



8 April 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: The Importance of the Resurrection  
(1 Cor 15:13-19)  
Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-34

6:00 PM Pastor Lourens Nel (Afrikaans)  
Message: TBA  
Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – The Bible League

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – ACCESS Ministries

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$3,099.00
Ministry Formation Workgroup	\$1,350.50



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: W. Tiley, A. Coe, C. Daniels,  
G. de Groot

Next Week: K & J. de Jong, B & H. Elfring,  
D & P. Ellings

22<sup>nd</sup> April P & J de Jong, I. Meenks,  
C & K. Harrison

29<sup>th</sup> April A. de Vos, A. de Witte, M. Eleveld,  
B. Bence.

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: David Cameron, Marco Otto

Next Week: Kevin & Glenn de Jong

#### GREETERS

Today: Corry Blik

Next week: Rita Piening

### From the Pastor's Desk

In case you missed it, though it would have been hard to, three people became very wealthy last week when their numbers came up in the Mega Million Lottery in the USA. It was the largest jackpot in history anywhere in the world (\$656 million!) and there was a frenzy in ticket purchases leading up to the draw. The potential of becoming an instant multi-millionaire was enough to drive the sales of over 1.5 billion tickets! Officials reported the winning tickets

of the Mega Million were purchased in Maryland, Illinois, and Kansas. Each individual who purchased those tickets will receive as ‘little’ as \$105.1 million if taken in a lump sum, or \$213 million (before taxes), if payed out annually over 26 years. For these three people their lives will never be the same again. But has it changed for the better? I think not.

What does scripture teach us about money?  
 “But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” (1 Timothy 6:6-10)

The Bible is clear that money, in and of itself, is not evil; rather, the love and pursuit of money as a means to happiness or contentment is. Today’s passage teaches that a lack of contentment with God and what He has given you can send you into a very dangerous tailspin.  
 History continues to repeat itself when those hungry for riches and wealth, cash in their faith in Jehovah-Jireh for what they think only money can provide. Ironically, it is this pursuit of a false security that ultimately leads to a life of pain, uncertainty, and destruction.

Paul is warning us not to be consumed by money and monetary things, but to be content with that which God has provided, focusing your attention and energy, instead, on pursuing godliness. It struck me this week as we are looking to put our house on the market. What price should we be content with? Am I being ‘greedy’ in asking too much, or is this the real market value. Am I trusting God or working this out for myself?

It is a known fact that mega money does not lead to

mega contentment. There are times when we need to sit down and think through all of the ways that God has and does provide for us. Make a list and thank him for each one. They could be things as concrete as the home we live in and the possession we have to the more abstract things such as family, friends health etc.

The greatest blessing we have from God is the gift of his Son Jesus Christ. Easter is that stark reminder that in our pursuit of things to give us contentment we, as a world, have moved far from God. May it be that this Easter we again focus on what God has done for us and not be distracted by the things of the world.

**Family Voice Australia**

Peter Stevens pasted in his latest newsletter the following report:

The number of Muslims converting to Christianity in Iran is growing at an explosive rate, according to Open Doors USA. A house church movement within Iran has triggered "many secret meetings." Men and women are turning to faith in Jesus despite the lethal risks in doing so. An estimated 200 Muslim Background Believers were living in Iran 40 years ago, now there are 370,000 (Christian Post 23/3/12).

In 1900, they made up 2.5% of the world’s population. Today they are FIVE TIMES that. One person in eight belongs to this group. Who are they? Muslims, Greenies, Addicts? Hindus? No, They are active practising Christians, and they are flourishing. In the 70 years from 1900, they doubled to 5%. In the next 10 years they doubled again to 10%. Now Christians are 12.5% of the world’s population.

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## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Kristy Noorbergen	April 11
Barbara Bence	April 12
Coby van Rossen	April 12
Yke Laverman	April 12
Peter Kaka	April 14
Lynette Pretorius	April 14
David Cameron	April 14

May your day dawn bright with beauty, rich in the promise of good things to come.



## 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 Regina Gnanathurai's Unit 53 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:

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

- Pray for families that are enjoying school holidays and time away. That they might enjoy the time and return safe and refreshed.
- There are a number of people who are experiencing sickness and we pray that God will strengthen their hearts, bodies and minds.
- **John de Haan** was admitted to Knox Private Hospital during the week. His health is in decline, but his faith is strong. Under limited medication he is resting well and is likely to be moved to hospice care next week where his needs can be better cared for. Please uphold **John, Gerrie** and the family in prayer during this time.
- Uphold the family of **Grace Fokkens** in prayer as they lay to rest a loved mother, Oma and friend. May they be surrounded by the love of God.
- **Sophie Wang** also experienced loss this week and feels the distance with her family being back in China. Please pray that she will know the peace of God in this time of grief.
- 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 a denominational level. Pray that at this synod there may be a deep sense of unity and willingness to see beyond what's peripheral, to the task of being the church in our contemporary secular society.

### **Funeral Announcement**

The Funeral Service for **Grace Fokkens** will be held at 10.30am on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2012 in the Dandenong Christian Reformed Church.

### **Council Special Meeting**

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the church there will be a special meeting of the Church Council to discuss the Synod papers and their recommendations. It is in preparations for a Classis meeting to deal with our response to the papers. You are welcome to attend this open meeting.

### **Profession of Faith**

Next Sunday (15<sup>th</sup>) is a special Sunday in the life of the church family. Jen van Neutegem and Cameron de Witte will stand together and profess their faith in the Lord Jesus. They will share how God has been at work in their lives from infancy and it is great that we, as a church family, can share in that day. We will be enjoying a special morning tea together and so ask that you bring something to share for morning tea. Added to this occasion will be the installation of Harry van der Jagt as Elder and David Ellings as Deacon.

### **Elder and Deacon Installation**

We are pleased to announce to the congregation that both Harry van der Jagt and David Ellings have accepted the congregations call to minister amongst us as Elder and Deacon, respectively. If there are no lawful objections then an installation service will be held for these men in late April. We thank God for their willingness to stand and pray that God would continue to equip and bless them for the work to which they have been called.



"And why are you hugging my daughter?"

He sounded as gruff as he could.

"I'm just doing what the Good Book advises

"It says to 'Hold fast what is good'..."

D.P.

### **Poet's Corner**

The cannibal watched the movie of knights in armour clad.

When asked if he enjoyed it, said, "Canned food don't look too bad!"

D.P.

### **Happiness**

comes when we accept the Lord Jesus as our Saviour, and let Him have control.

**Happiness** grows as we share it and we see the joy that comes into the life of others we touch in our daily life.

### **Ultimate Happiness**

will be complete when we see the Saviour face to face - in our new home which He is preparing for us. "but God.. hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus".

### **Gotta love those Church Ladies and their typewriters!**

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.