



2 October 2011

THE CHURCH UNDER THE CROSS

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 Perseveres
(1 Corinthians 13:7)
Readings: Hebrews 12:1-7; 1
Corinthians 13:1-8a

6:00 PM Br Chris Pretorius
Message: Christ is Freedom
Reading: John 8:12-58

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – KRUPA Children's Home

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – RCYA-Youth Connections

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$1,716.15
Vicariate	\$384.60
Light FM	\$533.25



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: G. Zomerdyk, H. Burggraaf, C. Yong
Next Week: J. van Breen, C. van Garderen,
M. van Rossen.
In 2 Weeks: K. Appel, L. Barrot, D. Barrot
In 3 Weeks J. Blik, S. Johnson, E. Poppenbeck.

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Kevin de Jong, Ian Meenks
Next Week: David & Phillip Ellings

GREETERS

Today: Corry Blik
Next week: Rita Piening

From the Pastor's Desk

I am sitting here in Geelong, half way through the annual RTC Preaching Conference. The theme of the conference is 'Preaching and the Work of the Holy Spirit'. It is a challenge to wrestle with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit as seen in the Old and New Testaments and how it flows into the preparation and preaching of God's word today. We have heard lectures on the issues such as Illumination of the Holy Spirit and our openness and responsiveness to the Holy Spirit both in the preaching and the hearing of God's Word. I have valued the time here and been, again, challenged to

prepare and preach with humility and dependence on the Holy Spirit, but also with expectation and faith that God will be at work in hearts and lives through the Holy Spirit. This is what Paul is saying in 1 Thessalonians 1:5 where the preaching of Paul was not simply with words, but with power and conviction through the operation of the Holy Spirit. I pray that God will make each one of us receptive and responsive to the Holy Spirit.

It is good to have Br. Chris Pretorius lead us in the service this afternoon. Chris is nearing the half way point of his studies and, we trust and pray, is growing in the grace and the knowledge of God. We look forward to God using Chris to challenge, shape and grow us as he preaches about freedom in Christ.

Afrikaans Service

Next Sunday evening (9th October), 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 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.

Please keep this work in your prayers too. Pray that the gospel message of Jesus Christ will touch hearts and lives of those who come, as they hear it proclaimed in their own language.

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.

Children's Intern Position.

Are you a young person enthusiastic about children's ministry and would love an opportunity to learn about and minister to children. **Wantirna Christian Community Church** is looking to employ a part time children's intern. The position is for 8 hrs per week (flexible.) You will be involved and trained in all different aspects of children's work from mentoring children, to outreach, to helping to teach other leaders.

If this interests you, contact Ray Rus on 0407915553 or email rrus@crca.org.au for more details and a complete job description.

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

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Carina Spangenberg
Anne van Breen

October 4
October 6

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.



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 6th October.

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.

Pastoral and Prayer Points

Continue to hold **Hanny Eshius** in pray. Hanny has moved to Vic Rehab (Springvale Road) as she continues on her path to a full recovery.

Last Monday **Siska Barrot's Oma** (Bouma family) peacefully passed away. Pray for Siska and the family as they gather on Tuesday for the burial and a Thanksgiving Service.

Continue to pray for all those who require ongoing medical treatment or chemotherapy.

Pray for all those who live with frail health and with physical and mental limits, and for those who need to care for them, who support them and encourage them. For many there is the deeper question of meaning for their lives and for God's purposes in such a journey... but faith continues to hold onto God's love with trust, in the midst of such times. 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.

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.

Are you enjoying your coffee?

We hope everyone is enjoying the percolated coffee after church on Sunday mornings. Nel Steunenberg will be showing kitchen duty groups how to set up and pack up the machine each week, so make sure you watch her so you can do it next time on your own.



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:

will be having lunch and study next Sunday at the home of Russell Painter, 37 Suemar St Mulgrave.

Church Council

The Church Council meets again this Thursday night (6th October) at 7.30pm. We value your prayers as we discuss issues connected with the life and ministry of our church. Remember that we are discussing Elder and Deacon nominations, so we value input from the congregation on suitable people for these roles.

Church Planting

The Church Planting group in Pakenham is meeting again today for prayer, praise 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.

Gold Star Award

For all who came to church on time today, because you remembered to set your clocks for daylight saving time.



Happy days!

- When did you meet your husband? — Manday.
- When did he select you for his bride? — Chooseday.
- When did you get married? — Wednesday.
- When the children came, when were they the happiest? — Toysday.
- When did you have fish and chips for tea? — Fryday.
- When did you feel the bluest? — Sadderday.
- When do you go to Church? — Sunday.

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs. A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need.

He who asks a question may be a fool for five minutes, but he who never asks a question remains a fool forever.

Even the woodpecker owes his success to the fact that he uses his head.

The best way to predict the future is to invent it.

If you cannot convince them, confuse them.

Don't make the same mistake twice, there are so many others.

Riddles for littlies...

Q What did Moses build the ark with?
He didn't build the ark, it was Noah.

Q Why did Noah never ask a horse to do something?
Because horses always say "Neigh"?

Q Which burns longer — a candle on a hill or a candle hidden under a bushel?
Neither — they both burn shorter.

Q Why did Noah find the giraffes cheap to feed?
Because a little food went a long way.

Q Why did Noah punish the chickens?
Because they were using "fowl" language.