



28 August 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 delight in Evil
(1 Corinthians 13:6)
Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: The Great Amen!
(LD 52; Q&A 128-129)
Readings: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13;
Revelation 5:6-14

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – J - Team

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Diaconate

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$1984.85
COM	\$895.00
Donation for Lap Top Computer	\$100.00



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J. Esselbrugge, H. Zwaal,
V. Steendam, R. Painter.
Next Week: Y. Laverman, J. Iepema, E. Oinonen,
J. Gully.
In 2 Weeks: G. Smedes, C. Span, J. Schapendonk,
Kimmer/Wang
In 3 Weeks D. Mekking, R. Selvaratnam, L. Dixon

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Jennifer van Neutegem,
David Cameron
Next Week: Kevin de Jong, Ian Meenks

GREETERS

Today: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels.
Next week: George & Leny Zomerdyk

From the Pastor's Desk

I don't know about you, but I was shocked and saddened by the tragedy of a house fire in Queensland that took the lives of 11 people (8 of them children). I can't begin to comprehend the grief and loss that the extended family is experiencing at this time. It must also be an incredibly difficult and traumatic time for the emergency service workers involved in the incident. To think that one man (Jeremiah Lale) was able to escape the flames,

thinking his family would jump out behind him, lost his wife and 5 children.

But the picture that sticks in my mind is that of the live broadcast on the late night news on Wednesday night. The Samoan and Tongan community had gathered together, along with Pastor Terry Walker, for an all-night vigil of prayer and singing. This was clearly heard while the broadcast was being made and even the reporter was touched by the beautiful picture of community love and support, along with a crying out to God for peace and comfort.

Some of the comments from those in attendance were things like “Something good is coming out of this, everybody from both communities on Tonga and Samoa are helping each other and supporting each other. That’s not always the case here but this dreadful thing has brought us all together.” “We are here together in our sadness.”

Surviving family and friends of those who died were “finding a lot of solace in their strong religious faith”, Queensland Premier Anna Bligh said. “And they have had senior members of (their) church conducting a prayer ceremony,” she added.

Where do we draw comfort and strength from in times of grief? I love what God tells Jeremiah about those who have come out of the pain and suffering of captivity, “Then [the] maidens will dance be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn mourning into gladness; I will give comfort and joy instead of sorrow.” (Jeremiah 31:13)

Paul writes to the people of Corinth these wonderful words of comfort, “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. For just

as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.” (1 Corinthians 1:3-5). The picture on TV was the people of God comforting one another with the comfort of God and that is a wonderful witness. May these people truly experience the peace and comfort of our loving and compassionate God. May we too experience that same peace and comfort.

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)

Eternity

The August edition of *Eternity* newspaper is available from the foyer table for you to pickup and read. It is an Australian publication which comes out monthly and contains some very interesting articles wrestling with life and church.

Church Council

The Church Council meets again this Thursday night (1st September) at 7.30pm. we value your prayers as we discuss issues connected with the life and ministry of our church.

Elder/Deacon Nominations

The Church Council is seeking nominations from the congregation of suitable people to be

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considered for the ministry of Elder or Deacon in the church. We have two Elders who are due to finish their terms (Corey van Garderen and Peter Noorbergen) and two Deacons (Henni Burggraaf and Aakfe Span). Please prayerfully consider whom you might nominate or even whether you might be able to stand yourself. Nominations must be received before our next meeting on the 6th October.

Casey State Youth Service

Casey Reformed Church would like to invite you to this month's State Youth Service!

"Walking together, in Christ"

Come and join us in discovering how we can walk together as the Body of Christ!

Sunday the 28th, our Church is at 350 Pound Road, Narre Warren and the service starts at 6pm! (Be a little early!)

There will be some yummmmy food afterwards!

