



18 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 Always Trusts
Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: Are you a Fool? (Psalm 14)
Reading: Romans 1:18-32

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Keith Vethaak
6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte (Youth Service)

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – RTC

NEXT WEEK

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2 – Vicariate

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$1,816.95
Solomon Island	\$462.65
Donation Hall	\$325.00



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: D. Mekking, R. Selvaratnam, L.Dixon
Next Week: H. van der Kruk, N. Steunenberg,
H. van der Jagt
In 2 Weeks: G. Zomerdyk, H. Burggraaf, C. Yong
In 3 Weeks J. van Breen, C. van Garderen,
M. van Rossen.

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Matthew Noorbergen, Glen de Jong
Next Week: Jennifer van Neutegem,
David Cameron

GREETERS

Today: Martin & Coby van Rossen
Next week: Yke & Anneke Laverman

From the Pastor's Desk

I came across this quote in the past week, present by Greg Clarke at the launch of the new Bible Society Australia. It is a quote worth thinking about. "As Mount Everest stands pre-eminent amid the mountain peaks, so towers the Bible. Incomparable among all written sources of man's spiritual guidance. Individuals and nations alike proclaim their own character and mould their own destiny by their attitude to its sublime teaching." (Alfred Isaacs-Governor General of Australia 1934).

It makes me wonder, are we proclaiming our character and moulding our destiny on its teachings, or are we so influenced by the world so much that we can't hear it speak anymore? What place does the Bible have in your thinking? How much time do you give to read and understand its message?

I say this because it is more than just a guide for life, but gives life. It has more than sublime teaching it is the only truth, a truth we need to hold precious. It not only reveals a way of living but reveals God himself and his Son Jesus Christ. Treasure God's Word for what it is, the Word of God.

Survey Forms

The Church Council has drawn up some survey forms that we would like members who attended the evening video sermon series to fill out. The forms will help us to better understand the impact of the messages and give some input as to the way forward in the use of video messages. Please see Br. Corey Van Garderen if you need a form.

Ministry Calls

Last Sunday I shared with the congregation the request from Toowoomba (QLD) to meet with Anita and myself to explore the possibility of a ministry call to serve in their congregation. After prayer and thought we have decided to visit them on the weekend of October 15-16. In the past week, Hope in the Hills (Tecoma) has also expressed an interest in exploring ministry with them. For us, as a family and a church, these are unsettling times and so we ask for your prayers, wisdom and encouragement as we think and talk through understanding where God wants us to be. Pastor Jim

Kids Hope

Kids Hope continues as a small ministry of our church in Rosewood Downs Primary School. There is always a greater need than can be met, but we hope to have a couple of mentors start with new children in the last term of the year. But if you are interested in this wonderful work then please talk with Pastor Jim and see how you might become involved.

A Changed (little) Man!

An excerpt from a letter that a teacher sent to their Kids Hope Program's Coordinator (Names have been changed)

"I would just like you to know how much a little boy in my class adores his Kids Hope Mentor *Elsie*. At the beginning of the year, the first time I saw him smile was when *Elsie* came to get him for his mentoring session. He is a very quiet little fellow (who rarely initiates conversations etc) but first thing on Thursday mornings he always greets me with the question "Is *Elsie* coming today?" She is absolutely lovely with him and writes the most beautiful things about him on the feedback form. The relationship they have is priceless and it puts a smile on my face just thinking about it. She really is like a second Nan to him (she even brings him a banana because she knows he loves them, but doesn't have them in his lunchbox anymore – I presume because of the price!)

They really are a fantastic example of what this program is all about!"

What a wonderful story of a program that has captured the Kids Hope Vision – and the results are really speaking for themselves!

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

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 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

Janny Appel	Today	September 18
Vanessa Berman	Today	September 18
Ingrid Scepers	Today	September 18
Pia Antheunis		September 21
Trean Koch		September 21
Jos Berends		September 23
Karrissa Esselbrugge		September 23
Wilma van Brussel		September 23
Stien Ploegsma		September 24

May your day be God-blessed as one of your best!

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- Congratulations to **Karissa Esselbrugge** who will celebrate her 30th birthday this coming Saturday! We pray for God's blessing on you, Karissa, and on all your endeavours, as you gratefully mark this milestone in your life.
- There are some new great grand children to celebrate – **Henk Vander Kruk** has a new g.g.daughter (to Matt and Rebecca Smit) and **Don and Janny Mekking** have a new g.g. son (to Fiona and Josh Ham). What a privilege to see another generation of children coming into the family.

- We give thanks with **Mark Steunenberg** that he has been able to find work, and that he is enjoying being gainfully employed again.
- **Peggy Hodgkinson** has been able to move within Monash MC to access some rehab. physio and she is now improving after what appears to have been a small stroke.
- Give thanks to God, with **Anne Van Breen** for the wonderful recovery and freedom from pain that she is experiencing. Pray that she may continue to heal.
- By this time **Debbie van Neutegem** will have had her arthroscopy and may know a little more of what future action is required for her knee.
- **Hanny Eshuis** was admitted to Hospital on Thursday for what appeared to be pneumonia. They were hoping to find a bed for her. Hold her in prayer.
- **Pray for** the ongoing needs of people caught in the drought and famine in east Africa.
- **Pray for** the Pakenham Church Plant group as they meet fortnightly now as a small group. Pray for their bonding, for the taking up of leadership, and the vision for moving ahead.



