



11 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: "People Around the Cross- Pharisees"
(Mark 14:53-65)
Reading: John 11:45-12:8

6:00 PM Rev. Phillip Scheepers
(Afrikaans Service)
Message: "Grondwet vir die Koninkryk"
(constitution for the Kingdom)
Reading: Matthew 5-7

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Music Ministry

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – URY

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges \$2,748.45
Solomon Island Workgroup \$625.85



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J. Appel, D & S. Barrot, J & C. Blik
Next Week: F & A. Berman, C. Berman,
J & W. Joseph, Kimmer / Wang
25th March T & R. Raatjes, P & J. Bruinewoud
1 April A & O. Pleiter, Y. Pleiter, D. Cameron,
D. van Neutegem

PA & VIDEO :

Today: David Cameron, Marco Otto
Next Week: Kevin & Glenn de Jong

GREETERS

Today: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels
Next week: George & Leny Zomerdyk

From the Pastor's Desk

News from the Churches

Last Saturday (3rd March) I was privileged to be a Synodical Deputy sitting in on the final examination of Glenn Dekker from Wantirna Christian Community Church. Glenn has now passed his final exam and will now be ordained as a Minister in Christian Reformed Churches of Australia. It has been a long road of work and study for Glenn and we thank God for the way he has led him to this place. May God continue to bless and guide him in the years ahead.

Classis Tasmania is pleased to announce that David Lynch will be ordained as a minister of the gospel on Sunday 18th March 2012 at Summerleas Christian Church, Kingston.

Voting Results

Following voting that took place last Sunday the Church Council is pleased to announce that there was overwhelming support for the appointment of Harry Vanderjagt for Elder and David Ellings for Deacon. Please pray for Harry and David as they take up these ministries in our congregation. The installation service for these people will be held soon.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Audrey Anderson	Today	March 11
Con Daniels		March 12
Lorraine Holtzhausen		March 13
Robbie Heerdink		March 14
Jannie Mekking		March 14
Aafke Span		March 14
Ishbelle Poppenbeck		March 16
Leo Huinink		March 17

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

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. This week we meet at Audrey Kloppenberg's Unit 47 Outlook Gardens. 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.

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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.		

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

- Pray for **Viola Hodder** in the Dandenong hospital, as she awaits placement in a low care residential facility. Viola has accepted the need for this, and we pray that she will be able to adapt to the changes this brings.
- We give thanks to God with **Ishbelle Poppenbeck** for the recovery she has made at Vic Rehab. She was able to return home on Friday and will continue with some outpatient physiotherapy.
- Pray for healing for **Liz Miller**, the manager at Shawlands Caravan Park, who is in Dandenong Hospital at present with pneumonia, on top of a pre existing lung condition.
- Continue to hold **Anita and Jim and the de Witte family** in prayer as they deal with the calls from Redlands and Tecoma. May God guide them in their considerations and deliberations.
- 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.



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.crc.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. (1-2 pgs – 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



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, Waurn Ponds, Victoria)

When: 10 am- 4pm 31st 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 20th 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 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.

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!](#)