



Newsletter

31 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 not Easily Angered
(1 Corinthians 13:5)
Readings: Matthew 5:21-26; 1 Peter 2:18-25

6:00 PM Video Sermon Rev. Allan Demond
Message: Hard Hearts (Mark 3:1-6)
Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev. Bill Berends
6:00 PM Video Sermon Rev. Allan Demond

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Diaconate

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Midle East Reformed Fellowship

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,501.95
Reformed Theological College	\$509.45

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: L. Huinink, F. Piening, H. Piening,
K. Knol

Next Week: C. Daniels, A. Coe, G. de Groot,
J. Appel

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

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.



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. 8pm on Wednesday night 20th July. We will be meeting at the home of Mark and Nyomie Meenks, 7 Meldrum Court, Narre Warren South. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Mark 0411953821.

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)

CRCA National Youth Convention

'Thy Kingdom', exploring creation, fall, redemption, recreation, is the theme of the National Youth Convention to be held in NSW, 3-8th 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.

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- **Fred Piening** has recovered well after his collapse last Sunday morning. He spent time at Monash but was able to be discharged the same day. Continue to pray for God's care and blessing over him and Marianne as he continues with his two-weekly chemo treatments.
- We are thankful to God to have travellers back among us: **John and Corry Blik** from their Aussie trip and **Janny Appel**, returning from Uganda. Ask them about their experiences.
- Our condolences go to **Peter Vandenberg** whose younger brother Cor, died recently in Holland. May God give you comfort and peace as you grieve such a close family loss from so far away. **Betty Vandenberg** can be visited in room 17 Darvall Lodge, 519 Prince's Highway, Noble Park 3174. Ph. 9011 7300. As Peter is no longer driving, you may wish to offer him the opportunity to visit as well.

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Your comments are welcome

THANK YOU

Peter and Atie Bruinewoud wish to thank the congregation for the many expressions of support, the prayers, and the encouragement which they received during the time of Peter's chemotherapy.

The latest scan results were very encouraging, indicating that the chemo has done its work. We give thanks to God with them for God's care and grace to them.

Collect-a-Cap

Paul's milk is again doing the Collect-a-cap campaign where every specially marked cap brought into and collected by schools is worth 10c to the school. Maranatha is collecting these caps so if you happen to buy milk with the caps then please keep them and pass them on to Asher de Witte.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Cholel Cholel	August 4
Jack Spangenberg	August 5

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.

CRCWA : Women's Convention

24th - 27th 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 16th December. Email copies can be obtained on request from CRCWC12@gmail.com

Thanks to Venture Bible Study

As a congregation we want to thank the Venture Bible Study group for organising a great evening of food, fun and fellowship in the church. It was a well planned and run evening, enjoyed by many. It is great

when we, as a church family, have opportunities to come together for fellowship evening like this. So, once again, thank you, and we look forward to another night together in the future.

J-Team Craft

Wanted:

- Glass jars (any size) with lids
- Pop Top lids if you have any of these items please pass them on to Amy or Kristy Noorbergen.

Australian Church Women

All ladies are invited to a

FELLOWSHIP DAY

Venue: Salvation Army

James Street Dandenong.

Date: Friday 29th July

10.00 am for morning tea

Speaker: Lt. Col. Marilyn Hamilton

Theme: Living in the Light

Everyone Welcome.



CRCA Youth Convention 2012

It's getting to that time again...when youth from the Reformed Churches across Australia converge on some small, unsuspecting town for a week of fun and fellowship around God's Word. The coming convention is quickly approaching taking place from the 3rd-8th January 2012 in the northern NSW town of Uki. Information brochures containing registration forms have been sent to your church so if you or your child have not yet received one please ask one of your church youth leaders.

Also ... Check out convention on the web at www.youth.crca.org.au,

Join our facebook group ... 'CRCA Youth Convention 2012'.

Anyone for Chess?

Do we have any Chess players in our congregation?

If you play Chess, would you like to form a group, and test your skills, and at the same time make new friendships or strengthening existing ones?

If you do, contact Maurice Eleveld on 8740 2397

WORTHY WOMEN'S DINNER- DANDENONG TABLE!

Last year we had a great night on our table, so this year I will organise it again! The first 10 ladies that pay me \$38 will get a spot for a delicious dinner, fellowship, fun and a great guest speaker to listen to. Friday 19th August 7pm at Chirside Country Club. We will organise a few cars for transport. Please see Anita if interested. Ph. 97010453.

40 Hour Famine

World Vision expects around 300,000 young people around Australia will this year go without something important to them during the 40 Hour Famine to raise money for a worthy cause.

Nearly one billion people around the globe suffer from chronic hunger (*Source: Unicef*). This year, the 40 Hour Famine focuses on our closest neighbours in East Timor, just 600km from Darwin, where malnutrition affects nearly half of all children.

World Vision projects in East Timor mean farmers and their families can gain access to agricultural training, be part of seed saving groups, and learn improved planting methods and composting in order to improve crop yields. To improve the nutrition levels of children under 5, mothers are trained on infant and child feeding and diarrhoea and malaria programs.

