



4 March 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 Touch of Faith
Reading: Mark 5:21-43

6:00 PM Pastor Jim de Witte
Message: Our World Belongs to God
Contemporary Confession (Para 1-3)
Readings: Psalm 24; Revelation 22:1-6

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Jim de Witte
6:00 PM Rev. Phillip Scheepers
(Afrikaans Service)

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Solomon Islands Workgroup

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Music Ministry

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,386.05
COM India	\$542.70



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: H. Burggraaf, C. Yong, G. Zomerdyk

Next Week: J. Appel, D & S. Barrot, J & C. Blik

18th March F & A. Berman, C. Berman,
J & W. Joseph, Kimmer / Wang

25th March T & R. Raatjes, P & J. Bruinewoud

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Matthew Noorbergen, Ian Meenks

Next Week: David Cameron, Marco Otto

GREETERS

Today: Rita Piening

Next week: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

From the Pastor's Desk

Last week has been a very big week for me personally and for the family. I have now received two official calls (Redlands CRC and Hope in the Hills). This is also alongside the continuing call here in Dandenong. We value your prayers and input as we humbly seek God's leading through this unsettling time. It will be good to meet with the Church Council tomorrow and see where the work and ministry in Dandenong will be in the years ahead.

I was reading an introduction to a devotional book

the other day and came across this wonderful quote from Jonathan Edwards. It comes out of a sermon he preached in November 1739. The language may be a little hard to understand, but the truth of it is still relevant.

“Be assiduous in reading the Holy Scriptures. This is the fountain whence all knowledge in divinity must be derived. Therefore let not this treasure lie by you neglected. Every man of common understanding who can read, may, if he please, become well acquainted with the Scriptures. And what an excellent attainment would this be.”

Assiduous means ‘marked by careful, unremitting attention or persistent application’. We would agree with Edwards that it is important to read the Bible, and that from careful reading there is much wisdom to be gained. But do our actions match our agreement with Edwards? If we believe the Scriptures are a treasure, do we seek it? I think the challenge is there for us to read Scripture more broadly and more deeply, and through that we will find Christ and the beauty of what he has done for us. Through our reading we will, hopefully, see and strive for the life that God calls us to through Christ.

College News

The latest College Newsletter is available for you to pick up and read, from the information table. Following is an extract from the newsletter with events surrounding the College.

We are encouraged by the start of the new year of study here at the RTC. After a week of Intensive Hebrew and Task3 training in mid-February, regular lectures began last week. Some of the highlights have been: Our best enrolments for several years, with a total of 53 students signed up for various RTC units. Many of these are part-time and several are distance education students, but it is an encouraging way to begin the year. We also have

good enrolments in Sola Ministry College which is our local Geelong ministry.

At our Graduation and Induction service, several students received their degrees and diplomas completed last year and Dr Martin Williams was inducted as New Testament lecturer. Martin and his family arrived in Geelong in December and throughout January and early February he has been busily preparing his first semester courses. We are delighted to have him as part of the faculty.

Barkley Hall is running close to capacity. Almost all the rooms are now filled, some occupied by RTC students and others by Deakin University students. There will be around 60 students in residence this semester. Peter and Nel Mechielsen have been doing a wonderful job welcoming all the new people.

Church Council

Tomorrow night there will be an extraordinary meeting of the Church Council at 7.30pm in the home of Peter Noorbergen (9 Roslyn Court, Dandenong North). At the meeting we will be discussing future directions and how best to resource that (looking at job descriptions etc).

There will also be a general Church Council meeting on Thursday night (8th March) at the church. If you have matter for discussion at Church Council then please let a Church Council member (or Janet de Jong, Secretary) know. Please be in prayer for these meetings, that God would grant wisdom and grace throughout our discussions.

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Newsletter compiled by Adrian de Vos. Email newsletter@dcrc.org.au Phone 9547 6878 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. 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:

Will be meeting next Sunday 11th March at the home of Harry and Jannette for lunch after church. We will be continuing our study from the 'Seismic Shifts' book. This week we will do Part 3 'Shifts That bring Health and Rest' so make sure your reading is up to date!

For more information please call Mark Meenks on 0411953821.

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

- **Congratulations to Kevin and Janet de Jong** who have become grandparents for the first time with the arrival of little Patrick - to Brendon and Gemma – and of course that makes Katy de Jong a great grandmother for the first time too!

- **Congratulations also to Russel Painter** who has returned from the Phillipines to announce his engagement to **Theresa!** Russell hopes to return to the Phillipines for the marriage.
- **Viola Hodder** remains in the Dandenong hospital where her assessment for low residential care is happening. It allows for healing to take place as she awaits outcomes. Pray for her and her family as they support her during this transition.
- **Ishbelle Poppenbeck** remains at Vic Rehab but is making good progress with her mobility and is hopeful of returning home in the latter part of this coming week.
- Give thanks to God for successful surgery for **Ulbe Siegersma**, and pray for the ongoing healing he needs.
- Pray for our **coming Synod**, at Blacktown, **and its moderamen** :(Chair: John Westendorp, vice chair: John de Jong, Minute secretary: Ian de Graaf: and correspondence secretary: John Bylsma.) and also for all the delegates. 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.

