



8 May 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: Pass it On (2 Timothy 1;5)
Readings: 2 Timothy 1:1-7; 3:10-17

6:00 PM Pastor La'Mont Ferreira
Afrikaans Service
(Pastor Jim in Casey)

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte
6:00 PM Pastor Keith Vethaak

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – RTC

NEXT WEEK

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2 – Lord's Supper – Leadership Training / Prof Development

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,780.95
Reformed Theological College	\$574.55
Donation Hall	\$225.00

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: Y. Laverman, J. Lepema, E. Oinonen, J. Gully.

Next Week: G. Smedes, C. Span, J. Schapendonk

PA & VIDEO :

Today: David Ellings, Dave Barrot

Next Week: Matthew Noorbergen, Glen de Jong

GREETERS

Today: Martin & Coby van Rossen

Next week: Yke & Anneke Laverman

From the Pastor's Desk

Today is Mother's Day and across the country flowers will be delivered, homemade cards will be given, presents bought at Mother's Day stalls will be loving given and mums will be celebrated. And it is fitting that it is like this. There are few roles that demand such unconditional, self-sacrificing perseverance, commitment and love as that of a mother. Sure, she always nagged at you to eat your veggies and wash your hands before dinner, but let's face it, where would we be without our mums. Take a moment to thank the Lord for your mum, and, if possible, be sure to express your thanks to your mum in specific ways.

Our news this week has been dominated by reports of

the death of Osama bin Laden by US troops. We saw wild displays of American patriotism against a man who orchestrated major terrorist attacks around the world over a number of years. There were scenes of people waving USA flags and chanting USA! USA! There were others who were directly affected by his terrorist plots quietly reflected on the closure finally gained by his death. World leaders lined up to congratulate the US President on what he had achieved. The rest of the week there has been analysis of the attack and the likely consequences for the word in general.

But the question that came to mind, ‘What should be my reaction should be to his death?’ How should I view it? With relief? With joy? With grief? Surely, this man reaped the destruction he sowed, and many have found closure and justice in his death. He was driven by a very evil agenda and managed to change the world in some 10 years through violence and fear, and he has successfully put Islam on the global scene. The elimination of his evil influence is definitely something to find relief in, but I’m not sure that God rejoices in the death of any person. Wouldn’t you agree that justice could be metered out in a different way? Wouldn’t you agree that a far better ending would have been for him to have turned from his evil ways and repented? God has made grace and forgiveness available to all who repent and turn to him. Imagine the impact his conversion would make for the gospel? I don’t have an answer to these questions I pose, but it is food for thought.

Eternity

The *Eternity* newspaper is available from the foyer table for you to pickup and read. It has some very interesting articles on how local churches responded to the recent floods; a discussion on the gender of God; interviews and information on what is happening across Australia.

Wanted

Gerry de Groot has a friend looking for a self contained unit or flat in the Dandenong area, if you know of something that may be suitable please contact Gerry on 9701 0662 thank you.

Points to Ponder

Better than having children bear your name is to have your children bear Christ's name.

The character of our children tomorrow depends on what we put into their hearts today.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- Esther Meenks May 9
- Gerry Smedes May 9
- Corrie de Haan May 13
- Karl Hauke May 13

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.

News from the Churches

The churches have been informed by Classis Queensland that Rev. Dave Groenenboom has been released from ministry in Redlands CRC by mutual agreement on non-disciplinary grounds. So Dave continues as a Minister in good standing in the CRCA, and is available for call. He has fruitfully served four different CRCA congregations over some 25 years, including 11 years in Redlands where some great things have happened in the last decade. Classis believes Br.

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

Groenenboom can continue to serve our churches fruitfully, and therefore unanimously commends Br. Groenenboom for call by the churches. There are already a number of churches that are in conversation with Dave about ministry opportunities.

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 John & Heather Nicholson's place Unit 56 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.

Day of Thanksgiving

On Saturday 28th May the Dandenong Ministers' Fellowship is holding another Day of Thanksgiving. At this function we invite city councillors and others who work within the local community to say thank you to them for their hard work. We also give thanks to God for his grace and goodness. It is a breakfast that runs from 8.30-11.30 at a cost of \$15 per person. This year, due to the Dandenong revitalisation program, the venue has had to be shifted. It will be held at Lighthouse Community Hall, Keysborough.

