



13 February 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: The Heart of a Servant
Reading: John 13:1-17

6:00 PM Afrikaans Service
Message: TBA
Readings: TBA

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – TBA

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LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,381.35
Jews for Jesus	\$788.05

Previous week

Sunday the 30 th January	
Freewill/Pledges	\$2,481.30
Leprosy Mission	\$467.70
WDR "Queensland Flood Appeal"	\$3,494.95

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: C. Daniels, A. Coe, G. de Groot, J. Appel

Next Week: B. Hamilton, L. Barrot, D. Barrot

PA & VIDEO :

Today: David Ellings, Dave Barrot

Next Week: Matthew Noorbergen, Glen de Jong

GREETERS

Today: Yke & Anneke Laverman

Next week: Corry Blik

From the Pastor's Desk

Our international news broadcasts have been dominated by the events unfolding in Egypt, but I wonder if the picture we are getting is really all that clear. I believe most Egyptians who are protesting are peace loving people who genuinely want change, but the question needs to be asked, who are the real master minds behind the protest? And what sort of change will they get? It seems that the real players behind the scene in Egypt are the "Islamic Brotherhood movement", who are listed as an organization linked with Islamic terrorism.

After the assassination of Anwar Sadat in 1981 Hosni Mubarak assumed the Presidency, which he has held ever since. While not always doing what was best for

the people of Egypt, under his presidency he instituted a vigorous economic recovery program; remained committed to the peace treaty with Israel (signed in 1979); and he mended relations with other Arab states, which were damaged after Egypt's peace with Israel.

Under his leadership the rise of Islam was tempered and there is a degree of freedom and protection of the Christian population. Egypt and Jordan, along with quite a few other Arab nations are pro-west in their dealings. They have peace treaties with Israel, which covers some 80% of Israel's borders. The Muslim Brotherhood loathes cooperation with the west and with Israel, so they want to gain political power in Egypt to put an end to it. It seems that if the Muslim Brotherhood gets elected in Egypt, they will immediately trash the peace agreement with Israel and begin to plan for war.

So this drive for elections in Egypt is not about freedom, but of gaining control. It is estimated that if elections were held now the Muslim Brotherhood would get some 40- 60% of the vote. If you don't think Egypt would elect a terrorist group to run their country, think again. A couple of years ago, the United States forced Israel to give up the Gaza strip and let the Muslims living there vote for their leaders. They promptly elected terrorists to run Gaza.

If there is a change of government it will be much worse for Christians, who would suffer greater persecution. A example of that is the fall of Saddam Hussein in Iraq. No question he was a dictator, but under his rule the Christians were far better off than now. They at least lived in peace, but now they are attacked all the time.

So what do we pray for? I'm not sure praying for democracy is the answer because the Arab world does not understand democracy. We cannot simply take sides. We need to pray that God will protect all the people of Egypt, especially the Christians. We need to pray that there will be stable transition and a President who will

protect all the people. We need to pray that, under the gospel proclaimed hearts will be changed and lives transformed.

Baptism

It is with a sense of joy and celebration that we look forward to the baptism of Tayla Hamilton on Sunday 20th February in the morning service. Ben and Karen have expressed their desire for Tayla to be baptized and we, as a covenant community, want to affirm that desire and support them in their role as Christian parents.

Afrikaans Service

This evening, at 6pm, we will be holding our next Afrikaans Service. Through this service we are extending an invitation to South African families to attend a special worship service in the Afrikaans language. It will be a Lord's Supper Service conducted by Rev. Phillip Scheepers (RTC Lecturer). We value your continued prayers for this missional activity that gives us the wonderful opportunity to reach a section of our community with the gospel so they might say 'we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' (Acts 2:11)

We hope that you can be in prayer for this service that those who attend will hear the gospel and will consider making Dandenong their spiritual home.

World Day of Prayer.

This day will be held on Friday 4th March 2011 at 10am. It will be held in The Salvation Army Centre (55 James St Dandenong). The speaker on

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this day will be Major Winsome Merrett, talking about the question of Chilean women, 'How many loaves have you?'

URY

This coming Tuesday night URY (7-9pm) meets for the first time in 2011. We are excited by the new children that will be joining us from J-Team. We pray that the old and new members of URY will turn up and that God will continue to bless and guide this work. URY is for all young people, from Gr 5 up from church or community. If you are in that age range, or know someone who is then they are welcome to join us at 7pm on Tuesday night. All welcome. Pray for us; we have some new children, new leader and new helpers.

