



16 October 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 Br. Corey van Garderen
Message: Unknown but Known
Reading: Exodus 1:1-22

6:00 PM Br. Herman Linde
Message: Love like Jesus (John 15:12)
Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7, John 15:1-27

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte
6:00 PM Rev. La'Mont Ferreira (Pulpit Swap)

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Dandenong High School Chaplaincy

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Diaconate

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,690.45
RCYA	\$416.30



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: K. Appel, L. Barrot, D. Barrot
Next Week: J. Blik, S. Johnson, E. Poppenbeck.
In 2 Weeks: W. Tiley, A. Coe, C. Daniels, G. de Groot
In 3 Weeks T. Raatjes, P. & J. Bruinewoud

PA & VIDEO :

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

GREETERS

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

From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend Anita and I are in Queensland with the Toowoomba CRC getting an insight into their life and ministry. We are thankful for the opportunity to travel there and we value the prayer and support of the congregation at this time. I am thankful too for those who have stepped in to cover the preaching and my prayer is that you will be blessed, encouraged and challenged as you worship together today. This morning Br. Corey van Garderen will be leading the service (having swapped with Harry Burggraaf) and Br. Herman Linde this evening.

The death of Steve Jobs, founder of Apple, has been big, big news over these past weeks. And it is true that Steve Jobs was an innovator who did much to change the shape of our culture with respect to communication and information sharing. There would be few households in Australia who have not embraced some form of Apple technology, from computers to ipods, iphones and ipads. It's ironic that with his death it might be the first time in history where it could be said that most people on earth learned of the passing of a leader on a device created by the leader himself. His death sparked the biggest online reaction of any event in recent history, with social media monitoring firm SR7 expecting official Twitter figures to come in at 10,000 tweets per second.

Sadly, there is no evidence, of which I am aware, from the public record of Steve Jobs that he knew Christ or biblically sought to honour God. I hope that I am wrong. But if I am not, then this means that while he accomplished much in his life, none of it matters for eternity as far as his own soul is concerned. In other words, it is possible to lead a very successful life yet none of your successes or business accomplishments earn you one moment in Heaven.

The death of all men reminds us of the brevity of life, the lost condition of our souls, and the uselessness for earning eternal rewards through human accomplishments outside of Christ. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

But it is not his death that I've been reflecting on but his birth which intrigued me. Steve Jobs was born to an unwed mother in the 1950's. He was placed up for adoption when his mother's father opposed their marriage. His biological parents eventually married, 4 months after the death of his grandfather and 10 months after Jobs was placed in adoptive care. Jobs was adopted by the family of Paul and Clara Jobs whom he describes

as 'his parents'. The rest, they say, is history.

Back in the 1950's adoptions were preferred to abortion. Jobs' adoption was very beneficial, creating and shaping him into the leader he became. It's not hard to imagine that, should Jobs' mum have fallen pregnant in our day the first course of action would be to have an abortion. Out of the millions of abortions carried out in Australia over the years since the birth of Steve Jobs it makes you wonder how many Jobs' have we extinguished? It makes you think doesn't it! Food for thought.

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)

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?

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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."

Peter Mechielsen Retirement Service

After 16 years in ministry, the last 10.5 years in Langwarrin, a retirement service will be held for Rev. Peter Mechielsen on Sunday 6th November at 2pm in the Christian Reformed Church of Langwarrin (cnr Warrantyte Rd and Cranbourne Rd, Langwarrin). There will an afternoon tea together following the service. The Jubilate Choir will be participating in the service too.

With the involvement of the Jubilate Choir in the service and considering Peter's contribution to the life of our congregation over the years, Church Council decided to make this service a combined service and we encourage our members to attend as a sign of thanks and support. (There will be a video service played through the video loop for those from the Hostel unable to attend). ***Therefore there will be no evening service held in our building on Sunday 5th November.***

Langwarrin, however, will not remain vacant for very long following Peter's retirement as a call was extended to Rev. Lourens Nel from South Africa. **He has accepted that call** and it is hoped that he and his family will be here before the end of January. This offer is all subject to a positive outcome in his Colloquium Doctum and a successful application for a visa to work in Australia.

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.

Ray Rus

Children's worker

Wantirna Christian Community Church.

Steve Voorwinde Retirement

As many of you will be aware, Dr Steve Voorwinde will be retiring from the College at the end of this year. Steve has held the position of New Testament and Greek lecturer (professor) for the past 27 years, skilfully and faithfully serving the Lord Jesus in training and preparing others for Christian Ministry throughout our nations and beyond. Steve also served the church in USA (OPC) and Australia as a Pastor; leading CRCA congregations in Sydney and Kingston.

