



29 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: Love is patient (1 Corinthians 13:4a)  
Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

6:00 PM Pastor La'Mont Ferreira  
Message: The Legacy of Leah  
Readings: Genesis 29:13-30  
(Pastor Jim in Langwarrin as part of Classis swap)

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Br Colin Pretorius  
6:00 PM Pastor Keith Vethaak

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – CRCA Resources

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – World Hunger & Thanksgiving - WDR

#### LAST WEEK

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| Freewill/Pledges         | \$2,829.20 |
| Solomon Island Workgroup | \$558.50   |



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: H. van der Kruk, N & M Steunenberg,  
H. van der Jagt

Next Week: J. van Breen, C. Van Garderen,  
M. van Rossen, R. Painter

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: Kevin de Jong Ian Meenks

Next Week: David Ellings, Dave Barrot

#### GREETERS

Today: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels.

Next week: George & Leny Zomerdyk

### From the Pastor's Desk

Today, in the morning service, we are continuing with our look at the expression of love as described by Paul in 1 Corinthians 13. Last week we looked at the opening verses of the chapter in the context of the wider letter Paul was writing to the Corinthian church. He has been plodding through problem after problem with deep reasoning and carefully worded arguments and explanations and warnings and all of a sudden, right in the middle of all of that, he breaks into an inspirational chapter on love. Between the chapter on the gifts of the Spirit operating in the church and the chapter on the proper exercise of those gifts he brings to mind the proper motive or the

proper power or the proper environment in which the gift operates and that is love, the most excellent way.

Today we move on to think about the aspect of love that is demonstrated in patience. Are you a patient person? If you don't like being kept waiting, what about God. On the 7<sup>th</sup> May in the 'Today' booklet Sergei Sosedkin reflects on Patient Grace from 2 Corinthians 6:2, 'Now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation.'

He writes: "I once had a chance to spend a few days in a monastery. My first meal with everyone there was the most memorable. After an opening prayer we were served a delicious soup followed by the main dish. I was slowly savouring every bit of my dinner.

"But after a while I noticed that it was suspiciously quiet in the dining room. As I looked up, I discovered that everyone had finished eating. And now over thirty people were patiently waiting for me before they could proceed to an after dinner prayer. I felt terribly embarrassed for slowing everyone down, and I finished my meal as quickly as I could. I hate to keep people waiting.

"Now, have you or I ever kept God waiting? Maybe right now God is quietly waiting for you. Sometimes, even as we read the Bible and do devotions, our thoughts can be far away. Sometimes we get distracted and don't really care much for the gospel, prayer, and obedient discipleship- or we engage in them half-heartedly.

"Thankfully God's grace and patience are much greater than those of human beings, but we should not aim to keep God waiting. If you are behind in your relationship with him, please note that there is a sense of urgency in our text: 'Now is the day of salvation'. Today is the day to find peace with God or to recommit to serving him."

## 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.

## 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.

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## **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.

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 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

## **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](mailto: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.

## Thank you

Our family would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and support offered for us, particularly over the last few weeks, as they gave us the strength to come through this difficult period.

We would also say a special thank you to Pastor Jim and Henni Burggraaf for the way that they made Mum's funeral service a truly memorable event.

Many people commented that it was a beautiful service, I for one was downcast at the beginning, but as the service progressed I found it uplifting and left very pleased and very proud.

Again thank you all.

Adrian de Vos.

## You're Hired

**Is there any job you would do for only 10 cents an hour?** Sadly, more than a billion people in the developing world work for that kind of pay every day, adding up to only one or two dollars to live on. So, you may not think of yourself as rich, but all of us Australians are incredibly wealthy compared to many less fortunate. See how your income compares to the rest of the world at [whoarethejoneses.org](http://whoarethejoneses.org). This is a comparison chart prepared by Compassion. You'll be surprised by what you learn.