Would love to see ALL the little 'Rockin' Reformers' there! :D

Pastoral and Prayer Points

1. **Congratulations to Les Barrot** who celebrates his 80th birthday on the 1st September! We wish you God's blessing and continuing strength and health as you celebrate this milestone, Les. Have a wonderful day with your family and friends.
2. **John Nicholson** was able to have a pacemaker inserted this week and looks forward to resuming the normal activities of his daily life, with thankfulness.
3. **Colin Harrison** was able to return home from hospital, thankful that cardiac tests showed no abnormalities.
4. Pray for **Anne Van Breen**, who needs to have surgery for a hip replacement. This has been scheduled for the 5th September.
5. **John Bruinewoud** also needs to have eye surgery for a cataract that is scheduled for 3rd September. Meanwhile he still waits for his hip replacement and the healing needed for his leg ulcers, pray that the treatment he receives for this may be blessed by God to heal the ulcers.

6. It is good to pray for our leaders in parliament at this time, when so much bipartisanism between members is preventing MPs from focusing on governing with humility, justice and integrity. Pray for Christians in our parliament, to provide Godly perspectives and sound leadership on some very vital issues.
7. Pray for the organizing committees of both the Youth Convention and the Women's Convention as they plan and prepare for these national events early next year. Pray that these times may be used by God to encourage and grow people in their faith.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Ada Coe	August 30
Les Barrot	September 1
Michael Kimmer	September 1
Christina Yong	September 2
Heather Nicholson	September 3

To feel joy deeply, to live love daily, to forever know God's presence in your life... these are our wishes for you.

LEPROSY MISSION

I would like to collect all your savings boxes as soon as possible.

Thank you Corry Blik.

'Thy Kingdom' Convention 2012

Excitement around convention is definitely building as conventioners are busy planning roadtrips, booking flights, dusting off their camping gear, and most importantly registering! It's great to see the registrations for convention starting to come in but for all those people yet to register, heed this warning – **EARLY BIRD PRICES CLOSE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.** If you want to save some money you/your child must register for convention and pay **before 31/08/11.** We have also received a number of questions relating to a shuttle bus service into Uki for conventioners. While the details are yet to be finalised, I can tell you that **there will be** a service running between Gold Coast airport and the

campsite at Midginbil Hill, via Murwillumbah. Keep an eye on the convention facebook group 'CRCA Youth Convention 2012' for further information on the shuttle bus and more as it arrives. In Christ, the Convention Planning Committee.

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 is on this week at Mark and Nyomie's place, 8pm.

Point to Ponder

Our words can be soothing, healing and encouraging. Words can give hope at a time when life seems anything but hopeful. Words can strengthen resolve and bring bravery out of fear.

There is great power in words.

But, on the other hand, our words can have a devastating effect on many areas of our lives. It destroys society; it wrecks homes; it splits churches; it fractures families; it poisons every human relationship.

We are meant to love the truth. In 1 Corinthians 13:6 we read, 'Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.'

God wants ... Truthfulness in our Words; Honesty in our Relationships; Integrity in our Lifestyle. Integrity means saying the same thing all the time! I have found that it is best to think before you speak.

So think before you speak:

T – is it **Thoughtful**?

H – is it **Helpful**?

I – is it **Inspiring**?

N – is it **Necessary**?

K – is it **Kind**?

Lord's Supper

Next Sunday we plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper in both services. God's Word calls us to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup (1 Corinthians 11:28). In the light of that we are called to ask ourselves these questions:

- Do I believe that my sins are forgiven only because my Lord sacrificed himself for me on the cross?
- Is it my sincere desire to love God and my neighbour, and to serve them according to God's Word?

You could pray: "Almighty God, we pray for Your grace that in the coming days we might rightly examine ourselves. Comfort us as repentant sinners and give us assurance that we may look forward to a blessed celebration. And if any of us are not right with You, give us grace and mercy, Lord, that in repentance we may change our way of life, and join this coming Sunday in the celebration of tis most glorious feast. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Money:

Will buy a bed, but not sleep
Books, but not brains
Food, but not appetite
Finery, but not beauty
A house, but not a home
Medicine, but not health
luxuries, but not culture
Amusement, but not happiness
Religion, but not saluation
A passport, to every where, but Heaven