



5 February 2012

**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 Chris Pretorius  
Message: Fake Worship  
Reading: Amos 4

6:00 PM Rev. Keith Vethaak  
Message: Making a Difference (Acts 1:1)  
Reading: Zechariah 4:1-14

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – The Leprosy Mission

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Lord's Supper Leadership Training /  
Prof. Development

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,724.15
Reformed Theological College	\$460.95



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J. Esselbrugge, H. van der Jagt,  
N & M. Steunenberg, H. Zwaal.

Next Week: G. Smedes, J Schapendonk,  
C. van Garderen

19<sup>th</sup> February J. Gully, J. Lepema, M. Meenks,  
E. Oinonen

26<sup>th</sup> February J. van Breen, H. van der Kruk,  
J. van der Wolde

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: Matthew Noorbergen, Glenn de Jong

Next Week: Jennifer van Neutegem,  
David Cameron

#### GREETERS

Today: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud

Next week: Martin & Coby van Rossen

### From the Pastor's Desk

I was reading 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 and the devotional thoughts that the author I was reading was trying to have us reflect on was the wonder of a reconciling God who impacts our lives with a reconciling love, which motivates our love and

actions. In 2 Corinthians 5:16 Paul writes, 'From now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view'. That is a truth of Scripture, but is it a reality on our lives?

'You size people u. We all do. We make snap judgement about people's attitudes and personalities based on what they wear, the expression on their faces, the look in their eyes, the social group they come from, or any other criteria we can get a handle on.

'Most of our efforts are aimed at putting people in categories we can easily understand. There is no shame in that; it's how our minds work. The problem is that our categories are not God's. When we use our own judgements we end up associating with people who are a lot like us in terms of skin colour, economic status, political opinions, religious views etc. we are most comfortable with similar people because we are most familiar with their characteristics. We have a lot in common with them- at least on the surface.

'But such associations don't spring exclusively from the love of Christ. They don't take on the adventure of reconciliation. They don't always lead us where God wants us to go. They see people in terms of the kingdom of this world, not in terms of the Kingdom of God.

'According to God, there are two kinds of people in the world: those who are in Christ and those who are not. Those who are in Christ are one with us- no distinction of language, economy, race, gender, or heritage. We are united in a common Saviour. Those who are not in Christ are sought by God. And if they are sought by God, they ought to be sought by God's ministers of reconciliation.

'If you are a Christian, then you are a minister of reconciliation.' How are you at looking at people through God's eyes? How are you at reconciliation?

## Synod 2012

Synod is now only a few months away and the papers of the Synod are now being released. These reports will need to be discussed and prayed through by Church Council and Classis in the time ahead. For those who are interested in reading the reports and overtures – please visit the following website. Overtures for the upcoming Synod were emailed out this week, and can now be downloaded from the denominational website. A direct link is:  
<http://www.crca.org.au/Synod/2012/Downloads>

## Church Council

The Church Council meets this coming Thursday (9<sup>th</sup> February) for the first time in 2012. Please be in prayer for our leadership as we look to the year ahead.

## Thank you

The **de Groot** family would like to thank you most sincerely for your expressions of support and prayers over a long period of time. Also sincere thanks to staff at Outlook Gardens which was mum's home for many years.

Gerry de Groot

## *Eternity* Newspaper

The February edition of *Eternity* is available for you to read. It raises the question of how we are to view people who predict the rapture...and get it wrong.

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News items dead line is 5 PM Wednesday.

## 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. Our first meeting for the year will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February at John & Heather Nicholson's Unit 56 Outlook Gardens. Everyone is welcome. Contact on 97956252

### OASIS GROWTH GROUP:

The **Oasis Growth Group** invites new members to attend as we commence our small group discussion on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 7.30 (concluding Colossians)

We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month but not during holidays. ( if you are dropping off kids at URY and want to join us we conclude at 9 – 9.30) At the Burggraaf's, 17 Edgewood Road, Dandenong – Tel 9791 2601 Mob 0408 120 159

### COFFEE BREAK LADIES BIBLE STUDY,

THE COFFEE BREAK BIBLE STUDY GROUP, will commence for the year with a coffee morning on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10am. All ladies are welcome to join us at the church in the double room for morning tea, and discussing matters relating to our mornings together. New study material will also be handed out.

Helen van Garderen.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT/ SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:

We will be starting up for the year next Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> Feb) after church at the de Witte's place for lunch. We will be discussing the book we read over the holidays: "Seismic Shifts", looking at Parts 1 & 2, up to page 96. Happy last minute reading!!

