



3 July 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 Humble (1 Corinthians 13:4)  
Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a  
and Philippians 2:1-11

6:00 PM Br. Colin Pretorius  
Afrikaans Service  
Message: TBA  
Reading: TBA

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev. Dirk van Garderen  
(Bucklands Beach NZ)  
6:00 PM Br. Gerry de Groot

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Solomon Islands

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Gideons

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,108.60
Cornerstone	\$505.60
Donation Hall	\$250.00



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: A. Pleiter, Y. Pleiter, J. van Neutegem,  
D. Cameron

Next Week: K. de Jong, B. Elfring, ?. Ellings

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: D. Ellings, D. Barrot

Next Week: Matthew Noorbergen, Glen de Jong

#### GREETERS

Today: Rita Piening

Next week: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

### From the Pastor's Desk

As we continue to work through 1 Corinthians 13 we are challenged today to think about the words there on love. Love...does not boast, it is not proud. The challenge raised by these words is that of humility; living lives of humility. In Mark 10 Jesus said, "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many". (10:43-45). If you want to have great relationships, don't miss what Jesus is saying here. There is a strong connection with the desire to be great and our decision to humbly serve. Our desire to be significant translates into a decision to serve. But we must strive for a humility that will make us great...great in the sense of having a great impact in

the world, shining like lights into a dark world.

Every day we face a simple test of greatness: Will I exalt myself or humble myself? In every relationship we face the same test. We need to choose one of the only two options. In decisions ranging from the career path we choose, to the clothes we wear; from the grandest of dreams to the simplest details you take this test all the time. Who will be the first to apologize after an argument? How do I respond to a problem as a parent? Can I handle this disagreement with a friend? Who gets the remote control? Will I exalt myself, or will I humble myself? Choose on, because you can't choose both.

Humility is the core of any strong relationship. But how can you be great at being humble? Sounds like a contradiction doesn't it? Ask yourself questions like, 'Am I demanding my own way in everything? Demanding things change for us; demanding service in a store. But you cannot demand some important things. You can't demand happiness or that you'll never get sick or die. True humility depends on God, not demand. Here is another question: do I serve to be noticed by others or to truly meet the needs of others? Choose to notice other's needs, not just the needs of your friends, but also the people you meet in all areas of life. Remember too that God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory and grace. Every great life is focussed on the needs of others.

One thing that will always keep us humble is recognising our relationship with God and our dependency on him. (Ideas drawn from *The Relationship Principles of Jesus*, Tom Holladay)

### 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: 7:30 – 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 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm in the Church Office Lounge Room. Contact Martin van Rossen on 97957869.

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**Your comments are welcome**

## 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)

### Holidays

From Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July Jim, Anita and the family will be away on holidays. We are looking forward to a break from routine and an opportunity to celebrate with family in Sydney as we witness another wedding of a nephew. Any matters of pastoral concern during this time can be relayed to Henni Burggraaf (Pastoral Care Worker) or any of our Elders and Deacons.

### Afrikaans Service

This evening, at 6pm, we will be holding our next Afrikaans Service. Through this service we are extending an invitation to South African families to attend a special worship service in the Afrikaans language. The service will be lead by Br. Colin Pretorius.

The services are part of our church missional activity and the challenge is for each of us to think about how we support this work. It would be wonderful if members of our church community could join in with these services. We might complain that we can't understand the Afrikaans language (and I certainly know that is true for me) but we can participate in the service (most of the hymns sung we know and can join in singing the English version) and we can join in the fellowship after the service. This would be a great way to welcome visitors into our church community as we get to know them.

We value your continued prayers for this missional activity that gives us the wonderful opportunity to reach a section of our community with the gospel so they might say 'we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!' (Acts 2:11) We hope that you can be in prayer for this service that those who attend will hear the gospel.

### 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.

Enrolment forms are now available from Pastor Jim or Kristy Noorbergen.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Dirk de Haan	July 4
Miro Kaka	July 5
Harry Burggraaf	July 6
Grace Fokkens	July 8

With many special thoughts of you and prayers that God will bless  
Your birthday and the year ahead with every happiness.

### Pastoral and Prayer Points

- **Congratulations to Con and Ann Daniels** who can look back on 45 years together! Con returned from overseas just in time to celebrate this milestone with Ann. May you both look back with thankfulness and gratitude for God's sustaining grace, especially over the recent years with its limitations. God's mercies and His faithfulness are new every morning! We pray for God to continue His enabling care over you both.
- Thank God with **Peggy Hodgkinson** as she has come through her heart valve surgery. She will need to stay in hospital for 10-12 days, but we pray that she will continue to recover and know God's healing hand upon her.
- Pray for **Fred Piening** as he starts his chemotherapy on Monday at Monash Medical Centre. Marianne and Fred were blessed with their 7<sup>th</sup> grandchild this week – Gabrielle (a daughter to Doug and Anthea) – cause for joy amongst all the hard stuff!
- Our condolences go to **Robbie Heerdink** and **Carmen Johnson**, who both had a younger brother pass away this week. May you be comforted by God's love and by the care of God's people around you.

