



26 February 2012

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: What the Lord has done  
Reading: Mark 5:1-20

6:00 PM Pastor La'Mont Ferreira  
(Classis pulpit Swap)  
Message: When I am weak, I am strong  
(2 Cor. 12:9-10)  
Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Christian Outreach Ministry  
(COM India Children's Home)

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Solomon Islands Workgroup

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges \$2,318.70  
J Team \$526.7



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J. van Breen, H. van der Kruk,  
J. van der Wolde  
Next Week: H. Burggraaf, C. Yong, G. Zomerdyk  
11<sup>th</sup> March J. Appel, D & S. Barrot, J & C. Blik  
18<sup>th</sup> March F & A. Berman, C. Berman,  
J & W. Joseph, Kimmer / Wang

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: David & Phillip Ellings  
Next Week: Matthew Noorbergen, Ian Meenks

#### GREETERS

Today: Corry Blik  
Next week: Rita Piening

### From the Pastor's Desk

Welcome to all of you on this Lord's Day. May we all experience a measure of God's love and grace as we come together in praise and worship to our great God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

I found a wonderful illustrative story that I would like to share with you.

*Dr Jess Moody, a popular preacher and writer, enjoys telling about the 'Meeting of the Tools'.*

*The meeting went like this:*

*Mr Hammer was presiding. Brother Screwdriver said:  
"Brother Hammer must go, because he is always making  
noise, always knocking."*

*Hammer said: "Brother Screwdriver must go because  
you always have to turn him round all the time to get  
him to do his job".*

*Someone else said: "Brother Plane must go; he always  
just wants to touch the surface. He never goes deep".*

*Plane said: "Brother Sandpaper has to go then, because  
he is always rubbing people the wrong way".*

*Sandpaper spoke up: "the Brother Saw must go, because  
he is always cutting things up and leaving sawdust all  
over the place".*

*Then the Carpenter of Nazareth came in: "I need all of  
you. We have a job to do. Put yourselves in my hand. Let  
me use you".*

*Hammer said: "Here am I, Lord, use me".*

*Screwdriver said: "Here am I, Lord, use me".*

*Plane said: "Here am I, Lord, use me".*

*Sandpaper said: "Here am I, Lord, use me".*

*Saw said: "Here am I, Lord, use me".*

*So when each gave himself to the Carpenter from  
Nazareth together they built:*

*A Church where the gospel can be preached.*

*A bridge of understanding so differing groups could get  
together.*

*A house so that a home could be built.*

*That's what happens when all the tools are put in the  
Carpenter's hands and are used for the purpose for  
which they were made.*

May God bless you as you reflect on this story. Are you  
in the hands of the Jesus, Carpenter of Nazareth?

## 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:

The **Oasis Growth Group** invites new members  
to attend. 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,

Meets each Tuesday 10am, at the church, during  
the school terms.

Helen van Garderen.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT/ SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:

For more information please call Mark Meenks  
on 0411953821.

### Voting for Elders and Deacons

The Church Council is pleased to be able to put  
forward to the congregation the names of the  
following people for the office of Elder and  
Deacon. For Elder: Harry Vander Jagt. For  
Deacon: David Ellings. Church Council regards  
each of these people as suitable for the task and  
unless any biblical objections can be raised  
against them, we ask the congregation to vote via

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News items dead line is 5 PM Wednesday.

acclamation (yes/no) for one elder and one deacon on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012, immediately after the morning service.

If you are unavailable next Sunday then voting slips can be obtained from Julie de Jong or Jean Joseph. Please give prayerful thought as to how you vote. Church Council.

