



20 March 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: Famous Last Words: Today you will  
be with me in Paradise (Luke 23:43)  
Readings: Genesis 2:4-14;  
Revelation 21:1-4; 22:1-5

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte  
Message: Praying for God's Glory  
(Matthew 6:9b) Lord's Day 47  
Reading: 2 Kings 19:9-37

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte  
6:00 PM Rev. Peter Mechielsen (Pastor Jim is  
in Casey as part of the monthly Classis  
pulpit swap).

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Lord's Supper - Diaconate

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Ministry Formation Workgroup

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,536.70
URY	\$459.00



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: P. de Jong, M & I. Meenks,  
C. Harrison,  
Next Week: K. de Jong, B. Elfring, ? Ellings.

#### PA & VIDEO :

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

#### GREETERS

Today: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud  
Next week: Martin & Coby van Rossen

### From the Pastor's Desk

It is truly a blessing and privilege to gather as God's people for praise and preaching. We ask that God will be present in power through the Holy Spirit so that our worship might be in spirit and truth. Today we also join together as fellow believers around the Lord's Table, where we remember, and give thanks, for the death of Jesus on our behalf. If you are visiting with us today and would like to join us, then please talk to the welcomers on the door who will introduce you to an Elder or Pastor Jim.

## Profession of Faith

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March we have a group of young men who will profess their faith in the Lord Jesus. Timothy Cameron, Matthew Noorbergen and Christo Otto will stand together and share how God has been at work in their hearts and lives from infancy. It will be a wonderful celebration for us as a church family.

We, as a church family, would also like to celebrate with these young men and their families and share lunch together. We will do this after we have had morning tea, following the morning service. It would be great if you could bring something to share together for either morning tea or lunch.

## Working with Children Checks/Childsafe

Over the past weeks and months I have heard some people grumble a little about having to undergo Working with Children checks and doing a Childsafe Training Course. Their reasoning is that for many years we have operated without these guidelines and, in many cases, these people have been engaged in children's ministry without these things being in place. It is, unfortunately, sad to say that the world has changed. What was acceptable practice in the past has now had to be tightened up. Abuses perpetrated by community and church groups over the years has, understandably, made people a little more cautious and a little more wary of people and organisations. As we work with children we want their parents to have confidence and trust in us that their children will be safe.

In order to adopt best practices for our day we now need to ensure that each person who works in any children's or youth ministry, with direct contact with children, has completed a government Working with Children check (WWC). This is a comprehensive check

undertaken by the department of Justice of the individual. If you are a volunteer in ministry (which most of you are) then the WWC check is free (financially) except for the passport photo that needs to be supplied with the check.

Continuing our alignment with best practice we, as a denomination, have taken on the Childsafe program/training. This is an inclusive training course to help you understand what to do if certain situations arise within the program or even in the life of a child. It also helps to determine what practices are unacceptable, and what things should be avoided. Again, if you are a volunteer, the course is free. All you need to do is give it some time to read up and prepare. Someone has said that the course is basic commonsense, which it is, but they then added that there seems to be little commonsense left in the wider community.

If we put in place the WWC check and people have undergone Childsafe training, then community and church families can be assured we are doing what is in the best interests in the safety of their precious children. So please don't complain too loudly if you are asked to fill out forms or undergo a couple of hours of training because in the wider kingdom perspective we are doing what it takes to connect with the community and present the gospel.

If you have any further questions then please talk to Pastor Jim or Lynette Pretorius.



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## 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,**

The Coffee Break Ladies Bible Study meets each Tuesday during the school term, starting 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.

### **DISCOVER BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Meets on Friday the 25th of March at 7:30pm in the church office lounge room. Contact Martin van Rossen on 97957869.

### **Looking for Work**

We have an unemployed man in our midst who after 5 months of applying for work would dearly love some employment. If you know of any available work either casual or permanent work, that he could do, please speak to Jim or Henni.

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Derek Cameron	March 21
Belinda van Neutegem	March 22
Vera Steendam	March 25
Lidia Barrot	March 26
Isaac Harrison	March 26

May your day be God-blessed as one of your best!

### **Wedderburn Christian Campsite**

On Saturday March 26 Pro Campo Ltd, currently known as Wedderburn Christian Camp site, will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:arieb@bigpond.net.au) or on 0412-595692

## **Op Shop**

Our Church Op Shop opens on Thursdays from 11.30am – 4.30pm and Fridays from 10am-4.30pm. We raise money for various local mission projects. Donations can only be dropped off during opening times. Volunteers may contact Anneke Laverman (97005686)

### **A Letter from the Reformed Church of North America**

4 March 2011

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
When our Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee met last, the news was filled with images and descriptions of the terrible flooding in Australia. We spent time in prayer for the nation and people of Australia, and for the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia.