The 40 Hour famine is a community education initiative for young Australians. World Vision is committed to raising awareness about poverty and empowering young people to make a difference to the world's poor. Every \$40 raised can feed a family of 5 for a month!

A number of our young people (from church and URY) are taking part in the World Vision 40hour

Famine. They plan to go without things like food, talking and furniture for the 40 hours starting on Friday evening (19th August) to the Sunday. They would love your support as they go without raising awareness and funds.

Keep an eye out for the young people who will be available in the hall after church to answer your questions and to accept your sponsorship. See how you can help!

The 40 Hour Famine occurs nationally from 19-21 August. To find out more or sign up visit www.40hourfamine.com or talk to Pastor Jim.

J-Team will be starting again on Wednesday 3rd August at 4pm. Any children in Prep to grade 4 are welcome to attend. For further details see Jeannette Noorbergen, Henni Burggraaf or Pastor Jim.

URY

URY, for youth grade 5 and over, will start again on Tuesday 26th August at 7pm in the church. Everyone welcome.

Youth Camp

On the weekend of the 5th-7th August the young people and leaders of URY and Venture Bible Study will be enjoying a winter escape to Anglesea. We will be spending a weekend away at the Burnside Camp site for fellowship, food, fun and study as we look at our value in the eyes of God. Please pray that the camp will run smoothly, that many will come and that we will have a safe weekend away.

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.

Famine Crisis

East Africa is facing a humanitarian crisis of enormous magnitude. By now everyone has seen the pictures. They speak of humanity at its furthest extreme — skeletal children, dying mothers, fly-blown wounds on feet that have walked for days. In terms of the desperation of the situation, the pictures speak for themselves.

Below we will be giving you the opportunity to respond to the need.

Drought, on-going armed conflict and inflation causing escalating food prices, have triggered one of the sharpest refugee outflows in a decade. Latest figures put the number of people at risk of starvation in the Horn of Africa at eleven million people, the equivalent of half the entire Australian population. Urgent life-saving actions are needed.

While the drought enforces suffering as far away as Eritrea and Uganda, the most affected areas are so far in southern Somalia and Ethiopia, including the disputed Ogaden region. It is no coincidence that the worst-hit areas are also the most insecure. The most heinous example of politics exacerbating natural disaster has been the continued policy of al Shabaab (which translates as “the youth”) in blocking food supplies and relief efforts in the regions of southern Somalia under their control. In a country with no central government to speak of al Shabaab control huge regions in rule that is chaotic and brutal.

The conflict and drought in neighbouring Somalia has put additional pressure on resources at the border with Kenya and on the limited services available in overcrowded refugee camps. There are 10,000 new arrivals each week into the Dadaab camp in north-eastern Kenya, which already holds more than 380,000 refugees.

For now the priority is to meet people’s urgent need for food, clean water, shelter and medicine, with aid agencies, UN bodies and governments working together in order to reach as many as possible of the millions of people who are at risk of starving to death.

How You Can Help

Pray

- Pray for the millions of people facing drought, hunger, and conflict.

- Pray for the host communities in the region who welcome those seeking refuge from the drought and conflict in their home countries.
- Pray for the humanitarian relief agencies working to meet the needs of those affected.
- Pray that regional governments and the international community will work together to address the current crisis, and to reduce the effects of future droughts in this and other regions of the world.
- Pray that God will intervene to bring the needed rain and the much needed peace and stability to the region.

Donate

It seems that all the reputable aid organisations are running appeals for the famine. You can donate through any of them.

Also, as a Church Council and Diaconate we have decided to hold door offerings over the next two ***Sundays (31st July & 7th August)***, giving you the opportunity to give. We are in discussions with the WDRW as to how the funds can be best used to help alleviate the worst of the crisis.

WHAT IF?

Phil Lamb, NSW State Director of the Christian Democratic Party, who is praying for the re-election of the Rev Fred Nile at the NSW State Elections, sent in this little challenge:

Did you wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our mobile phones?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it as we travelled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency? This is something to make you go ...hmm...where is my Bible?

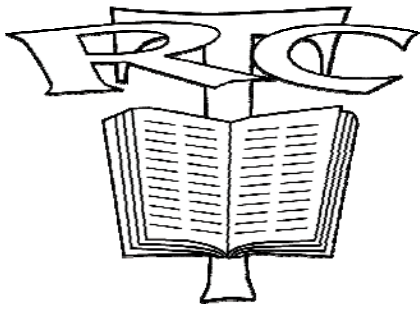
And one more thing. Unlike our mobile phone, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected - Jesus has already paid the bill!

The more alternatives, the more difficult the choice.

-Abbe d'Allainval -

What have I said wrong that I am so applauded?

- Aristotle -



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Thursday 29 and Friday 30 September 2011

Guest Speaker:

Dr Andrew Young

Pastor – Grace Presbyterian Church, Wyndham, NZ