



Newsletter

15 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: God is Love (1 John 4:16)
Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

6:00 PM Pastor Keith Vethaak
Message: How to Make Lemonade (1 Thess 5:8)
Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-21

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Lord's Supper – Leadership Training / Prof Development

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Solomon Islands Workgroup

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,146.30
Leadership Training	\$432.50
Donation Hall	\$75.00

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: G. Smedes, C. Span, J. Schapendonk
Next Week: D. Mekking, R. Selvaratnam, L. Dixon

PA & VIDEO :

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

GREETERS

Today: Yke & Anneke Laverman
Next week: Rita Piening

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.



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.

Point to Ponder

Christ must be at home in your heart before He can be at home in your home.

If a child lives

Some people have asked for a copy of the poem used in the service last Sunday, so I have reproduced it here.

If a child lives with criticism,
HE learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility,
HE learns to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule,
HE learns to be shy.
If a child lives with shame,
HE learns to feel guilty.
If a child lives with tolerance,
HE learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement,
HE learns confidence.
If a child lives with praise,
HE learns to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness,
HE learns justice.
If a child lives with security,

HE learns to have faith.
If a child lives with approval,
HE learns to like himself.
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
HE learns to find love in the world.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Ngangalang Kaka	May 15
Adri van Vliet	May 16
Krijna Knol	May 17
Jonathon Burggraaf	May 18
Martin van Rossen	May 18
Maggie Pretorius	May 19
Rens Scheepers	May 20
Peter van den Berg	May 20
Lenie Zomerdyk	May 21
Konyi Kaka	May 21

May God look down and bless you Now when
your birthday's here
And keep you in His loving care Each day
throughout the year,
And may He grant you happiness In everything
you do--
Today, tomorrow, always, Every day your whole
life through!



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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. 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.

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 this Wednesday 18th May.

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

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



Outlook Gardens Aged Care - Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist the Leisure and Lifestyle team in the Lavender Lounge with the morning activities program from 10.am to 11.30am.

The Lavender Lounge is a High Care area, and we are looking for volunteers who can come in on a regular basis on any week day

Please call Rosemary Crouch on 9795 7566 for more details

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- **Peggy Hodgkinson** remains hospitalized at Monash. She had a stent inserted on Thursday for a blocked coronary artery. They also plan to give her an iron infusion for her anaemia. The surgery for her heart valve is on hold! Pray for the recovery and health she needs.
- **Mieke Van Daalhuizen** was disappointed with having to return to Hospital, (Dandenong) for her leg infection. She needs our encouragement and love.
- **Henny de Vos** was admitted to Monash Medical Centre on Monday. She will be assessed for residential accommodation and miraculously!! there is a bed at Dutch Care 'Avondrust' which she will be able to access as she stabilizes. Pray for Adrian, who is unwell with a middle ear infection and vertigo.
- **Anne Suk** is thankful to be home again after her second hospital stay.
- **Adri van Vliet's** daughter informed us of Adri's physical decline, and on visiting her, found that she is now in a tub chair and very frail, but able to speak and on this occasion was very alert. Pray for all our elderly members who are so dependent on the care of others for all they need.
- **Pray** for God's love and comfort for **Karissa and Joshua Esselbrugge** who had the disappointment of another failed pregnancy after an initial promising start. They are very appreciative of everyone's care and support, and continue to trust in God's plan for them.
- Congratulations to **Jono Burggraaf** who celebrates his 30th birthday this coming week.

We give thanks to God that you can celebrate this milestone birthday with family and friends. May God continue to know God's grace and blessing over you in the years ahead.

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

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.

Working with Children Check

Today, 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.



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
Glenn 0421 703 393
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

www.hopebuilders.org.au
ABN: 813 360 217 25

BRIEF NOTES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING May 2011

The Church Council meeting was opened in prayer by our Chairman Peter and there was a discussion on the importance of mutual encouragement and affirmation for Christian growth.

Finance and maintenance matters were reported on, particularly the lease of the Boronia property and there was an update of the preaching roster.

There is a team of people from the Casey, Langwarin and Dandenong churches exploring the possibility of planting a new church in the Pakenham area. Progress was reported on; a mandate is being prepared, interested people will meet for prayer in June and people living in the area will be canvassed for their interest in establishing a missional church.

The work with Shawlands caravan park was discussed. It is encouraging to see the residents' response to the Friday evening pasta and pizza nights. John Lepema is establishing garden beds at the park with a view to further involvement by residents.

Dave Barrot reported on the planning for the State Youth Games where some 115 young people from Christian Reformed churches will join with hundreds of youth from other churches. If anyone is willing to help sponsor this event it would contribute towards the cost of providing a marquee as participants are sleeping under canvas.

Jim, Henni and elders reported on pastoral visits and the needs of the congregation at this time. A proposal for expanding our small groups ministry was submitted for future discussion.

A combined Dandenong Christian churches thanksgiving breakfast is planned for 8.30 to 11.00am Saturday May 28 to demonstrate and celebrate the unity of churches in the Dandenong area. Members of the congregation are encouraged to participate; tickets are available from Pastor Jim.

The meeting concluded with a time for prayer. The next meeting of Church Council will be on June 2 after the Ascension Day service.