It continues to be our prayer that the congregations have come through this time of difficulty and trial with minimal losses, and that the Gospel ministry to which the Lord calls you continues with great faith on your part, and ongoing confidence in his providential care.

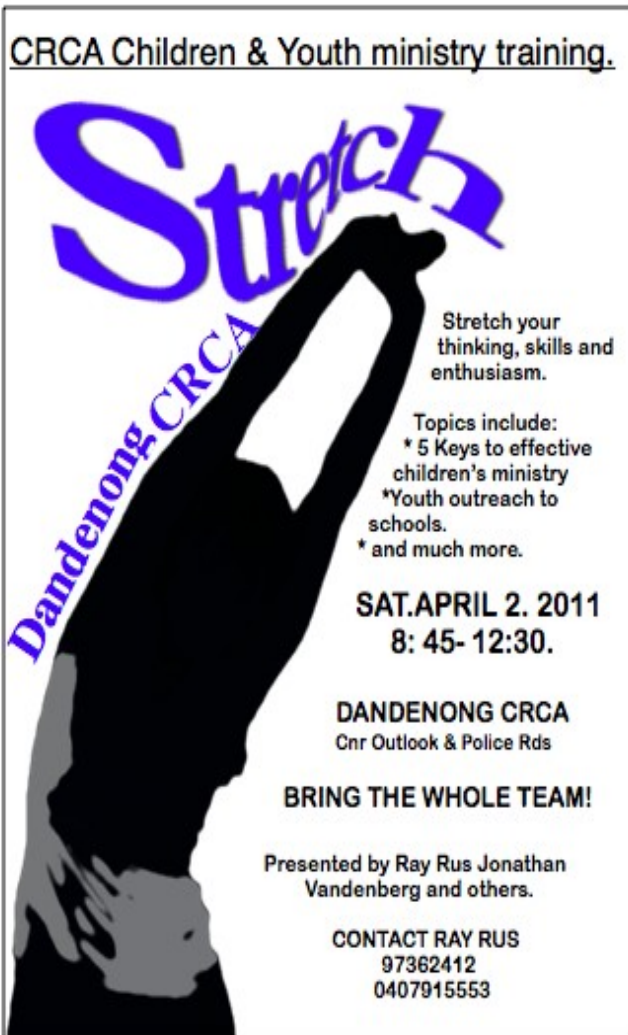
May the Lord bless you. If there is anything we can talk about together that might be of assistance or encouragement, please do let us know.

In Christ,

Rev. Bruce Adema, Ecumenical Officer



**CRCA Children & Youth ministry training.**



**Stretch**

Stretch your thinking, skills and enthusiasm.

Topics include:  
 \* 5 Keys to effective children's ministry  
 \* Youth outreach to schools.  
 \* and much more.

**SAT. APRIL 2. 2011**  
**8: 45- 12:30.**

**DANDENONG CRCA**  
 Cnr Outlook & Police Rds

**BRING THE WHOLE TEAM!**

Presented by Ray Rus Jonathan Vandenberg and others.

**CONTACT RAY RUS**  
 97362412  
 0407915553

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **Point to Ponder**

Kindness is a language the deaf can hear and the blind can see. Mark Twain.

### **Deacon's Meeting**

The Deacons will meet in the church at 8pm on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### **Shawlands**

The Shawlands Workgroup will meet in the church at 8pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. please come along with your thoughts, dreams, plans and enthusiasm.

### **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.



# Not Reel Big Fish but Reel Big God

27th of March @ Wonga Park  
corner of Yarra & Gatters Rds, Wonga Park,  
Melbourne, Australia, 3115. Melway Ref: 36  
G6.

A message from the story of Jonah

Supper provided after service

## CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE FINANCIAL APPEAL 2011

Following is a letter from the Christchurch Reformed Churches detailing the financial help they are seeking to be able to effectively minister within the hurting Christchurch community. We realise that it is difficult for some people to be able to send financial support via the direct debit method they suggest. So as a Church Council we propose to hold a special compassionate offering after the service on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. Any funds collected on the day will be sent through to the Earthquake Relief fund on behalf of the church. Please give generously to this need, so they can effectively minister to those with needs in Christchurch, in the name of Jesus Christ.

