



26 June 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 does not Envy  
(1 Corinthians 13:4)  
Reading: Genesis 4:1-16; James 4:1-3

6:00 PM Pastor Peter Mechielsen  
Message: Hope in Me (Lamentations 3:24)  
Reading: Lamentations 3:1-33

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Cornerstone

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Solomon Islands

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,785.90
Deaconate	\$439.70



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: E. Poppenbeck, F. Berman  
Next Week: A. Pleiter, Y. Pleiter, J. van Neutegem,  
D. Cameron

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: Kevin de Jong, Ian Meenks  
Next Week: D. Ellings, D. Barrot

#### GREETERS

Today: Yke & Anneke Laverman  
Next week: Rita Piening

### From the Pastor's Desk

Today we continue our series through the 'Love chapter' of the Bible, 1 Corinthians 13, by looking at the phrase, Love does not envy. The challenge is for us to love, not in our own strength and not to the lovely, but in God's strength, with his heart and to all people.

This evening we have Rev. Peter Mechielsen leading our service which I believe is his last service before he takes long service leave and moves into retirement. We pray that God will richly bless our meeting together and may his name be praised.

### 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.

**Point to Ponder**

The Christian life is a lot like tennis; you can't win without serving.

**When I say I'm a Christian**

When I say that 'I am a Christian', I am not shouting that 'I am clean living.

**I'm whispering 'I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven.'**

When I say 'I am a Christian' I don't speak of this with pride.

**I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.**

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not trying to be strong.

**I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.**

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not bragging of success.

**I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.**

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not claiming to be perfect.

My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I still feel the sting of pain.

**I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.**

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not holier than thou,

**I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!**

**News from the Churches**

This Sunday (26/6/11) sees the Ordination of **Ben Murphy** at **Willetton CRC**. Also **Dan and Catherine Kroon** will work for 6 months in Willetton as he waits on a call and God's mind on his future ministry role. At the same time **Rev. Tony van Drimmelen** will take a 6 month break, comprising Long Service leave and a sponsored Sabbatical.

Rev David Groenenboom and his wife Leonie have accepted the call to join the ministry team at Gateway community church in Western Australia. Gateway has had a long term dream to plant another church and so they have invited David and Leonie to join them in order to move toward that. David and Peter will share the one ministry position at Gateway. David will take 70% of stipend and the ministry work and Peter will take 30% of ministry stipend and work. This will free Peter Smit, with the support of church council, to prayerfully begin concrete plans to launch a new church plant. David will assume primary responsibility for the work at Gateway.

**Rev. Peter Mechielsen** also begins the next stage of his life, retirement, with a long overseas holiday with Nel. This will leave the Langwarrin congregation vacant and beginning the process of finding a new Pastor to lead them. Peter and Nel will return to Langwarrin after their trip, supporting the church in various ways.

We thank the Lord for these new opportunities in ministry and pray that the Lord will lead and strengthen his people as they begin new work, or as they take a break.

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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: 7:30 – 9:30 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.

### DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

Meets on Friday night 17<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm in the Church Office Lounge Room. Contact Martin van Rossen on 97957869.

## 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)

### Rubbish Disposal

A reminder to all people who use the kitchen, **PLEASE** ensure that rubbish is disposed of properly as some body has left rubbish in a plastic bag in the store room which allowed **rats** to have a feast!!!

Your attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Corey van Garderen FMC

## 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.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Mark Meenks	June 27
Matthew Noorbergen	June 28
Arou Arou	June 29
Harry van der Jagt	June 30
Johan Otto	July 1

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:  
The Lord make his face shine upon thee,  
and be gracious unto thee. NUMBERS 6:24-25

## Pastoral and Prayer Points

**John de Haan** was able to transfer from Ringwood hospital this week to "Ävondrust" where he will be able to have the medication monitoring he needs. Pray for peace of mind and heart for him and Gerrie.

After a biopsy last week **Fred Piening** has been diagnosed with a Non-Hodgkinson's Lymphoma. This requires chemotherapy and treatment, so please pray for Fred and Marianne as they begin to get a handle on what this might look like. While they are confidently trusting of God's grace and presence with them, they would value your prayers for God to bless this treatment and your encouragement for the resilience they need for this journey.