For more information please call Mark Meenks on 0411953821.

### Reminder

For those who have not paid their "Today" booklets subscriptions for 2012 please do so within the next week thank you. Adrian de Vos

## CRCA Women's Convention

Friday 24 – Monday 27 February 2012

At Camp Clayton, Ulverstone, Tasmania

*'the finest secret'*

Only a few weeks to go!

There are 180 women of all ages coming to this event!

Please pray for safe travel and that the women coming will be blessed

by hearing God's word and the fellowship that will be shared.

For any enquiries email: [crcwc12@gmail.com](mailto:crcwc12@gmail.com)

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Annie Pilon	February 9
Peter de Jong	February 10
Roland Weimen	February 10
Gerrie Heerdink	February 11

With many special thoughts of you and prayers that God will bless Your birthday and the year ahead with every happiness.

### Please Note:

**Meike van Daalhuizen** has moved to 18 Outlook Gardens, Dandenong North 3175  
Phone: 9795 5184

**Emil and Ishabelle** have moved to an interim address before their final move and are contactable on mobile numbers only.

Emil: 0402 413 969 and Ishabelle: 0425 775 103.

### Bill and Tinie Meijer

Han & Judy Overbeek Lodge Rms 40 and 55  
736 Mt. Dandenong Road, Kilsyth. 3137  
Phone: 9728 7466

### **Induction of the RTC New Testament Lecturer**

Dr Martin Williams will be formally inducted as Lecturer in New Testament at the Reformed Theological College in a special service to be held at the College on Friday 24 February 2012 at 7.30pm. The service will also include the College Graduation Ceremony for the 2011 graduands. We warmly invite all friends of the College to join us on this special occasion. Dr Williams will be the main speaker so it will be a great opportunity for people to hear him and also to meet him, his wife Joy and their family. Supper will be provided afterwards.

### **More News**

Langwarrin Christian Reformed Church is grateful to be able to introduce to you our new Pastor- elect who arrived on January 1st, this year. He is **Lourens Nel**, together with his wife **Alet**, and children **Henco** 12, **Valerie** 7 and **Aletia** 4 years old.

Lourens and Alet and family are from South Africa and Lourens has been an ordained minister in our sister church, the GKSA (Gereformeerde Kerk of Suid Africa) since 2002, but answered our call and gracefully accepted the ministry in Langwarrin.

Lourens will be installed as Pastor of the Langwarrin congregation on the 5th February at 2.00 in the afternoon at the Langwarrin Christian Reformed Church, 10 Warrandyte Road, Langwarrin with Pastor Peter Mechielsen officiating and **everyone is cordially invited to attend.**

### **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)

### **Afrikaans Service**

Next Sunday, at 6pm, we will be holding an 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 service will be a Lord's Supper service lead by Rev. La'Mont Ferreira. Feel free to join the service to build relationships with the Afrikaans speaking people in our area.

### **Pastoral and Prayer Points**

- With Jim and Anita away in Redlands this week-end, it is timely to remind ourselves as a congregation to continue to affirm both Jim and Anita and the de Witte family, in the ongoing task that Dandenong has called Jim to do here among us, and in reaching out to our wider community – our appreciation and valuing of them at this time is important. If you value them, let them know!
- There is an opportunity for us as a church community to respond to the family of Charley Nash- by sending a card. Wayne, his brother, has written to us from the USA and it is on the notice board for you to read: There are two people with whom we have had contact - their addresses are listed here
  - Wayne and Mona Nash (and daughter Misty) P.O. Box 352 Fountain City, Indiana. 47341. USA
  - Ellen Williams ( Charley's Aunt – they skyped just before Christmas) 5308 Bluff View Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46217
- The **Thanksgiving Service for Charley's life** will take place here in our church on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am.** (We've been advised that the coronial report may still take several weeks beyond that.) If you are attending could you please bring a small plate to share with refreshments after the service that would be appreciated, as people travelling from the country will be present.
- **Les Barrot** has been told that he has pulmonary fibrosis which is especially affecting one lung. Pray for all those who deal with ongoing limits either in their own health or who care for a spouse in need of support, that they may know God's sustaining grace.
- **Russel Painter** is planning to spend 3 weeks in the Philippines, leaving Friday 10<sup>th</sup>. We pray for safe travelling for him and a good holiday time.
- **Mieke van Daalhizen** is settling into her new home well. For your records her address is now

18 Outlook Gardens Dandenong 3175.  
Phone:9795 5188.

- Pray for the planning committee of the **Women's Convention** as they finalise their preparations for this, in Ulverstone, Tassie, at the end of this month. Pray that all the women who attend may be challenged and blessed in their faith walk.