During the program we wish present to the council and community the wonderful multicultural nature of the church. There will be musical items from different ethnic Christian groups, like the Soul Salvation Assembly.

As a local Dandenong Church it would be great if many of us could attend this breakfast as join together with the wider Christian body to give thanks to God and display our unity in the Gospel to the wider community.

We have 20 tickets allocated to our church. For further information please see Pastor Jim.

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)

Marriage Enrichment weekend:

Last year Casey CRC held a marriage enrichment weekend for a number of couples from our church for the purpose of building better relationships between husband and wife.

Because the weekend was so well received by the participants; Council decided that we should hold it again this year.

So if you have a desire to learn and develop some more communication and relationship skills for your marriage then this is for you!

Venue: Convention Lodge Belgrave Heights

Date 12th – 14th August

For more details please call either Betty or Herman Westendorp: 97968626

We are on the move!

Wantirna Christian Community Church is moving to a new worship location.

Due to continued growth in numbers, and developments just over the other side of Stud Road, we are moving our worship location to:

Scoresby Secondary College, Cavell Street, Scoresby. (Melway map 72 J5)

Our first service at this venue will be on **Sunday 8th May 2011 at 10.00am.**

We do hope you will come and visit us.

We continue to be a church community that desires to grow closer to God and to impact the lives of individuals and communities with the love of Jesus.

For more details contact the church office 9759 0155, admin@wccc.net.au

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES – SOLOMON ISLANDS

1. SEWING WORKSHOP – WEST RUSSEL ISLANDS.

2nd Week of August 2001 (7th to 16th August). The Russel Islands group is about 5 hours by ship North West of Honiara. There is a Wycliffe translation worker (Aaron Choate) and his family in this village who have requested a workshop for the women in that district. The team leader will be Marty Magill, an experienced SWIM team leader. Marty would like about 4 women to assist her with the workshop. Basic sewing knowledge is all that is required, as we will be teaching only basic sewing. Accommodation will be in the village. Russell Islands are a small group of spectacular tropical islands. We shall take along some new Singer hand sewing machines and leave them with the women there. Women of any age are welcome to apply. This is a practical, grass roots way of sharing your skills with women from another culture. You will be challenged spiritually through this experience. Age is no limit, just a willing heart for mission, and a desire to “step out” and make a difference in God’s Kingdom. Contact Machi at SWIM – details below.

2. YOUTH MISSION – WEST RUSSEL ISLANDS – 2nd Week of August 2001 (7th to 16th August). At the same time as the sewing workshop, Aaron Choate has also requested a mission team to do some “Youth Outreach” for youth in that area. This would involve afternoon and evening sessions. The program will depend on the skills of the team, eg music, sport, drama, Bible studies, youth rally. Anything along these lines would be greatly appreciated. There are many youth in this area who have little direction in their life, and who need to be challenged with the Gospel. No experience is necessary, but anyone with a heart for youth, or music or drama skills is sure to have a memorable and life changing experience. The duration of the program is envisaged to be about 4 or 5 days. Afternoons for younger youth, evenings for older youth. Contact Machi at SWIM – details below.

3. SPONSORSHIP NEEDED FOR SEVERAL SCHOOL STUDENTS. – We have several opportunities for you to help sponsor a student. Ages of Students range from Prep. To TAFE level. One young woman, Judith, studying for teaching, is a very promising student, but she

needs assistance. For further details on her needs please contact SWIM. Seven other students are from prep to class 3. To sponsor one of these children it costs just \$50 AUD per year, per child. Contact the number below for more information.

4. CONTACT DETAILS: Machi Rietveld, SWIM Ministry coordinator, email:
swiministry@solomon.com.sb

Celebratory Dinner : Postponed

Due to unforeseen circumstances we will be postponing our celebration dinner for a later date. We are proposing a Sunday evening **celebration** for our congregation where we give thanks to God for His goodness to us! In previous generations they had harvest thanksgivings as a way of recognizing God’s care and provision.