The pointy end of convention planning is upon us with less than four months until the population of Uki is doubled! The next time the planning team are getting together will be at the convention site for what is hoped will be an extremely productive weekend. We urge you to be praying for this weekend and for strength and wisdom for the entire team as they ramp up the process of planning. So far we have conventioners registered from every state apart from the ACT (yes, we even have some from the Northern Territory!!) covering almost 20 different churches! Remember that the **closing date for all registrations is 27/11/11** so please continue

to encourage your youth to come along. We have received a number of questions about whether billeting can be provided prior to convention. Unfortunately billeting is unavailable, however if you are needing accommodation before or after convention we can recommend a couple of places so don't hesitate to email us at youthconnection@crca.org.au or check the posts on our facebook wall.

RTC Newsletter

For those interested the latest Reformed Theological College Newsletter is available for you to read. Pick up a copy from the Information table and see what's happening at your College. I encourage you to also pray for Colin and Chris Pretorius as they continue to study for ministry at the College.



Ladies Day

Saturday 22nd October 2011

10am – 3pm

Reformed Church of Box Hill

Speaker: *Lynne Dickson*

Topic: **“I Love to Tell the Story...”**

Morning and afternoon tea will be provided, and a choice of soups for lunch – all free of charge. Bring your own sandwich if you need extra. You are also asked to bring something small used/unused from home that you no longer need, to donate for the trading table – these will be available for purchase during lunch, and proceeds will go to the SWIM Mission in the Solomon Islands.

About the Speaker – **Lynne Dickson**

Lynne Dickson has been a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ since childhood. Mother to 7 children, grandma to 11 and great gran to 3 (at last count), she also provided home-accommodation to many international students and troubled teenagers during her years in Hallam. Becoming involved with Maranatha Christian School in 1973 when she

enrolled her children, she was later the receptionist at Doveton Campus from 1987 until retirement in 2009 but is still involved at Maranatha as a volunteer. Now living in ‘tulip territory’ in picturesque Mt Evelyn, Lynne is a Life Group Leader and teaches Sunday School at Hope City Church in Croydon. She is also an enthusiastic promoter of CRE (Christian Religious Education), teaching in four local State primary schools each week. From her regular contact with children over many years, Lynne has a wealth of stories to share, but most of all, she loves to impart ‘the greatest story ever told’.

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:

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



CRCA Women's Convention

Friday 24 – Monday 27 February 2012
At Camp Clayton, Ulverstone, Tasmania

'the finest secret'

This event is for women of ALL ages!

Enrolments are coming in for the
Convention February 2012.

It is great to see women excited about coming to
Ulverstone, Tasmania.

Next month you will be receiving a notification
about the workshops that will be available
so you will need to make your preferences.

If you are still thinking about enrolling,
enrolments close on 16 December 2011.

Please see your church leader for enrolment forms.

For any enquiries email: crewc12@gmail.com

CHURCH TABLES

As some of you may have noticed, we have removed the old folding tables from the church and now have a beautiful trolley with 5 new tables. These tables are to be used for functions and are best set up and folded with **2 people**. (For a demonstration please see Harry Piening or Peter de Jong).

Please do not use these new large tables for coffee every Sunday. We have enough smaller tables scattered around the hall, and if more are needed, please use the 2 plastic fold-up tables that are standing between the partition-cupboard and wall, in the far corner of the church hall.

Thankyou, the FMC.



HOMELY THOUGHTS

Home – The place where our stomachs get three square meals a day, our hearts a thousand.

Home – The place where we grumble the most and are treated the best.

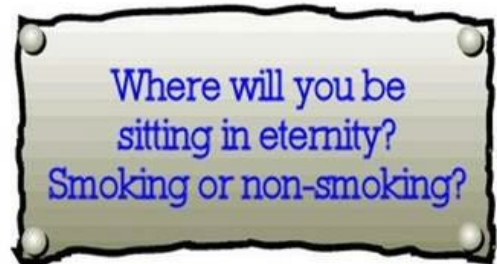
Home - The place where small are great, and the great are small.

Home – A world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in.

Home - A place on earth where the faults and failings of human nature are hidden under the sweet mantle of charity

Home - The most peaceful word.

Author Unknown



Like those in New Testament times, Christians today need to make sure that they are not squeezed into this world's mould, but stand firm for the Christian principles affirmed by Christ Himself. There is no more pragmatic attitude than that. Everyone will benefit in the long run.

WORDS

The most bitter word is ALONE
The most beloved word is MOTHER
The most tragic word is UNLOVED
The most cruel word is REVENGE
The most peaceful word is HOME
The saddest word is FORGOTTEN
The warmest word is FRIENDSHIP
The coldest word is INDIFFERENCE
The most comforting word is FAITH



No this isn't another John Farnham comeback

Or the TV reality Show

BUT IT IS

DANDENONG'S STATE YOUTH SERVICE

SEPT 25th

@6pm

GUEST SPEAKER- CLAYTON BJELAN- LIGHT FM

JOIN US FOR EATS AND DRINKS AFTERWARDS