



20 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
(Baptism of Tayla Hamilton)
Message: To You and Your Children
(Acts 2:38-39)
Reading: Acts 2:22-41

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: Our Father in Heaven
Readings: Galatians 3:26-4:7

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte
6:00 PM Pastor La'Mont Ferreira
(Pastor Jim in Langwarrin as part of Classis pulpit swap)

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Christian Outreach Ministry
(COM India Children's Home)

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Solomon Islands Workgroup

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges NA



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: B. Hamilton, L. Barrot, D. Barrot
Next Week: P & J. Bruinewoud, T. Raatjes.

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Matthew Noorbergen, Glen de Jong
Next Week: Jennifer van Neutegem,
David Cameron

GREETERS

Today: Corry Blik
Next week: TBA

From the Pastor's Desk

Today is a special day in the life of Ben and Karen Hamilton (along with Dillon and Brock), and the wider family with young Tayla 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 Ben and Karen the baptism of Tayla is a blessing and responsibility. It means they take on the responsibility to nurture Tayla in the Christian faith and live consistent lives of witness and love. We, as a church, also commit to support them 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 Tayla's baptism will be a great encouragement and strength to Ben and Karen. And we pray that we will honour our vows to support them, and all our church families. Most of all we pray that Tayla 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 Ben and Karen 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.

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

News from the Churches

Early Wednesday morning (16 Feb), the **Reverend J.W. (Bill) Deenick** passed from this life into eternity with his Lord. He died peacefully after a fairly sudden decline in his health, and was surrounded by his children, and many grandchildren during his final hours. He was 92 years old.

Rev Deenick was used by God in many ways in building up the Reformed Churches in New Zealand and Australia, particularly as a "pioneer" in NZ. He accepted the call to be the first minister of the Reformed Churches in New Zealand, serving the North Island as minister based at Auckland (Avondale) between 1953 and 1962, then served Dee Why, Geelong and Adelaide until his retirement in 1983. He was also instrumental in the progress of the Parent-Controlled Christian School movement, being a founder of the national Christian Parent Controlled Schools (CPCS) movement and its first President. He also helped set up "Trowel and Sword", and was its editor of for many years.

He was a blessing to many, and will be much missed by his ministerial colleagues, his wide network of friends and, of course, by his family.

He will be buried at Healesville Cemetery at 11AM on 21 February. In doing so he rejoins his wife Adriana (Jeanne) who went before him in 1988. The short graveside service will be followed by a Thanksgiving Service at Mt Evelyn Christian Reformed Church at 12 noon.

For those who know **Harry and Ann Hoving**, the up-date is that they are both declining in health. Harry is now under palliative care after his treatment for cancer of the oesophagus and the decision that he is unable to undergo surgery. They are receiving wonderful care and pastoral support from the home they are in and the Campbelltown CRCA. We pray they will stay strong as they wait for the Lord to call them home.

COM

The second collection today goes to support the

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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.		

ministry of Christian Outreach Ministries (COM). This morning Kristy Noorbergen will share some of what she has seen of the home in her recent trip to India.

We are thankful for John and Ann van Breen and the work they do on behalf of COM, especially the Chennai Children's Home managed by Enoch and Grace. COM now have 25 Children's Homes (one built with our support) where more than 1,800 children find love, care, hope and a place they call home. It is a place where they can learn about and know God, receive an education that will give them hope and a chance in Indian society. COM have also trained more than 2,000 Indian men and women as gospel workers and established over 5,000 churches.

The latest news from COM indicates that funds are still needed to complete a wall that surrounds the home, which has been started. The wall is needed to keep poisonous snakes off the property. Across the road from the home is a sacred place where snakes are worshipped. This means that the population cannot be curtailed, but managed as they come onto the property. Once the wall is finished this safety issue can be better managed.

There are still children needing sponsorship to remain in the Children's Homes across India. John and Ann have a number of children in our Chennai home that need sponsors. For \$35/month the child receives the love and care they need as they live in the home. See John and Ann today if you are able to sponsor a child and meet their needs.

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

- As a community, our love and condolences go to Janis Gully who's mother died last week on Friday. She lived a long life – 98 yrs! May God's love and comfort surround you, Janis in this time of loss.
- We also received the sad news of the deaths of two senior members of our community, this week : **Dinie Burggraaf** and **Bill Deenick**.
- **Mrs. Dinie Burggraaf** went to be with her Lord on Monday 14th, in the afternoon, after growing increasingly frail. She was aged 85. We pray that God would comfort Dinie's children and their families in their loss. A daughter is over seas at present, so the funeral /thanksgiving service will not take place till Tuesday March 1st , at 10am at the Epping chapel of the White Lady funeral services.
- **Rev. Bill Deenick** went to be with the Lord whom he served, early in the morning on Wednesday 16th , after a period of physical decline. Bill faithfully served as a minister in our churches of Australia and N.Z. in various congregations till his retirement. His family notified us of the following arrangements for **Monday 21st February**: A graveside service will take place at 11am. at the Healsville Cemetery; followed by a Thanksgiving service at the Mount Evelyn Christian Reformed Church at 12 md. The Rev. Dr. Steve Voorwinde will officiate. Pray for God's loving comfort to surround his children and family in the loss of a father, Opa, and great grand father.
- We also received news of the passing of **Heiko Smit**, a previous member of our community, but I am not aware of service details at this stage of writing.
- **Thea Bonga** and **Jos Berends** have both had day surgery this past week and we pray that they will both be given healing and good outcomes. Jos will have some time in respite in the Hostel after her surgery.
- **Roland Weimen** has moved from Kingston to an Aged Care Facility. Much easier for his

family to access. You can visit him at 8 Young St., Hallam 3803 in the "Homewood" ACF in room 94. He and Doris are grieving the losses that separation and transition into Care accommodation brings. They value the prayers and encouragement of our congregation. Send a card to show your love and support.