We will let you know of the date as planning for this continues.

Come prepared to bring some food and to share some of the ways that God has blessed you in your life.

What do you want to say thank you to God for?

Organizational details will be available closer to the date.

Luke 8:39 *“Return home and tell how much the Lord has done for you”*

Working with Children Check

On **Sunday the 15th of May**, after the morning service, there will be an opportunity for any workers in the church to have their Working with Children Checks (WWCC) processed by Yvonne Pleiter. We are thankful that Yvonne is able to do this, as it saves you a trip to the Post Office. If anyone is connected with our children’s and youth ministries, or other ministries like Shawlands and still need to complete a WWCC then now is the time to do it. What you will need to bring on the Sunday is a completed WWCC application (available from Pastor Jim), a passport photo and identification as listed in the WWC forms. Lynette Pretorius manages our WWCC so speak with her if you think you need to fill out an application.

Short Term Housing Accommodation

If you, or someone you know, is looking for temporary housing accommodation, then there is a house in Dandenong available for a short term lease. Nel Stuenenberg is moving into a new home in the

Village and, while her home waits to sell, is offering to a family for rental. Please speak with Nel if you are interested.

Operation Mobilization

You are invited to attend "Muslim World Presentation Team Meeting",

Operation Mobilization's (OM) Muslim World Presentation Team has been invited by Soul Salvation Assembly to present a Muslim Information Evening on Friday 13th May at 7.30pm at the Dandenong Christian Reformed Church. For more information see the poster on the notice board near the Crèche church room.

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- Today families are affirming their mothers. As a church, we too, are thankful for **all** our women who contribute and share their nurturing and 'mothering' characteristics with our community in a multitude of ways! May God bless you all today!
- **Peggy Hodgkinson** was hospitalized at Monash, where she has been treated, and is probably for discharge by the week-end. She will need to have surgery for her heart valve at a later date! Pray that she will not have to wait too long for this to happen.
- **Betty Vandenberg** is in respite at the hostel at this time. Pray for Peter and all those caring for partners or parents as they grow frailer and older.
- **Henny de Vos** is physically very frail and losing strength. Pray for Adrian as he cares for her and for the support he needs to keep her at home.
- **Pray** for the recovery still needed for **Anita de Witte's** knee after her reconstructive surgery. There is still a lot of fluid causing swelling, which means Anita cannot be as mobile as she would like to be.
- **Ishbelle Poppenbeck** is recuperating from cataract surgery done Thursday.
- **Sjaan Siepel** has settled in to Dutch Care "Avondrust" in the high care area and can be visited there.
Pray for our children and outreach programs as they commence again this school term.

CRCA Women's Convention

Friday 24 – Monday 27 February 2012

At Camp Clayton, Ulverstone, Tasmania

'the finest secret'

This event is for women of ALL ages!

Our speaker will be Belinda Straatsma, is a wife and mother of 3 primary aged children and works as a women's ministry co-ordinator.

Belinda plans to take us through the book of Philippians.

This will be great opportunity for women to get together and be encouraged.

So talk to your daughters, sisters, in-laws, friends about coming!

Fees are \$310 per person. This includes bedding and towel.

Enrolments will be available next month; spaces are limited, so get in early.

There will be a bus going to the camp from Launceston airport at 2.00 pm on Friday 24 February. So book your flights before that time.

For any enquiries email: crcwc12@gmail.com



Attention

Channel 31 (life Time) will show Jubilate NZ Tour details on 9th May at 9.30am and 11th May at 3.30pm (about 30 minutes)

FLOOD ASSISTANCE REPORT WESTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

3rd May 2011

This report serves as an overview and insight to the work that's been carried to date, using monies entrusted to the church council of Westside Christian Church Inc.

First of all we would like to thank and give praise to God for the opportunity that Westside has been given to administer the funds given to us by the World Development Relief Committee and various churches around Australia.

When you are able to give and help people that have been so badly affected by the recent floods, in such meaningful ways, it opens doors and makes people receptive to hear about our mighty God and immediately breaks down barriers that would otherwise normally exist.