## 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

- Thankfully, **Ishbelle Poppenbeck** is making a good recovery, and was able to move to Vic. Rehab. Springvale Rd. on Wednesday, where she will continue to get physio support to improve her mobility, after her knee replacement.
- Pray for **Les Barrot** who was taken into hospital suddenly after some internal bleeding. He is undergoing investigations, treatment and rest at this time.
- **Viola Hodder** continues at Dandenong Hospital. They will assess her needs as to supports needed to continue living independently.
- Pray for the recovery and healing **Ulbe Siegersma** needs after his surgical procedure. **Peter de Jong** also had a basal cell skin cancer removed this week.
- **Glenn de Jong** was badly burned while cooking, and needed hospital attention.
- **Peggy Hodgkinson** is regaining her strength, and able to access some day care support. She hopes to be able to make it back to church soon.
- **John de Haan** is in Avondrust having some respite care which ends tomorrow.
- Pray for the ladies who gather at the **Women's Convention** in Tassie this week-end, that they will be enriched in their faith. Pray also for safe travels home.

- Continue to uphold in prayer - preparations for our **Synod** and the wisdom needed for all delegates as they discuss issues related to our church at denominational level.

## 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.

## The 2012 Bible Conference – “God’s Glory and the Power of the Gospel”

This conference - a weekend of fellowship and encouragement through the reaffirmation of the power of the Gospel to save the lost for the glory of God is rapidly approaching.

Date – 7pm Friday **9th** March till 3pm Sunday **11th March**

Venue – Box Hill Reformed Church, 28 Watts St, Box Hill

We would love to see you there.

**Albert Esselbrugge**

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Yours in Christ

Reformed Church of Box Hill Session

Christian Reformed Church of Macarthur Session

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

"Let Justice prevail"

Prepared by WDP Committee Malaysia.

### FRIDAY 2nd MARCH 2012

Time: 10.00am Morning Tea 10.30am

**Service Place:** ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

Langhorne St, (opp Police Station)

Dandenong

Guest Speaker: Major Kaye Barber, State President  
World Day of Prayer

PLEASE JOIN US.

## Redlands Christian Reformed Church Ormiston, Queensland

### Children's Ministry Coordinator

Part-time role, 12 hours per week

Redlands Christian Reformed Church is looking for an experienced person to coordinate the Children's Ministry at the Church. Approximately 35 children (Pre-Prep to Grade 6) attend Kids@Church each Sunday. The role will coordinate a group of volunteer leaders, the development of the teaching curriculum, and ensure effective weekly oversight of the Kids@Church program. The role will also assist with the formation of the intergenerational worship activities at the Church.

Copies of the Position Description can be obtained by emailing: [office@redlandscrc.org.au](mailto:office@redlandscrc.org.au)

To discuss the position further, please contact Mark Farmer mobile 0414 999 143

Applications Close: 5pm Friday 9 March 2012

Please email your application to:  
[office@redlandscrc.org.au](mailto:office@redlandscrc.org.au)

### J TEAM

J Team started again for the year this past week and we as leaders are looking forward to impacting

these young lives with the gospel. Please keep the leaders, children and their families in your prayers. If you are able to provide some wrapped lollies/chocolates that we can use, that would be great. The Leadership Team.

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Stefan Otto	Today	February 26
Raymond Hamilton		February 27
Jean Joseph		February 28
Timothy Cameron		March 1
Alison Berman		March 3
Truus Mans		March 3

May the Lord bless you on your birthday and always with the light of His Love.

### 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

### COM Home

As you know we support a children's home in Chennai India through Christian Outreach Ministries (COM). The home provides quality care for destitute children. It is a place where the children are nurtured, loved, schooled, clothed and fed. This is also a wonderful place which gives them the opportunity to know Jesus and a chance to break the cycle of poverty. It brings hope to the lives of children.

As a congregation we not only support the children and their house parents, Enoch and Grace, but we also help with other needs around the home. Today we have a second offering for the COM Home and the money collected will be distributed, as needed, to the home.

***If you look on our missions board in the hall you will notice that there are a number of children that need sponsorship. For only \$44 each month you can support one of these little ones and change a life forever. Speak to John and Ann van Breen if you want more information, or if you are able to support another child in need.***

### Short MINUTES of Church Council Meeting of Dandenong Christian Reformed Church 9th February 2012

Your Church Council met recently to start the year again. We re-focused on our church community and re-affirmed our commitment to nurturing our members and seeking out the lost by spending some time in God's word and by prayer.

