



11 September 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 Bears All Things  
(1 Corinthians 13:7)  
Reading: 1 Peter 2:18-25

6:00 PM Pm. Pastor La'Mont Ferreira  
(Afrikaans Service)  
Pastor Jim in Casey  
Message: "Bly konstant" (Stay constant)  
Reading: 1 John 2:28

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Solomon Islands

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2 – RTC

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,409.20
Deaconate	\$530.15
Donation Laptop Computer	\$940.00
Donation Jubilate Choir	\$500.00

### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: G. Smedes, C. Span, J. Schapendonk,  
Kimmer/Wang

Next Week: D. Mekking, R. Selvaratnam, L.Dixon

In 2 Weeks: H. van der Kruk, N. Steunenberg,  
H. van der Jagt

In 3 Weeks G. Zomerdyk, H. Burggraaf, C. Yong.

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: David & Phillip Ellings

Next Week: Matthew Noorbergen, Glen de Jong.

#### GREETERS

Today: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud

Next week: Martin & Coby van Rossen

### From the Pastor's Desk

#### **Cross Roads Bible Institute**

We recently had Terry West from Cross Roads Bible Institute speak to us about their prison ministry work. The latest CBI Newsletter is available for you to read to keep informed about the ministry. Pick up a copy from the information table near the Crèche Church room.

#### **Church Planting Meeting**

The Church Planting group in Pakenham is meeting

again today for prayer and planning. The meeting will be held at 2pm in the Pakenham Baptist Church (1 Bentley Court, Pakenham). For more information see Pastor Jim or Peter Noorbergen.

**40Hr Famine**

A huge ‘Thank You’ to the congregation for your generous support of our young people who participated in the World Vision 40hr famine. Our church youth, along with 10 other URY people, have raised over \$2000. Funds raised through this wonderful awareness campaign will support families in East Timor (just 600km of the coast of Darwin). The young people stand amazed at the generosity of the members of this church, which has enabled us to support families in need in our own region. This support comes on top of funds collected for New Zealand earthquake victims, the Horn of Africa Famine and other such disasters. There seems to be no appeal fatigue in our congregation. May God be honoured through this continued giving.

**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)

**Elder/Deacon Nominations**

The Church Council is seeking nominations from the congregation of suitable people to be 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 6<sup>th</sup> October.

**Eternity**

The September issue of Eternity newspaper is available for you to read. It has some interesting articles on such diverse things as the crisis in Africa, review of Rob Bell’s ‘Love Wins’ and human rights. Pick up your copy today.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Gavin Koch	Today	September 11
Maureen Koch		September 12
Henk van der Kruk		September 12
Klaas Appel		September 15
Wendy Joseph		September 15
Andrew Berman		September 16
Teuntje (Tuks) Eleveld		September 16
Leonie Otto		September 17

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



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<p>Newsletter compiled by Adrian de Vos. Email <a href="mailto:newsletter@dcrc.org.au">newsletter@dcrc.org.au</a> Phone 9547 6878 News items dead line is 5 PM Wednesday.</p>		

## LEPROSY MISSION

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

Thank you Corry Blik.

## SAVE THE DATE:

This year the Car Boot sale is being combined with a Family Fun day on the 5th of November so please mark it on your calendars and spread the news! More details will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

## 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. This week we meet at John & Heather Nicholson's Unit 56 Outlook Gardens. 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:

now meets fortnightly on alternate Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoons. For more information please call Mark Meenks on 0411953821.

## THANK YOU!

A big thankyou to all those who contributed towards the new laptop computer for the church. A huge \$1540 was donated and not only is this enough for a new laptop, but also will contribute towards upgrading the other computers in the church office. Your generosity is appreciated. FMC.