To date, we have been able to give assistance to at least 10 families, of which a few have come and worshipped with us on a Sunday. We are sure that as we continue to walk with these families that meaningful and long-term relationships will form and give us continued opportunities to witness God's love and concern. Praise God!

This is what we have been able to do so far with monies donated.

- We have bought a caravan for a Greg & Janet and their two young children, who lost everything in the flood. This couple are awaiting the outcome of an insurance claim. Further assistance may be offered.
- We bought a very large poly water tank for the Smith family. This family were renting and lost all their belongings. They are in the process of moving into their own home and the purchase of the tank has helped speed up this process.
- We have created a very strong bond with a lady by the name of Sol who lives in a unit which forms part of a large complex of units. Most of the units went under water. We bought her a caravan so she had somewhere to live. We have since then re-plastered her unit, hung doors, installed skirting and architraves, and painted.
- One of the first families we got into touch with are Damian & Sherilee, whose house was

totally submerged and then another 10 feet of water over the roof. We were introduced to Steve the builder from the Redlands CRC. Steve has been amazing and got to work very quickly. Steve and your workers we salute you! This house has been rewired, re-plumbed, plastered, new doors, new architraves and skirtings plus a new kitchen has been fitted. The home is awaiting painting after which we will probably help get one of the bathrooms re-built.

We also met Bruce Willis...not the actor Bruce, but a much nicer bloke. We bought a bunch of plaster board for Bruce, which he has organised himself to get fitted and set. We met the family Wong who have been very organised and determined to get their fully submerged home back to a liveable standard. We purchased paint and helped them re-paint their home. We were introduced to Henry who lives across the road from Sol. We bought some plasterboard for Henry and paid for a professional to set the plaster board. Henry with the help of his family has repainted his unit and is also busy tiling. Once this is done we will pay for a carpenter to come and do a fit-out which includes doors, architraves & skirtings. We might also pay for an electrician to fit off all the power points. Retired minister Ralph Adams who attends the Tivoli church made us aware of a large group of retired people who were affected by the floods, whom all live in a retired village near the Tivoli church. We have set aside \$10,000 for this group of people. We have asked the session of Tivoli to report to us with any needs that need to be met there. We have just been made aware of two families who urgently need help with replastering their homes. Everyone responds differently to a flood crisis. Some people get straight to work to sort out the mess and re-build while others choose to wait to hear back from insurance companies about possible cover or claims. Some people are too proud to ask for help or feel that others are more worthy, which is very noble of them. The families LeDuc and Milanov need our help now. We are busy getting plaster board sorted for them and will most likely get a carpenter to fit their homes out with architraves, skirtings and doors.

Just today we met Geoff & Meaghan who also have been severely affected by the flood. Their case is a little different from others that we have helped because Meaghan is in a wheelchair. Geoff is a builder and has been very busy

helping others re-build their homes including his mum who lives nearby. In between all this Geoff has been busy re-building his own home on a very limited budget. Considering Meaghan's needs they can't live with just anybody and they have been forced to rent an expensive home which is suitable for a wheelchair. The added rental expense has hampered their re-build efforts. Added to the expense is the repair bill for a special wheel chair lift that is has been severely damaged by the flood. We have decided to get this sorted, which will enable them to move back into their home sooner than what they had hoped. What an awesome way to bless a family.

So in this brief report you get a fairly good picture of the work that has been carried out thus far. We have regularly visited these families and will continue to walk with them as they re-build. We would urge you to keep this work and the families affected in your prayers. We thank everyone that has generously donated to this cause, and if you can help further then we would urge you to get in touch with us. You can do so via our website www.wired4God.com.au

Blessings
Westside Christian Church

HOPEBUILDERS INTERNATIONAL
BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

**Short Term Mission Team
Information Afternoon**

2-4pm Sunday 5th June
Dandenong CRC
255 Outlook Drive Dandenong Nth

This is for people interested in joining a short term team to Uganda, Rwanda India

If you are considering a trip but want to know more about what is involved then this is for you.

Teams Travelling to Uganda in June & Sept will also meet this day for some of your trip planning and preparation

**For more information call
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Andrew 0400 488 016**

Religion that God accepts as pure and righteous is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and keep one self from being polluted by the world

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