed funds to help with the relief work. We urge you to give generously to this cause.

Reminder

For those who have not paid their "Today" booklets subscriptions please do so within the next two weeks thank you. Adrian de Vos



It may be...that the greatest wrong we are doing to our children is not the broken families or the scarcity of jobs (damaging though these are), but the creation of a culture that gives them nothing greater than themselves to believe in - no God, no king, no country - and no cause for hope or optimism. It is a culture whose main effect appears to be demoralisation.