## MISSION SUPPORT

Can you make a really great Website? We in Solomon Islands want to create a new website for SWIM and a separate one for the Bethesda Disability Centre. It needs to look professional, yet be simple and effective in demonstrating the face of God's mission in Solomon Islands. We want to be able to manage it ourselves with regular updates. You can check out our existing site at [www.swimsolomon.crca.org.au](http://www.swimsolomon.crca.org.au). See this as a mission calling, done from your own home or office. Please contact us ([swim@solomon.com.sb](mailto:swim@solomon.com.sb)) for a brief on what we are looking for. Thank you. Kevin Rietveld

## Pastoral and Prayer Points

- We give thanks with Anne Van Breen, for God's care during her recent hip replacement surgery. She is doing really well and is hopeful of being able to return home this week-end.
- **Congratulations to Karen and Ben Hamilton** who celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this past week. How important it is to uphold these young families in prayer with thanksgiving for their years together! May God bless you Karen and Ben, and nurture you with His love and grace. The Hamilton family have settled into Traralgon and their address now is 89 The Avenue, Traralgon. 3844.
- **Congratulations to Tuks Eleveld**, who celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday this Friday, but leaves to share this milestone with her family in S.A. May God bless you Tuks, as you reflect, with thankfulness, on God's care and provision for you these many years. May He give you grace, health and strength, for the years still to enjoy.
- Pray for **Debbie Van Neutegem** who will undergo exploratory knee surgery this week, which she has been awaiting for some time. Pray that it will give relief from pain and her difficulty with walking.
- **Fred Piening** will have his last chemo treatment this Monday. Pray that God will bless this treatment for his healing, and pray for the outcome of the scan early in October. **Marianne and Fred** want to express their appreciation for the congregation's prayers, their support and encouragement during this time of treatment. They have felt upheld and

strengthened by the community's prayers.

- On Tuesday we gathered with Doris Weiman and the family for a service of Thanksgiving for the life of Roland. Our prayers are still for Doris and the family as they grieve the death of a loved one. We pray too that we might be a source of support, encouragement and blessing to Doris.

### **Short Report, Church Council Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011**

Church council met on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. The meeting was opened with a reading from Jeremiah 18:1-10. Peter Noorbergen led in a devotion on this passage, reflecting on how God is moulding and shaping us to be the people He wants us to be.

Corey van Garderen presented a brief F&M report. The settlement on the sale of the Boronia property will now take place in late September or early in October. Mention was also made of the completion of the upgrades of the church's computer software. The final audited figures for 2011 will be available soon and will be presented at the upcoming AGM. The church council chairman expressed appreciation for the work of this committee over the past year.

Pastor Jim provided positive feedback regarding the fortnightly meetings to discuss church planting in the greater Pakenham area. This is an ongoing process. Feedback was also provided on the recent classis meeting, where issues surrounding the needs and concerns of vacant churches were discussed.

Pastoral concerns flowing from the reports of Pastor Jim and Henni Burggraaf were discussed, as was our involvement with Shawlands.

Council also discussed how best a mentoring program could be implemented. Discussions are ongoing and training days are being investigated.

A number of correspondence items were dealt with before the meeting closed in prayer.

Next meeting will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Smile!!**

At one point during an inter-school football game, the coach calls aside one of his young players.

"Daniel," he says, "do you understand what cooperation is."

Daniel nods.

"Do you understand what a team is?" Again, Daniel nods.

"Do you understand that what matters is not whether we win or lose, but that we play to the best of our ability?"

Daniel is becoming increasingly embarrassed: "Yes, I understand!"

"Do you understand that it is not appropriate to rant and rave and scream abuse at the ref when things don't go your way?"

Daniel looks at the ground and shuffles from side to side. "Yes, coach!" he says, without lifting his eyes. "Good!" says the coach firmly. "Now go over to the sidelines and explain it all to your mother."

Jonathon Edwards, who was a great and useful man, made five resolutions for himself in his youth, and lived by them faithfully. The resolutions are as follows:

- 1 To live with all my might while I do live.
- 2 Never to lose one moment of time, but to improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can.
- 3 Never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another.
- 4 Never to do anything out of revenge.
- 5 Never to do anything which I should be afraid of to do if it were the last hour I . . . of my life.

If God sends us on stony paths, He will provide us with strong shoes.

*Alexander Maclaren*