Our office staff – Julie de Jong and Jean Joseph's salaries were reviewed and a letter of appreciation was sent for all the wonderful behind the scenes work they do.

Financial results from July 2011 to January 2012 were tabled and were close to budget to which we are thankful to our faithful members and to Gods provision.

Council was advised of the Town planning application by the Outlook Gardens Association for a two stage 40 bed extension in place of the community centre and later proposed 20 bed wing to extend above and over the existing car park of the church. Council acceded to the planning application to proceed but when it came to the building permit the congregation will be informed and the opportunity given for a joint decision to accept or reject the proposal in due time. The F & M Committee were thanked for all their work.

We received with joy the news that Harry Van der Jagt was willing to stand as Elder and David Ellings was willing to stand as Deacon, as Peter Noorbergen was finishing his term in Council. Nominations to be placed in the Newsletter to give two weeks for the congregation to consider with voting to take place on Sunday 2nd March 2012.

Classis meets next Friday 24/Saturday 25th February at Casey CRC. for the Preliminary exam of Michael de Kretser and other business. Delegates appointed were Jim, Colin and Peter.

Reports were received from Church Planting, Shawlands workgroup.

Profession of faith requests from Cameron, Jennifer, Evert and Emily. We praise God that he continues to work in the hearts of those he calls.

Jim is still processing the calls from other churches. Council resolved to affirm Jim in his calling at Dandenong and sent a formal letter of affirmation to him to consider as part of his decision making process.

We will continue to assess Pastoral care by way of small groups and encourage all our members to actively be a part of a small group.

Pastoral reports were received from Jim and Henni. Planned pastoral visits were organised.

Synod reports were received for discussion. We are investigating getting better equipment to record our services as we have been experiencing some technical difficulties lately.

We will meet next on: Thursday 8th March 2012 We were joyfully able to express our unity by way of Censura Morem before our Lords Supper celebration coming Sunday 12/2/2012.

We brought our meeting and our people before the Lord in prayer

Your reporter

### **BIBLE CONFERENCE AT BOX HILL CRC**

"God's Glory and the Power of the Gospel."

*Attendance and meals at this conference are **FREE OF CHARGE** ... but, for catering purposes, if you are interested in attending please let us know by next Saturday!*

The Christian Reformed Churches of Box Hill (Vic) and Macarthur (NSW) would like to provide a weekend of fellowship and encouragement through the reaffirmation of the power of the Gospel to save the lost for the glory of God.

**DATE** – 7PM FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH TILL 3PM

**SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**VENUE** – BOX HILL REFORMED CHURCH, 28 WATTS ST, BOX HILL, VIC

#### **SPEAKERS**

- Rev Peter Hastie – was a long-term minister at Ashfield Presbyterian Church in Sydney, and is moving to Melbourne to become the principal of the Presbyterian Theological College. For 14 years he was also the editor of 'Australian Presbyterian'.
- Rev Andrew Stewart – is the Pastor at Geelong Reformed Presbyterian Church.
- Pastor Terry Flanagan – pastoral worker at Macarthur Christian Reformed Church.

For further information or a registration form visit <http://reformedchurchboxhill.com.au>. - or call Albert on (03) 9872 3720, Terry on (02) 4647 8912, or email [clerk@boxhill.crc.org.au](mailto:clerk@boxhill.crc.org.au)

## **Report**

A few people met to discuss the possibility of forming a support group for singles.

It was very obvious that a better name should be found, because it is **not** intended to be a **matchmaking** group.

But rather a self help and support group for singles /widows, of any age group to connect and support and encourage each other too seek help with health care, diet / nutrition.

Members may able to help one and other in getting to doctors appointments etc, because many have little or no family support.

Some social event could also be organized like going to the pictures, ten pin bowling or attending musical shows to mention a few.

Most singles don't go to these events because it is not much fun on your own.

Some of us could not help but wonder, that had there been a network of people looking out for each other, that Charley Nash may have been checked on earlier.

For it to be worthwhile we will need at least 10 people in the group.

We would also like some feedback from the singles in our congregation as to what they think should be the aims of this group so that they would consider being a member of this group.

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