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 **Peter de Jong** who celebrated his 60th birthday this past week. We give thanks to God for his gracious care over your life, Peter, and wish you God's blessing as you celebrate the life he has given you.

- **Evert Ketelaar** (from the Hostel) had a fall recently, breaking his ankle and needing surgery at Dandenong hospital. Thankfully he has already returned home again. Pray for the healing he needs.
- **Jenny Vander Wolde** is settling into her new place at Unit 52/237 Outlook Drive. Her new telephone number is 9795 7298
- **Roland Weimen** continues his rehab. at the Kingston Centre. Some general health issues prevent him from returning home at present. Pray for the healing he needs and for Doris and his family as they support him.
- Pray for all those who are receiving treatment for cancer and ask for God to bless this treatment for their healing.
- Pray for God to give strength and wisdom to all our church leaders- especially those newly installed as office bearers, as they commit to serving here in this part of God's kingdom.

Op Shop

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Glenn de Jong	February 14
Betty van den Berg	February 14
Annette Blenk	February 19
Mark Steunenber	February 19

Last Week

Annie Pilon	February 9
Peter de Jong	60th February 10
Gerrie Heerdink	February 11

You treat each moment as a gift from God – live life to the hilt. Love those around you. And others see it, feel it ...pick up on it. You spread good vibes. Live your truth.

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.

Thank you

A word of thanks for cards flowers and the support of your presence at Nans funeral in Dec. Much appreciation, Henk , Ingrid, Wendy, Robyn, Edwin and familys.

J-Team

J-team is for children Prep-Gr4 and meets on Wednesday afternoons (4-6.30pm) for food, fun, music, craft, games and Bible time. We will be starting up again on Wednesday 2nd March. For all leaders, we will be having a planning meeting on Wednesday 23rd February at 5pm in the church lounge area (chocolate will be available).

With J-Team we are in need of support help and so we are appealing to anyone who might have the time and energy to help to think about supporting us. Support is needed in the way of things like helping children make their crafts, sitting with them at meal times, joining in singing and Bible time, or helping in the kitchen with food preparation. See Pastor Jim,

Henni Burggraaf or Jeannette Noorbergen if you are able to help.

Pastor Jim

Elder/Deacon Installation

On Sunday 12th December, at a general meeting, the congregation affirmed the calling of Harry Burggraaf and Cor Span to be Elders and Colin Harrison to be a Deacon in our congregation. We thank God that they have accepted the call extended to them and for their willingness to serve us in this way and pray that they will be a blessing to our congregation. We will have the installation service for these people today.

BILD Course

Starting on Wednesday 23rd February Glenn Dekker and I will be hosting the BILD ministry training course here in the church. It is an in-depth training course looking at the Keys to the Establishment and Expansion of the first-century church in the book of Acts. We have a number of people undertaking the course. This is an exciting new training development and opportunity coming out of the RTC.

During nest week (Wednesday to Friday) I will be at the RTC for further accreditation for teaching the BILD modules. If there are any pastoral matters during the week then please speak to Henni Burggraaf or an Elder. Pastor Jim

Childsafe Training

Hope in the Hills is conducting **Child Safe team member training***.

On **Wednesday 23 Feb. 7:30 - 9.30pm**

The address is **3 Clifford Grove Tecoma**

They are happy for people from other churches to attend.

Childsafe is the protocol the denominations has adopted to ensure that all the ministries of our church that deal with children and youth are seen to be doing the right thing in the protection and oversight of children. This is very important with the growing number of community children we have as part of our programs. It gives peace of mind to parents that their children are being cared for in the best possible way.

We honour God when we do things well so adopting the practices of Childsafe means we are doing things in the best possible way. You personally might be thinking 'I've heard it all before, and I've been involved in ministry for many years so why should I have to do this course?' We all need to do this so we know what the current legislation requires and we have a standard practice in handling all activities and situations in our ministries. A couple of hours to interact in a course setting, or doing the on-line test is not an onerous task. Please make sure you undertake the training and test when Lynette Pretorius talks to you about it.



PART TIME Children's and Youth Support Worker

Situated in the Dandenong Ranges, Hope in the Hills Christian Community has a vacancy for a Children's and Youth Support Worker (2.5 days per week). We are looking for a successful applicant who will partner in growing and developing effective faith nurture and mission through our children's and youth ministries. Skills in communication, team work and a heart for children and youth are essential and an understanding and appreciation of the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia would be advantageous.