**Peggy Hodgkinson** will go into Monash Hospital on Tuesday for her heart valve surgery. Pray for God to see her through this safely with good outcomes for her health.

**Janny Appel** will leave to go to Uganda with "Hope Builders" (Wantirna) next Saturday, for 3 weeks. She will also have the opportunity to meet with their sponsor student. During this time Klaas will spend time at Avondrust, and with his two daughters. We pray for God's care for Janny as she travels and a

safe return and also for good care for Klaas during this time.

On Friday evening we had another **monthly Barbeque** at Shawlands which is always really appreciated. Thanks to the team of people who make this possible and for their commitment to share with others who are often struggling in life.

### **Church Planting Meeting**

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 24<sup>th</sup> June. The meeting will be held in the home of Chris and Michelle Span (6 Riddell Grove, Pakenham).

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.

### **CHURCH SECURITY SYSTEM PIN NUMBERS.**

Finance and Maintenance committee is updating our key registry and pin number list. If you do not have a pin number of your own and need one, please let me know. I will need to know your choice of 4 digit

number and the areas you need to access. For those people just adding the sound system area on to their existing entry pin, I will use the same number. If you are regularly using another persons pin number you should probably get your own. Please see me soon about this. Anita de Witte.

### **OP SHOP NEEDS**

The op shop has been doing so well this winter we are getting low on winter clothes and linen. So get into the back of your cupboards and find those things you don't use anymore. We will turn them into money to help the needy in our local community. Please bring donations in on Thursdays and Fridays, or speak with Anneke Laverman or Nel Steunenberg about another time to drop them off or have them picked up.

### **CAR BOOT SALE IN OCTOBER?**

Last year the Op shop committee organised the Car Boot Sale. This year we would like to hand that task to someone else, or a few people. If you think you could co-ordinate this event, or be the contact person, or just on a committee to help organise this, please let Anita de Witte know. If we have no takers, the car boot sale will not run this year.

### **J TEAM**

Another term of J Team has come to an end and as leaders we are thankful for the opportunity to invest in the lives of the children who have eagerly bounded through our doors each week. The teaching this term has been about living the Jesus way and through the lessons we have been able to leave God's footprint in these impressionable lives. The pace as always has been fast and furious so the holiday break is a much needed time of rest and recharge for the leaders. Thankyou to those who came and shared the family night with us. It is always encouraging to be able to share our work with the congregation and to know that we have your support. Please continue to pray for our children and the homes they come from and to

uphold the J Team leaders  
and their ministry in your prayers. If you are able to help  
us with wrapped  
chocolate bars, sweets etc. that would be much  
appreciated.  
Remember, these kids are the ones you don't see on a  
Sunday morning  
but are none the less a part of our church.  
Thanks to the J Team leaders and all involved for your  
hard work. You are  
appreciated.

### **Worthy Women Dinner** 'To Die For'

Friday 19th August  
Come for a great night of food and fellowship with guest  
speaker.  
Tickets available  
email or ring Julie Bouma for enquiries:  
Email: [julieana.bouma@bigpond.com](mailto:julieana.bouma@bigpond.com)  
Ph: 9735 5765

Thankyou very much.  
Hosted by Worthy Women Committee of Mt Evelyn  
Christian Reformed Church

### **Smile?**

We are living in days where one word in the  
wrong place to the wrong person can get one into  
"hot water" — or a law court. Certain phrases and  
words that our forefathers used are no longer  
acceptable. So maybe the following alternatives  
will help ...

- Lazy — better to say "moti-vationally dispossessed".
- Dishonest — "ethically disoriented".
- Fat — "horizontally challenged".
- Bald — "follicly dispossessed".
- Dead — "living impaired".
- Unattractive — "cosmetically different".
- Body odour — "nondiscretion-ary fragrance".

*(From "Independent News", p3)*

### **Katie Harder Album Launch**

Katie Harder is releasing her new album "far to go yet" and would like to invite you to her  
launch.

It is being held at Burrinja Cafe, 351 Glenfern Rd  
Upwey  
9th July at 8pm  
\$10 entry



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