



23 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 Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: Values, Virtues, and Victories
Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

6:00 PM Rev. La'Mont Ferreira (Pulpit Swap)
Message: Unworthy but not worthless
(Rom 12:1-2)
Reading: Rom 5:1-11

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Br. Harry Burggraaf
(Pastor Jim in Hope in the Hills)
6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Diaconate

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Music Ministry

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges \$2,027.35
Dandenong High School Chaplaincy \$510.15



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

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

PA & VIDEO :

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

GREETERS

Today: George & Leny Zomerdyk
Next week: Peter & Atie Brounewoud

From the Pastor's Desk

After a hectic weekend in Toowoomba it is good to be home and it's good to be back in our church home. We wait to see how things might progress over the weeks ahead. We were thankful for the opportunity to go and 'feel' out the place.

We sometimes wonder about the Christian life and ask the question about why we struggle, shouldn't life with God be easy. I hear that message from preachers through podcasts and websites. They

challenge us to work out what is wrong in our lives if we aren't living the blessed life we are promised. That is not the way I read Scripture and not the way I understand our great God. In Psalm 23, God promises to go with us through the valley of the shadow of death. In Psalm 91 God says 'I will be with him in trouble'. These are great words of hope and comfort when we do face tough times, God is with us, he holds us in his hand, he will carry us through. Warren Wiersbe writes, 'The Christian life is not a playground; it is a battle field'. DL Moody says, 'Take courage. We walk in the wilderness today and in the Promised Land tomorrow.' This is the hope we have through our faith in Jesus Christ.

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)

Kids Hope

We continue to provide mentoring to a number of students at Rosewood Downs PS and Brad Allen, and the staff, continues to welcome us into the school. The recurrent call is for more volunteers to help so if you have an hour a week available to make an impact into the life on an 'at risk' child then please talk to Pastor Jim. Training is available. Following is a story from Kids Hope about a child:

Giggles and Laughter

Story received from a KIDS HOPE USA Mentor

Sarah's teacher asked a mentor; "How was your session with Sarah today?" The mentor responded "The last few weeks Sarah has giggled, laughed and said such funny things". "That surprises me" said the teacher, "you see, Sarah cries a lot during school because of her unhappy

home life".

It is often the home life situation that makes the school life of a child so tuff. Being there as a safe, steady, secure adult in the life of a child can make so much difference.

SUPPORT FOR C.R.E.

As Christians, we are privileged to have the opportunity to tell primary aged children about God through the Christian Religious Education program. Lyndale Greens Primary School ,on Gladstone road, offers students weekly CRE. As this school is quite large, it is difficult for the few CRE teachers we have at present, to cover all the classes. We really need more people willing to teach CRE to join us.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please speak with Pastor Jim or Helen van Garderen. Training is provided so you would be ready to start in the new year.

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 Warrantdyte 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

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News items dead line is 5 PM Wednesday.

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.**

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 rus@crca.org.au for more details and a complete job description.

Ray Rus

Children's worker

Wantirna Christian Community Church.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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

May God look down and bless you Now when your birthday's here And keep you in His loving care Each day throughout the year, And may He grant you happiness In everything you do--
Today, tomorrow, always, Every day your whole life through!

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- Our year 12 students will be applying themselves to study at this time of the year. Pray for **Emily de Witte** and others you may know of, as they prepare for their exams- which brings their secondary schooling to a close. Pray that Emily may have God's

enabling, and the quietness of heart to be able to remember and recall all the learning she has undergone this year as this testing time approaches.

- This applies also, to all our **tertiary** students - we think of you as you complete work requirements and essays for the courses you are doing and pray that you may have clear minds as you give yourself to this task. May God bless these times of learning and application in your life and equip you through it.
- Congratulations to **Jen Van Neutegem** who has now completed her nursing studies and has received the news that she has a placement next year at the Bendigo hospital. She will be doing her last practical placement there starting this week and then move there next year. We pray that God will bless this transition.
- Pray for **Janny Stekelenberg** as she experiences physical weakness, which affects her mobility and independence. Also for those caring for her at this time.
- **Martha Witharana** (who is part of Jean Joseph's household) has been hospitalised in Monash after collapsing at home last week, and will go into rehab when she is well enough, to regain strength. Pray for her healing and restoration; pray also for Jean, Chris and Wendy as they support her. Keep praying for **Pastor Jim and the De Witte family** in this unsettling time of responding to other congregations requests for conversations/visits with a view to possible future calls. Pray for God's wisdom and the clarity they need to understand the choices that may come to them.

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

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.

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.

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.

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. This week we meet at Regina Gnanathurai's Unit 53 Outlook Gardens 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 meeting at Mark and Nyomie's place, 7 Meldrum Court Narre Warren South, at 8pm this week.

Outlook Gardens Aged Care Facility

Volunteers Wanted

Assistance needed to work with Leisure and Lifestyle programs. Activities include Ladies Groups, Morning and Afternoon Teas, Games, Outings, Shopping Trips, Craft etc.

Any assistance would be appreciated. Please phone 9795 7566 and ask for Rosemary.



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.