An application can be sent to office@hopeinthehills.org.au; and a full job description is available on request.

Applications close: 28th February 2011

Hope in the Hills Christian Community is a part of the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia.

For further information contact Pastor Michael Vanderree: 9754 6809, michael@hopeinthehills.org.au
3 Clifford Grove Tecoma, PO Box 691, Belgrave 3160, Victoria

Squeaky Clean Comedy

Every year Melbourne hosts the Comedy Festival. Some Christians are preparing a show called "Squeaky Clean Comedy". It's a stand up comedy showcase with no swearing, blasphemy or offensive material. This is the first time a show like this has been produced in the comedy festival, and we're

reaching out to us to support the show and make it a success.

This year Candlelight Productions (an arts group based at Tabor College www.candlelightproductions.com.au) have decided to produce a clean comedy show for people seeking an alternative to the crass and offensive comedy so often seen at the Melbourne Comedy Festival.

Squeaky Clean Comedy features a line up of the best clean comedians from around Australia and overseas, including American headliner Dave Wiggins. Dave's hilarious clean comedy has been a huge hit overseas, and we're really excited to be bringing him to Australia. Supporting Dave are a number of other Christian performers you may have heard of such as Cam Semmens, Luke Holt (from Light FM), Phil Andrews (Triple J), Jason Pestell and Lach Ryan and Michael Connell. The show is suitable for all ages, and would provide a great night out to anyone looking to have a good wholesome laugh.

Further information will come out in the weeks ahead, when we receive the promotion material.

WHY DO WE COME TO COFFEE BREAK BIBLE STUDY?

We discussed this question at our coffee morning this week and the ladies present came up with the following list;

1. For Bible Study
2. Our "Beautiful" Leaders who lead and guide our discussions.
3. For fellowship.
4. To increase in Bible Knowledge.
5. To contribute to our group.
6. To pray for one another.
7. To be blessed by the Lord.
8. To equip us for witness.
9. To share and be an answer to prayer.
10. For encouragement of ourselves and each other.

All of these are great reasons but we have also been challenged this year to look for ways to not only be disciples of Jesus but to be disciple makers. Perhaps other groups could also think about why they meet..

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH

Next Sunday (20th Feb) there will be a meeting/ BBQ lunch to discuss the year ahead at the Noorbergen's (9 Roslyn crt Dandenong North) after church.

If you are over 16 we hope to see you all there.

COMPASSIONATE CATALOGUE 2010

The result of the promotion before Christmas 2010 was that we as a congregation contributed **\$3,325.00** towards various items and also at the combined service on the 12th December 2010 we collected **\$1,388.75** . So a total of **\$4,713.75** was sent to the World Diaconate Relief to help the projects they have nominated. On their behalf thank you to those who gave money to help these people.

Corey van Garderen Treasurer

Upcoming Events 2011.

☆ 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.

LADIES WEEKEND ESCAPE 25 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 (some are bunk 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.

Transport can be organized so don't let this be a problem.

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

For all Kidz Church LEADERS and HELPERS.

Please note that a planning meeting will take place on **Thursday 24th of February 8.00 pm.** in the double rooms at the church for all who have agreed to lead and help. If you would like to be involved please come and be part this work of teaching our young children about God and living a life of faith.

THINK IT OVER

They cannot shell His temple, nor dynamite His throne;

They cannot bomb His city, nor rob Him of His own.

They cannot take Him captive, nor strike Him deaf and blind,

Nor starve Him to surrender, nor make Him change His mind.

They cannot take His kingdom, nor hurt Him with their lies.

Though all the world be shattered, His truth remains the same,

His righteous laws still potent, and "Father" still His name.

Though we face war and struggle and feel their goad and rod,

We know above .confusion there always will be God.

IT IS WITH VERY MUCH PLEASURE AND THANKS TO GOD THAT

Janny Spruitenburg
&

Adrian Van Poppel

WISH TO LET YOU KNOW THEIR DESIRE
TO SHARE THEIR FUTURE LIFE TOGETHER.

THE WEDDING WILL TAKE PLACE D.V.

Saturday 5th March 2011

1:30PM AT CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF DANDENONG
CNR. OUTLOOK DRIVE AND GLADSTONE ROAD,
NORTH DANDENONG.