**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](http://www.hopebuilders.org.au)  
ABN: 312 280 217 25

## Pastoral and Prayer Points

- It was good to see the support from the congregation for the **Thanksgiving Breakfast** held yesterday morning. It is great to witness the wider church of Jesus gather in thanks to God for his grace and goodness to us and to thank people for the specific contribution they make to our community.
- The congregation also gathered to support **Adrian de Vos**, and his extended family, as we gave thanks to God for the life of his mother, **Henny de Vos** on Wednesday. Continue to hold Adrian in your prayers, as he grieves the empty place she leaves in the home and in his life - that God's love and comfort will be experienced.
- Pray for all parents who support adult children in difficult circumstances.
- Pray for healing and recovery for those who have had surgery this past week or recently – and for those who will undergo procedures in the week ahead, or who are awaiting surgery further down the track.
- Pray for **John de Haan** as he continues at Knox Private Hospital and for the future care he needs.
- Pray for **Peter Bruinewoud and Esko Oinonen** as they continue receiving treatment for their cancer. Peter awaits the results of a scan he had this week.
- Remember to pray for our **Op shop volunteers** as they minister to many community people, and share love and care with them. They provide much friendship support and faith encouragement.

## Church Planting Initiative

As a denomination we have been challenged, via Synod, to consider Church planting initiatives. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow the church and see God's kingdom grow. A number of meetings have been held with some leaders from the local CRCA churches to consider a collaborative missionary church plant in the SE suburbs of Melbourne. At the heart of these meetings is a strong desire for the local churches to be united for the sake of the gospel, as we network together. Classis has given support to the initiative and things are beginning to take shape.

Following these meetings a small group is working on a draft mandate/memorandum of understanding for approval and there is work being done on identifying leaders and people who would be part of the church

plant. The next step is a planned meeting of interested people in Pakenham on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July** (new date). Further information will be given at a later date.

God has put this vision on the hearts of some people and we ask that all the churches be united in prayer for work. While there are things happening we are really waiting for the Lord's direction on the best way to proceed. Please uphold this vision in prayer, asking for God's wisdom to prevail.

More information will continue to come through as things progress in this exciting venture. Further details can be obtained from Peter Noorbergen or Pastor Jim.

## CRCA National Youth Convention

'Thy Kingdom', exploring creation, fall, redemption, recreation, is the theme of the National Youth Convention to be held in NSW, 3-8<sup>th</sup> January 2012. The main speakers for the convention are Murray Capill (RTC) and Matt Jacoby (Sons of Korah). All youth are encouraged to check out their pigeon holes and join the facebook group (CRCA Youth Convention 2012). For the latest updates.

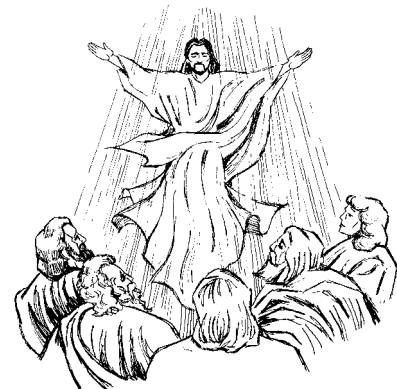
## Ascension Day Service

This Thursday marks the ascension of Jesus, 40 days after the resurrection of Jesus. There is an opportunity to gather as a combined community at the Casey CRC.

Where: Casey Christian Reformed Church (350-352 Pound Road, Narre Warren South).

Time: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7:30 pm

Preacher: Ps. La'Mont Ferreira





**Sound System / CCTV Hostel and Village**

It has come to our attention that there is a problem with the Sound when the service is broadcast to the Hostel and Village via the CCTV. We are aware that the pulpit microphone does not work correctly and we are endeavoring to fix the problem as quickly as possible. Your understanding would be appreciated until the matter is rectified.

A gentle reminder to all people that **only those “trained” to operate** the sound system should handle the volume controls and please refer any concerns to Kevin de Jong regarding sound and broadcast.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Corey van Garderen

Finance and Maintenance Committee

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

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| Viola Hodder     | May 31 |
| Kelly de Jong    | June 3 |
| Peter Noorbergen | June 4 |

**Last week**

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| Gwen Williams       | May 23 |
| Debbie van Neutegem | May 28 |

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!