The RTC will be holding a Retirement Dinner, to coincide with the annual College Dinner, on Friday 21 October. If anyone would like to send greetings or reminiscences to be delivered at the Dinner, we would welcome them being forwarded to the College office.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Josh Esselbrugge	October 19
Emil Poppenbeck	October 19
Darryl Koch	October 21
Alida Ekkel	October 22
Adri Pretorius	October 22

May your day dawn bright with beauty, rich in the promise of good things to come.

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

- We are thankful with **Fred and Marianne Piening** for the good results from the recent PET scan. But continue to pray for the recovery and healing Fred needs and the maintenance and medical follow-up he requires.
- Thankfully **Hanny Eshuis** was able to return home after rehab. and is learning to live with her limits.
- **Bill and Tinie Meijer** will be moving into Dutch Care in Kilsyth on Monday(17th) They can be visited at 736 Mt Dandenong Road in Overbeek Lodge where they have been offered two rooms so that their individual care needs can be met. They are finding this move into permanent residential care difficult. Pray for God's grace for them and the acceptance they need to make this transition.
- **Gerrie De Haan** is improving with her treatment and with rest. As **John** comes home from respite in "Avondrust" on Monday (17th) pray for the strength she needs to continue to co-ordinate all the care requirements.
- **Pray** for all those who provide care for the elderly and the frail in mind and body and for balancing the tasks of care and the maintenance of independence.
- Pray for those who are looking for work, in this time of employment insecurity. There are young people who need apprenticeships and older people who are looking at redundancy issues.
- Congratulations to **Kevin and Janet de Jong** who celebrated the wedding of their daughter Kelly to Shane yesterday. We pray for God's blessing on this young couple, and that they may seek His grace for their future life together.

Article Uploads for T&S Website have begun
Eleven feature articles published from September to December 2009 in the Trowel & Sword magazine have been uploaded to the T&S website, together with some letters to the editor from October 2009 - <http://www.trowelandsword.org.au/Contents/Back%20Issues/Feature%20Articles/2000s/2009/archF2009.htm>

At the moment we are concentrating on loading feature articles and will now move into 2010 before

going back to 2000 and loading up all types of items to the end of 2010. After that Lord willing we will go to the 90s folders.

We have sent off emails today to various sources from which we gleaned articles for the physical magazine. Many requests have been lodged to both upload items already published in T&S as well as permission to upload new items in the future to the stand alone internet version of T&S.

Geoff van Schie
Interim editor

AGM

On Saturday the 22nd October we will be holding our church's Annual General Meeting. The AGM starts at 7.30pm but before the meeting we will share dinner together and stay after for a time of fellowship. For the dinner we ask that everyone bring a plate of food, or soup to share and we can enjoy the delights of variety as we eat together. The dinner starts at 6.30pm, followed by the AGM. Not desserts need to be brought along, as that will be provided. Come and join us on this date.

Details of the church's finances and the proposed budget for this year were placed in members pigeon holes last week. Check over your copy before you come to the meeting.

TOUR OF ISRAEL, 2012

We have had a few requests to lead another tour of Israel, so after prayerful consideration and contacting our guide there, we have decided to lead another tour in September 2012.

The dates will be from Wednesday September 12 to Monday September 24, 2012.

We are still finalizing the details of the itinerary and will send it to those interested to join us as soon as it is finished. Our guide is also working out the costing details. We have had a look at flights to Tel Aviv, which are available at about \$2000 per person, return. These are early-bird fares. We have yet to decide whether to do a group booking or for everyone to organize their own flights.

For more information contact us on peternel4@bigpond.com or on 0407095024.

Regards,

Peter & Nel Mechielsen

COM News

Over the past months we have been praying for the children in a COM home in Sambalpur who were under spiritual attack. We can thank God that the children are being healed and delivered. All the children are doing well except for one minor attack on four girls from the original twelve. All children are once again cheerful and playful. Thank you for all your prayerful support and we would ask that you continue to uphold our children in prayer.

Thanks to the co-ordination efforts of COM Director, Enoch Morris (Tamil Nadu), the children at the Sambalpur Children's Home recently received one large delivery of goods sent from Australia via container. These items included clothes, toys, carry bags and blankets. The blankets will be gratefully appreciated when winter arrives and the rest of the items have been distributed among the children.

World Community Day

The Australian Church Women invite you to their World Community Day on Friday 28th October. The gathering will be at The Salvation Army, James St Dandenong. It begins at 10am with morning tea, followed by the meeting at 10.30am. The speaker for the morning is Barbara Siddel, speaking on Reflecting the Light of Christ. See Elvi Oinonen for more details.

Mentor Training

As a Church Council we have been challenged to be more active in the area of mentoring and discipleship. We are working through some material on why, how and whom. As part of our training we are holding a training morning on Saturday 19th November in the church. If you are interested in being involved then set this date aside and join us. If we don't hear from you, then we are likely to approach you about joining us. It is as we minister to one another we will grow as a church and community.