- **Klaas Appel** can be visited at 'Avondrust' this week, with Janny away in Uganda. Hold them both in prayer.
- **John de Haan** is pleased to be home again.
- **Pray** for all who are not well at this time and coping with health issues. Pray for the healing they need.

### **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 Steunenbergh 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.

### **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

### **CRECHE CHURCH**

Our roster for creche has finished for term 2 and we'll be having a break for 3 weeks, starting back on the 24th of July, 2011. Parents and visitors are more than welcome to use the room these next weeks.

Leaders, term 3 roster will be sent out soon.

Thanks, Amy Noorbergen. =)

## **CRCWA : Women's Convention**

**24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

All women who would like to attend the Women's Convention in Tasmania next year can now obtain their enrolment form from the church office or from Henni Burggraaf.

Applications will close by the 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Email copies can be obtained on request from [CRCWC12@gmail.com](mailto:CRCWC12@gmail.com)

### **Video Sermons**

On Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> July we will be having our first evening service with video teaching by Allan Demond (New Hope Baptist). The service would run as normal, led by our Pastor or an Elder. It would comprise all the elements of a regular service like prayer and singing, with the message being presented via DVD. We think that this would be a great way to utilise the blessing of gifted teachers, like Allan, to expound God's Word to us. We look forward to feedback from the congregation after we have trialled it.

### **SOLOMON NEWS**

Greetings from Solomon Islands. This time, I want to focus on all that has been and will be happening at Bethesda.

For those who may not be familiar with this ministry, Bethesda has been established to help people with disabilities (PWDs) in developing and growing towards their potential in areas of life skills, and social and spiritual development. The full name is "Bethesda Disability Training and Support Centre." It is a Christian response to supporting adults with disabilities, whether they are born with them or acquired through sickness or accident.

How does Bethesda work? There is a department within the Government Ministry of Health called Community Based Rehabilitation. They have some field workers who do what they can to try and support people with disabilities (PWDs) in their community.

But a lack of funding and resources means that very little can be done, and then for only a few. But this department does have a register of all PWDs, and they refer suitable PWDs to attend a course at Bethesda.

There are standard subjects that all students do. They include things like self care in areas of health and hygiene, Bible studies and devotions, participating in cooking and food preparation, learning new skills in

areas of arts, crafts and sports, financial management and growth in self understanding and confidence. Electives are also offered, such as typing, sewing, poultry, gardening etc

The courses run for 8 weeks, and the students come in from all over the country to stay at Bethesda in purpose built rooms. We invite their families to come for a few days towards the end of the course so that they can understand what the PWD has learnt.

Two courses have now been completed, and from the first course, a number of the students have been able to move into employment. That is just so special! But most rewarding is just to see the PWD's grow in their understanding of themselves as people of worth – people who are also special to God.

Who funds Bethesda? PWDs usually have little or no money. We ask them to bring some food to the course, but even that does not happen often. The Ministry of Health has given us a small grant for each student that assists towards the cost of food and lodging. We have received a number of sponsorships for students. Thank you to those who have done that. But the cost of running the Centre remains an ongoing challenge. We receive no regular funding from any source. We want to make it self sufficient. We have been running a chicken project over the last two years which has made some contribution too. We are now up-scaling this with the gracious help from the Gems and Cadets a youth movement throughout the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia. In another 5 weeks or so, we expect to have almost one thousand chickens laying eggs. The Centre is fully operational, but there is one more building to construct. Plans have been prepared for a multipurpose hall and office and meeting rooms in one building. We have three teams of volunteers coming in September who with the help of local staff will construct it. The Bray Park Christian Reformed Church in Queensland is organising this for us. The project will cost about \$75,000Au. Fundraising and gifts we have received to date amount to about half. We have invited all Christian Reformed Churches to support us in this once only project with a gift or a retiring door offering. We are confident that God will supply all our needs. Should we receive more than what is needed for the specific project, it will go towards other outstanding needs at Bethesda, such as rainwater tanks, improvements in ground works etc. We invite you to continue to pray for this ministry, and especially for the building project. If there are

people you know going on the team, thank them and encourage them. If you want to make a gift, you can do that through your local CRCA church, or alternatively contact us directly on how to do that. But we thank you all for being partners in mission with us. We have also prepared a 4.5 minute video presentation on this work, which will be distributed among the churches in the next week or so.

Rev Kevin Rietveld

### THINK IT OVER

Our church has no greater need today than loyal members, loyalty that will express itself in:  
Prompt and regular attendance at all services  
Glad and generous financial support  
Willingness to support the programs adopted by your church

Faithfulness to the elected officers who are responsible for those programs

Consistent living that honours Christ and His teachings

A tolerance and respect toward people with whom you disagree

A Christ-like humility in serving gladly where assigned without seeking

position or prestige for the sake of self

Constant prayer support for your church and our ministry of redemption in a lost world.

### THE DIFFERENCE

I got up early one morning  
And rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me,  
And heavier came each task,  
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered,  
He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty,  
But the day toiled on gray and bleak;  
I wondered why God didn't show me  
He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence;  
I used all my keys at the lock,  
God gently and lovingly chided,  
"My child, you didn't knock."

### 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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