



12 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 Pastor Jim de Witte  
Message: The Power to Forgive  
Reading: Mark 2:1-12

6:00 PM Rev. La'Mont Ferreira  
(Afrikaans Service)  
Message: TBA  
Reading: TBA

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Luke Scheepers  
(Pastor Jim in Hope in the Hills)  
6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

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

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – J-Team

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges \$2,172.80  
The Leprosy Mission \$483.15



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: G. Smedes, J Schapendonk,  
C. van Garderen

Next Week: J. Gully, J. Lepema, M. Meenks,  
E. Oinonen

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

4<sup>th</sup> March H. Burggraaf, C. Yong, G. Zomerdyk

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: David Cameron, Marco Otto

Next Week: Kevin de Jong, Glenn de Jong

#### GREETERS

Today: Martin & Coby van Rossen

Next week: Yke & Anneke Laverman

### From the Pastor's Desk

Today is a great day as we come together as God's people. We come together in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to worship our great God, but it is especially significant today as we celebrate the Lord's Supper together. It is a reminder of the cost to God for our freedom, a cost we could never pay. We thank God for his grace and goodness and may this celebration be an encouragement to us and a reminder of God's love for us.



can now be downloaded from the denominational website. A direct link is:

<http://www.crca.org.au/Synod/2012/Downloads>

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Glenn de Jong February 14  
Betty van den Berg February 14

To feel joy deeply, to live love daily,  
to forever know God's presence in your life...  
these are our wishes for you.



### BILD course

#### *Pauline Epistles Strategies for Establishing Churches*

BILD stands for Biblical Institute of Leadership Development. They are the recognised training organisation that our denomination is using to promote Church-Based Theological Training.

Last year we ran 'Acts: Keys to the establishment and expansion of the first Century Church' which was a blessing to those involved and really challenged us to think about what the church is all about.

This course follows on from that but also is a standalone unit, ie you don't have to have done the Acts course before doing this one.

This is a great way to deepen your Biblical and theological thinking. It will give us a great amount of

time to look at the church the Bible shows us in the first century and wrestle with what we are as the church today – Do they look anything like each other? Should they? Are the priorities of the church today the same as when Paul set up churches? How do we set up new churches?

The way the course works is:

- There are set readings each week – Bible and a theological reader (2 hrs)
- We then all meet to discuss the readings (2 hrs)
- A summary assignment is then submitted. (1-2pgs – 1 hr)

It may sound like a lot of work – but it is a great way to learn and wrestle with what it means to be the church based on a good Biblical foundation, and there is some flexibility in how you do this. Even if you are not sure feel free to join for the first few weeks and make a judgment call from there if you want to continue.

Note: These units are also recognised by the denomination for those considering entering the ministry in years to come.

**When:** Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> For approx 15 weeks.  
**Location:** TBC (Probably in either Wantirna or Dandenong)  
**Cost:** Aprox \$90 – covers course material.

Please Speak to Glenn or Jim if you would like to discuss this more....

Glenn Dekker 0421 703 393 or Jim de Witte 0409 206 954

### 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)



## Pastoral and Prayer Points

- Our **Congratulations** go to **Tom and Jess Cram** on the birth (4<sup>th</sup> Feb.) of their little boy **Harry Robert Kenneth!** We rejoice with them, as there had been some concerns during pregnancy, but God has made all things well! Their address is 6 Kirribilli Ave, Keysborough (ph: 9711 5849) Jess's mum returns home again this weekend.
- **Congratulations to Glenn De Jong** who celebrates his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. Our culture sees it as a doorway into adult life, with all its rights and responsibilities, -but we pray that you will also celebrate God's promises being fulfilled -in His care for you over these 21 years. Have a great day Glenn, and may God continue to bless you and grow you in His grace.
- **Mark Kruizinga**, had a mishap with a skateboard this week in which he painfully dislocated his shoulder. We pray for his recovery and healing so that he can work again.
- Thank you to all who gathered for the thanksgiving service of **Charlie Nash**. It was a time of worship and encouragement as we thanked God for his life among us. Pray for his family in their loss.
- This week some of our community also gathered for the funeral service of **George Allan** (previous resident of O/Gardens) on Thursday.
- Pray for God's comfort for all families who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one.
- For those who are not well, we pray for God's healing hand upon you and the recovery you desire.
- As our denomination finalises the selection of delegates and its chairing committee of our **coming synod**, please pray for wisdom, a clear vision of God's kingdom values, and our place as churches in a changing society, especially in the discussion of overtures and the issues that will be raised.
- Be in prayer for our world, (places like Syria, and Nigeria) where there is unrest, violence, and death. Pray for God's intervention and his peace.

## Singles Group

There is an opportunity for those who are single and looking for fellowship to meet and discuss what that might look like. There will be a meeting in the church next Thursday (16<sup>th</sup> February) in the church lounge area at 7.30pm. For more information contact Ada Coe (9774 0240). It serves as an opportunity for singles to connect and support and encourage one another.

## 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.

## 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.

### Friendship

Friendship is a flower that keeps on blooming  
No matter what cares the day may bring.  
Friendship is a bird that keeps on singing  
No matter how cold or later the spring.

Friendship is a star that guides us  
Through the dark, when we're all alone.  
Friendship is the spark which lights a fire  
To warm our hearts when we are far from home.

Friendship is a sun that keeps on shining  
Even in the darkest hours we meet.  
Friendship is a love that keeps on growing.  
And helps to make our lives complete.

## Easter Yalata Mission—



We plan to make another Easter mission trip to Yalata Aboriginal Community for 10 days of serving and sharing the Gospel—especially with children. This means we are looking for **You**.

Leave Melbourne: **Friday 5 April (Good Friday)**  
Return to Melbourne: **Sunday 10 April.**  
If you are interested please contact Ray Rus ASAP on **0407 915 553** so we can start planning.