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

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

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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areb@bigpond.net.au

Yours in Christ

Reformed Church of Box Hill Session

[Christian Reformed Church of Macarthur Session](#)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

John Blik	Today	March 4
Anneke Laverman	Today	March 4
Jannette van der Jagt		March 7
Jim (James) de Witte		March 10

Before the first star twinkled, God saw the twinkle in your eye,
heard the sound of your voice, and called you by name.

You're one of His favourite creations, and He still rejoices over you.

Have a Beautiful Birthday

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MISSION SERVICE?

For nearly fifteen years, our CRCA has developed and operated a very effective “WORD” and “DEED” mission in the Solomon Islands, based in Honiara, about three hours flight from Brisbane.

With the planned retirement of the Rev. Kevin and Mrs Machi Rietveld this year, we are seeking a new **DIRECTOR**.

From a two-man beginning, the ministry and mission has grown to a substantial operation on two sites, with up 10 expatriate missionaries, and up to 30 local employees.

With the recent appointment of the Rev. Eric Maefonea as the teaching missionary, the other vital aspect of Kevin’s role now also needs to be filled. We are seeking a **MANAGER/DIRECTOR** whose love for the Lord and the people of the Solomons will be matched with extensive experience in business/ financial/ personnel management.

COULD THIS BE YOU? WOULD YOU CONSIDER SERVING THE LORD IN THIS STRATEGIC MISSION? ARE YOU PREPARED TO STEP OUT IN FAITH?

The Chairman of the Solomon Islands Mission Workgroup would love to hear from you! For a job description and other information please contact Peter van der Schoor (ph. 03 6229 3331 or email: vdschoor@internode.on.net)



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>

If you have problems with accessing these reports through the website but you are interested in what is happening then see Pastor Jim for more information.

Currently we have 13 Overtures before Synod. A number of them deal with the same issue of Tony Campolo under the guise of denominational unity.

There are also questions being asked about Ministerial Stipend, Bible Translations and clarification of previous rulings. Reports submitted to date include a number of structuring proposal coming out of the Ministry Formation Workgroup. All these Reports and Overtures will be discussed at special Church Council and Classis meetings.

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 19th For approx 15 weeks.

Location: TBC (*Probably in either Wantirna or Dandenong*)

Cost: Approx \$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

Voting for Elders and Deacons

Following the morning service today we ask that all members stay back for a short congregational meeting at which we will be voting for an Elder and Deacon to join our ministry team. Over the past few weeks Church Council has brought before the congregation the name of Harry Vander Jagt for Elder and David Ellings for Deacon. No biblical objections were raised as to their suitability to the task so we will proceed with voting to affirm these men for this work.

Concert

Souls Salvation Assembly invites you to a free concert with Ayman Kafrouny. Ayman is a Lebanese

singer who uses music and song to bring people to God. He has a powerful testimony of God's grace that delivered from false religion and addictions. It will be a concert in Arabic, with translation headsets available, and promises to be a cultural experience. The concert will be held in the Dandenong Christian Reformed Church on Friday 9th March 2012, at 7.30pm. For more information visit www.ayman.org.au

*For to see the good put into action, is what everybody needs;
I'll soon learn to do it, if you'll let me see it done.*

*I can watch your hand in action, but your tongue too fast may run;
And the lectures you deliver, may be very wise and true;
But I'd rather get my lesson, by observing what you do.*

*For, I may misunderstand you, in the high advice you give;
but there's no misunderstanding, how you act and how you live.*

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 9TH MARCH TILL 3PM SUNDAY 11TH 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

Yalata 2012





Ever wanted to join a team on a Mission trip?
From Friday April 6 - 15 Wantirna CCC is sending a team to Yalata S.A. for ministry and outreach, mostly to the children of the Yalata aboriginal community.

Its a jam-packed exciting opportunity to be part of an enthusiastic team reaching out for Christ in an indigenous community.

If you are over 16 and interested in being a part of this team ring Ray Rus on 0407915553.
Or email rrus@crca.org.au
or find me on [facebook!](#)

Poem

*I'd rather see a sermon, than hear one any day;
I'd rather one would walk with me, than merely show the way;
The eye's a better pupil, and much more willing than the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing, but examples always clear.*

The best of all the teachers, are those who live their creeds;

Transit

Supporting the broader Narre Community

TRANSIT ***NIGHTS*** **IS COMING** **SOON!**

TRANSIT NIGHTS will operate on Monday nights from 6pm. We plan to serve soup and light meals as well as make groceries, and other food available.

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS to make soup during the day; to prepare food from 5pm on; to help serve and clean; to help distribute food, to provide security.

VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION MEETING At Narre Warren Christian Church on Monday the 19th March at 8pm

Narre Warren Christian Church Inc (part of the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia)
ABN 63 896 976 445

Serving the Casey Community for more than 20 years
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