J-Team

There will be a meeting for all J-Team leaders and helpers at 4pm on Wednesday 19th October in the church. Please join us for feedback, planning and prayer for the last term of the year.



Eternity Newspaper

The October edition of *Eternity* newspaper is available for you to pick up and read from the table in the hall. It has a wonderful story in their titled 'Saved by a Smile' as well as interesting articles about the happenings in the wider church community.

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.

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY GROUP:

Meets on Friday night 20th October at 7:30pm in the Church Office Lounge Room. Contact Martin van Rossen on 97957869.

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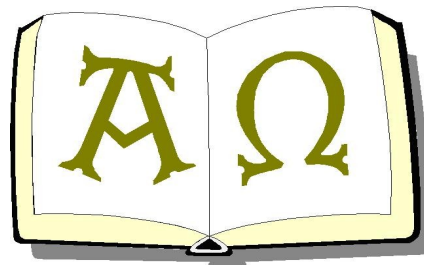
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Toowoomba Visit

As I recently shared with the congregation Anita and I will be travelling to Toowoomba Queensland next weekend to explore the possibility of a ministry call from them to serve in their congregation. They have not yet called me, but this is just to meet and talk. Likewise Tecoma (Hope in the Hills) also wish to meet with us. With the high number of vacant churches currently these inquiries are not uncommon but 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

College Boxes.

The month of October is here again so it is time to empty the college boxes. All the ladies who have a box please bring it to the church and hand it to Janny Appel. The college needs our support to buy extra things for the students. So let us show our support through the ladies aid. Thank you for your cooperation.



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’.

Family Fun Day

5th November

& Car Boot Sale

8am – 3pm

**Where: Cnr Gladstone Rd &
Outlook drive, Dandenong North**

Jumping Castle

Fairy Floss

Balloons

Face painting

Sausage Sizzle
& much more!!

Come along for
a great family
day out!!

If you are interested in holding a car boot stall please contact Debbie Van Neutegem on 9700 3244 or Kristy Noorbergen on 97900722.

A big thank you on behalf of the Leprosy Mission

to all those who saved their small coins for this worthwhile cause.

We raised a total of \$809.50

Corry.



Your church Council met last Thursday 6th october for prayer and business.

Our treasurer presented the Financial Statements as audited, noting that there was a shortfall of \$9,000 mainly owing to some extra expenses. Budget 2012/ AGM paperwork (22nd Oct) has already been distributed to Church members via the pigeonholes to ensure members receive this two weeks prior to the AGM. We accepted the new budget and will take it to the AGM. Our boronia property is not settled yet but still receiving rental.

We discussed the preaching roster and our worship services. DVD evaluation forms are being received and are being collated. It was agreed that we continue with the DVD's but take comments into consideration regarding the DVD's presented.

We discussed various ministries that we are involved in: the Pakenham church plant and the associated Geneva Push seminar in November.

We want to be more proactive in mentoring each other so we decided to set aside Saturday 19th November 2011 for a training day to help us do this. We want to encourage many people to attend.

We needed Elder nominations but none have come in from the congregation. Suitable people will be approached..

Our AGM is scheduled for October 22nd with a shared dinner at 6.30pm for a 7.30 AGM start.

Our deacons will be trained in the Christians Against Poverty money coaching course, to assist others in financial planning.

Jim reported on pastoral matters and we brought these before the lord in prayer.

We dealt with incoming correspondence from Mark Meenks, Bible league and Family Voice Australia. We affirmed Jim in his Ministry here and formally encouraged him to continue his work at Dandenong as Jim is to consider a number of calls presented to him.

As Lord's Supper is to be celebrated on the 23rd October Censura Morem was conducted with no issues to impede sharing around the Lord's Table.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 3rd November

THINK IT OVER

All of us who are members of the body of Christ must face up to the question of whether or not we actually fit the discription of " a joyful people". How many of us bring family and domestic problems right along with us, in thought and disposition, when we come to worship! How many business people bring their weekday troubles home on Friday nights and carry them along to church on Sunday!

And what about the family's health? The worries about the children? How many of us continue to lug these problems and worries around on a full time basis! We ought not to do it and we cannot be a joyful people if we do. Why should the children of the King go mourning all day? Why should the children of the King hang their heads and tote their own burdens?

We are missing the mark about Christian victory and the life of joy in our Saviour... the joy of the Lord is the strength of His people. I do believe that the sad world is attracted to spiritual sunshine- the genuine thing. When the warmth and joy of the of the Holy Spirit are in a congregation, and the folks are spontaneously joyful, the result is a wonderful influence upon others.

We are Christians, and Christians have every right to be the happiest people in the world. We look to the Word of God and discover how we can know the faithful God and draw upon His resources.

(Tragedy in the Church: The Missing Gifts" A.W. Tozer).