## CARE SHARE MEETING

There will be a meeting for all those involved in the visiting ministry of the **Care and Share** team on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 1.00pm in the sitting area of the church office.

## COMPASSIONATE COLLECTION

As you may be aware during the months of December and January we collected donations for the support of our denominational arm, World Development and Relief (WD&R) for the support in causes for the Solomon Islands and India. As a congregation we raised \$2,518.50 compared to the previous year of \$4,713.75. We wish to thank those on behalf of WD&R who have contributed to the various causes and a reminder to those who would still like to contribute please see me so that we can arrange for the contributions to be sent so that WDR can send all contributions in a timely manner.

Corey van Garderen Treasurer

## CONGRATULATIONS

We were pleasantly surprised with the **2011 MINISTRY REPORTS** booklet.

A fantastic idea, whoever had had the initiative, well done!

Even though listings of all activities in our church community appear in the Church's bulletin weekly it gives the congregation as well as other interested persons a more detailed idea of what the various church groups and clubs are engaged in throughout the year.

The booklet, in our view, portrays the church as organized, energetic and well functioning. In short it

shows that the spirit of God is truly alive in the Dandenong church.

Much appreciated, John and Corry Blik.

## 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?

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."

## J-Team

With the new school year comes a new opportunity to minister to children through J-Team. There will be a leaders meeting this coming Wednesday (8<sup>th</sup> February) in the church at 4pm. Please be there.

Also, if you have some time on Wednesday afternoons (6 times per school term) we would love helpers with craft and activities. See Henni Burggraaf or Pastor Jim if you can help.

## Data Projector

The church data projector is a wonderfully simple piece of technology that allows us to join together in worship. Presently there are only a small number of people who are trained to operate the computer, but we would like to change that! ☺ this would be for both/either the morning service and the evening service.

If you can click a computer mouse, and read and

sing along to songs then you have more than enough qualifications to operate the data projector. See Pastor Jim today and we can give you all the training you need to be able to do it well.



Geelong Christian Reformed Church would like to invite you to join us at the first State Youth Conference. The theme for the day is 'Fear' and we will be running different electives and talks on this theme. The electives that will be run are Mission, Depression and Perseverance. We are also delighted to announce that we will have the pleasure of hearing Clinton Berends, Prof. Henk Dewaard and Mrs Mavis Thompson speak.

**Where:** Reformed Theological College (125 Pigdons Rd, Waurin Ponds, Victoria)

**When:** 10 am- 4pm 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2012 (Dinner and Bonfire provided after 4pm)

**Ages:** Year 7 – 25 years old

**Cost:** \$15 (\$20 if you register late)

Lunch and snacks will be provided for the day and if you want to hang around after 4pm we will be having a BBQ and a Bonfire at no extra cost. Registration forms are available from Pastor Jim. Please send them back with your details by the 20<sup>th</sup> of March if any later there will be an extra \$5 cost. Numbers are limited so please send your registration forms in as soon as possible.

You can send them to the Youth Conference

PO box 7320,

Geelong West 3218

or email us at [v.youth.conference@gmail.com](mailto:v.youth.conference@gmail.com) and if you want any information you can always email or call Charis on 0402427205.

We pray that this would be an exciting time of praising and worshipping God.

WHY DID I PUT  
THAT THERE??



#### **HUMOUR -FLORAL DELIVERERS-CAN THEY BE TRUSTED?**

A new business was opening, and one of the owner's friends wanted to send flowers For the occasion. They arrived at the new business site and the owner read the card. It said, "Rest in Peace." The owner was angry and called the florist to complain. After he told the florist of the obvious mistake and how angry he was, the florist said, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry you should imagine this: somewhere there is a funeral taking place today, and they have flowers with a note saying,

'Congratulations on your new location!.'

#### **Just an Ordinary Member**

Just an ordinary member of the church, I heard him say, But you'd always find him present even on a rainy day. He had a hearty handclasp for the stranger in the aisle, And a friend who was in trouble found sunshine in his smile. He always paid up promptly and tried to do his share. In all the ordinary tasks for which some have no care. His talents were not many, but his love for God was true; His prayers were not in public but he prayed for me and you. An ordinary member? I think that I would say He was extraordinary, in a humble sort of way.