- Continue to 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 comfort all who grieve the loss of loved ones, - both in the recent past but now especially –Alex and Olga Pleiter, Janis and John Gully, the Dinie Burggraaf families and the Bill Deenick families.

LADIES WEEKEND AWAY - 25 - 27 FEB.

Just a quick note to all the ladies who have indicated that they wish to come away for this lovely weekend 25 February to 27 February.

This looks like being a very relaxing weekend where we can all get to know each other a little better. We will leave the church at 3pm on Friday 25th and travel to Anglesea together. We want to miss peak hour traffic if possible.

If you are unable to make it at that time and wish to leave on your own we will have a map with instructions on how to get there at our meeting after church. You won't need to bring much. Bedding is provided. Just bring a towel and whatever else you may need for the 2 days. If you are working on a craft and would like to do something please bring that with you.

We will have a **quick meeting in the church council room after church this morning** to discuss any questions you may have and to confirm what you should bring.

Please grab a coffee and meet us there straight after church.

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.

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!

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 Audry Kloppenberg's Unit 47 Outlook Gardens. 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.

ATTENTION ALL YOUTH

Today (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.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Johan Holtzhausen	February 21
Karen Hamilton	February 22
Herman van Tol	February 22
John Lepema	February 24
Stefan Otto	February 26

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

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

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 next 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.

Queensland Flood Relief Up-Date

Two weeks ago Westside Christian Church submitted

a proposal to World Development and Relief to help flood victims in Goodna. WD&R have accepted our proposal and have agreed to forward the funds raised by the CRCA over the last few weeks for the Queensland Flood Relief, to be administered by Westside Christian Church.

As an aid in communication and an attempt to keep all churches informed, we have set up a special page on our website. Copy the following link into your web browser

www.wired4god.com.au/w4g/GOODNA_FLOOD_APPEAL.html

If you are 'on-line' you can keep up with the latest developments. A monthly newsletter with reports on the work will also be distributed detailing how they have been using the funds so generously given by our churches around Australia.

Yours in the service of Christ,
Ted Hagemeyer
on behalf of Westside Christian Church
www.wired4God.com.au

Wedderburn Christian Campsite

On Saturday March 26 Pro Campo Ltd, currently known as Wedderburn Christian Camp site, will celebrate its 50th year at the camp since the property in NSW was bought. Anyone interested on attending this day, starting at 10.30 am is most welcome. Free accommodation is offered for the Friday and/or Saturday night at the camp if so required. For further information contact: Arie Baalbergen on arieb@bigpond.net.au or on 0412-595692

J Team Craft

We are in need of:

- wrapping paper rolls,
- glad wrap rolls and
- egg cartons

If you have any of the following, would you kindly collect them for us and hand them to Kristy Noorbergen.

Thank you. =)

Christian Reformed Church of Cobden (Inc)

103 Curdie Street COBDEN VIC 3266

*“Seeking first the Kingdom of
God in Christ”*

Position Vacant

Are you wanting a seachange?

Interested in leading a keen but under skilled church into effective ministry, work with an interesting range of people of all ages, enjoy the country lifestyle of a dairy rich landscape and the Great Ocean Road.

You could be the person we are looking for.

We are a small self motivated church, situated in Cobden, not far from the Great Ocean Road. There is a range of ages and characters involved in the community in positive ways such as R.E, Kid's Hope, Spring Festival weekend, Lovely Banks Nursing Home, Easter and Christmas events. We really need someone to come and work with us. Whether you're just starting out or wanting to slow down, this could just what you are looking for. In the past we have been a starting block for many young ministers. We feel God has a purpose for us to continue His work here. Cobden CRC is looking for a self motivated mission and pastoral worker (.5) who can lead us into effective ministry and mission. Will you come if He speaks to your heart?

Applications Close: 31 March 2011

To express interest and to receive a detailed job description, write to:

Fred van Leerdam
31 Boundary Road, Cobden. Vic.3266
Ph. 0428334007
email. clerk@cobden.crca.org.au

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.

Walk Thru The Old Testament

Walk Thru the Old Testament (WTTOT) is a simple but effective way of teaching people to understand and know God better.

This is an excellent seminar for all believers. It is an interactive and catchy presentation which has helped many people find the missing pieces and then link the jig saw into a picture of God's plan for mankind.

*“Ah ha, now I see how it all fits in together”, says
12yr old Amy*

Like Amy, the people, places, prophets and passages come alive in an event that you, your family members, and fellow believers will never forget.

Robert Siakimotu, will be presenting this seminar on

Saturday 26th March 2011

9.00 am to 5.00 pm

*Mount Evelyn Christian Reformed Church
45-47 Birmingham Rd, MOUNT EVELYN, VIC,
3796*

Robert, originating from New Zealand is a lively personality and with many years experience of teaching WTTOT. He is currently also the International President of Open Air Campaigners and was one of the founders of Polynesian Ministries. He is also very active with WTTOT in the Pacific Islands. He will be here personally to walk you through the Old Testament. This will be a life-changing experience for you.

This inaugural WTTOT event is subsidised.
Participants need to contribute only \$20 per person
Refreshments provided, BYO lunch

This seminar is hosted by **Mount Evelyn Christian Reformed Church**

45-47 Birmingham Road
Mt. Evelyn 3796

Contact: Church Office – 9736 1087
For testimonials see YOUTUBE – search “walk thru the bible”
Enrolment forms are also available from the Office.