“The Reformed Churches in Christchurch have been greatly encouraged by the care and concern shown by so many in response to the earthquake that struck our city on 22 February 2011. Time and again we have been asked, “How can we help?” Initially we declined offers of financial assistance. Relatively few of our members have been financially affected by the earthquake and collectively we have the resources to support those who have. However, we recognise that this earthquake gives us a wonderful opportunity to show Christian love and compassion to those who have been affected. Christchurch has been hit very hard by the earthquake. It is estimated that the damage

sustained by the city could be as high as 20 billion dollars. It will take years for the city to recover fully.

“We expect that, sooner or later, some of our members as well as many others in Christchurch are going to come under financial pressure.

- Some of those working in the central business district will be without work for an indefinite time. The central business district will be off limits for at least 3 months. It could be as long as a year.
- Many self-employed people may struggle as a result of the earthquake.
- Those on low-incomes are especially vulnerable. Many do not have insurance cover and will struggle to recover financially.
- Insurance cover may even prove inadequate. For example, many insurance companies will cover rental for a year; for many, it will take longer than that to have their homes rebuilt.
- Rental accommodation is likely to be in short supply. Sadly some landlords are making the situation worse by charging grossly inflated rents.
- Some of those actively helping out will incur expenses that they can ill-afford.

“But apart from helping people financially, our strong desire is to share the Gospel with those who are hurting. It is at times such as these that people are seeking answers to the big questions of life. There is great spiritual need. For example, family violence has spiked since the earthquake (indicating that families are not coping).

“Those traumatised by the earthquake are going to need extra help. Nearly six months of earthquakes and aftershocks have left many emotionally fragile. To make matters worse, a local “prophet” has predicted another massive earthquake on 20 March 2011 based on the position of the moon.

“Churches which are Reformed in the broad sense of the word may also be in a good position to distribute funds to those in need. In the unlikely event we are not able to use all the funds received, the balance will be sent to the National Diaconate of the Reformed Churches of New Zealand to be used for disaster relief elsewhere.

“The three Christchurch Reformed Churches will be working together as much as possible. For more information, please contact Rev. Robert van Wichen (telephone number 0064-3-359-6398; email [robert@bishopdale.org.nz](mailto:robert@bishopdale.org.nz)). Correspondence can be sent care of the Reformed Church of Bishopdale, PO Box 20-133, Christchurch 8053. The bank account into which funds can be deposited is as follows:

Bank: Westpac.  
Number: **03-0674-0430234-000**  
Name: CRC Earthquake Relief Fund

“Please also send us an e-mail confirming the deposit made. This fund will be administered by the deacons of the three Christchurch Reformed Churches.”

Yours in Christ,  
The Sessions of the Reformed Churches of  
Christchurch, Bishopdale and Dovedale

### Pastoral and Prayer Points

- What a joy to have three of our young people doing their profession of faith, next week, pray for **Tim Cameron, Christo Otto, and Matthew Noorbergen** as they prepare their statements of faith to profess and share with the congregation.
- **Mieke Van Daal huizen** was transferred to Caulfield After Care - 260 Kooyong Rd. this week. Pray for her healing and the medical care she requires.
- We praise God, with **Lorna Dixon** whose daughter Marina has had a kidney transplant from her husband Allan as donor. Both have now been discharged from the Royal Melbourne hospital – Allen was able to go home and Marina has gone into after-care but is doing well at this stage. Pray for God to continue to bless the kidney function and to grant the health she needs.
- **Anne Suk** needs a hip replacement and will go into Mitcham Private this coming Tuesday (22<sup>nd</sup>) for surgery the next day. Pray for Anne, that God will bless this surgery and that the outcome may be a relief from pain and better mobility for Anne.
- **John Bruinewoud** was unable to have surgery for a hip replacement due to a leg infection. John was sent home on treatment for this, and now awaits surgery further down the track.
- **Elvi and Esko Oinonen** want to thank you for your prayers and cards. Esko is undergoing

preparation for treatment for his prostate cancer. Hormone treatment has started this week, and then he will commence an aggressive course of daily radiation treatment for 8 weeks. Continue to pray for him and to encourage them both.

- **Continue** to pray for little Thomas Edmond (**Viola Hodder's** 16 month old great grandson) diagnosed with a rare condition in which he is unable to produce bone marrow, so his white cell count is very low. He is in Monash MC with a temperature at present, being monitored. Please hold Thomas and his parents Janine and Chris in your prayer.

Please pray for carers looking after partners with memory loss and also for **Henk Vanderkruk** who is finding life difficult at present.

### Stamp Collectors

The Op Shop has received a number of stamp albums as donations. We were wondering if there are any experts in the congregation who could get them valued for us. Please see Anita de Witte (97010453) if you can help.

**DON'T FORGET TO  
TURN YOUR PHONE  
OFF IN THE SERVICE!**

