



29 April 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: Lest we Forget
Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 6-18

6:00 PM Michael de Kretser
(Pastor Jim in Langwarrin)
Message: "How do I remain as a Christian?"
(Perseverance of the saints)
Reading: John 10: 11-30

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev. Harry Berends
6:00 PM Rev. Keith Vethaak
(Pastor Jim de Witte at Synod).

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – KRUPA Childrens Home (G & V Browning India)

NEXT WEEK

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

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$1,746.60
RCYC	\$428.95



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: A. de Vos, A. de Witte, M. Eleveld,
B. Bence.

Next Week: D & J. Mekking, R. Salvaratnam,
S & C. Johnson, E & I. Poppenbeck

13th May J & L. Otto, G & R. Heerdink,
P & J. Noorbergen, M. Kruizinga.

20th May C. de Haan, R. Painter, V. Steendam,
M & C. van Rossen.

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Matthew Noorbergen, Ian Meenks

Next Week: David Cameron, Marco Otto.

GREETERS

Today: George & Leny Zomerdyk

Next week: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud

From the Pastor's Desk

Last Saturday, the world lost an extremely influential Christian leader. Although, 40 years ago, nobody could have predicted who Charles Colson would become or the impact he would have for God. At the time, Colson was serving as counsel to President Nixon and many considered him to be lead man in the scandals and illegal activities that took place under Nixon's administration. Time magazine (1973) claimed that Colson "was probably more disliked, as

well as feared, than any other White House aide . . . If Colson actually performed half of the various acts of which he has been accused, he was easily the least principled of all Nixon's associates.”

It must have seemed as though the world was coming down around him in 1974, when President Nixon resigned and the administration faced serious implications for their crimes; Colson was arrested and became the first in Nixon’s administration to be sentenced on Watergate-related charges. Colson was given to 1-3 years in prison for obstruction of justice. In the midst of it all, God had a plan. In an unlikely turn of events, Christ got a hold of Colson’s heart and he began following Jesus.

People were immediately sceptical about whether or not the politician was sincere in his conversion and many argued that he was playing a role to gain sympathy from the public. Republicans, Democrats, the press, and even Christians thought it was a joke. One pastor, shortly after Colson’s conversion, challenged him: ‘Colson, I believe in Jesus Christ and I want to know how we can know if you’re serious.’ Colson paused and answered, ‘I guess the best way to tell you whether I’m serious or not is for you see what I’m doing ten years from now.’

After serving a prison term in Alabama, Chuck Colson’s heart was burdened for his inmates and he began the Prison Fellowship ministry, providing Bible studies and mentoring programs for inmates, and support for the children of those whose parents were in prison. It was only the beginning of a life of ministry for Colson and over time, he won over the hearts of sceptics. Twenty-six years later, Colson has earned the respect of Christians and non-Christians. By the end of His life, Charles Colson received 15 honorary doctorates and authored over 30 books. His testimony has become another example of just how God can take a self-serving, worldly individual and transform him into a mighty vessel for His glory.

When we read of this amazing transformation of Colson our thoughts should be drawn to that equally amazing transformation of the Apostles Paul (Acts 9). In both stories we are reminded that God is in the business of changing hearts and drawing people to Him. Maybe we forget that sometimes, especially we when catch ourselves looking at people in our lives and thinking, ‘He’s too far gone . . . there’s no way He’ll ever come to Christ!” NO man (or woman) is ever "too far gone" for God to reach, change, and use for His glory!

Saul was a man who was known for his hatred toward Christians, and he was actively seeking out Christ-followers to persecute them. He was the most unlikely candidate to become a world-changer for God and some might have said his conversion was not possible; but nothing is impossible for God, neither does God discount anyone. In fact, it seems as though God, more time than not, uses the most unlikely candidate to show His power and humble His people.

Do you ever find yourself doubting what God can do in your life, or in the life of others? Take some time today to confess your lack of faith in Him and His plan. Ask God to give you His eyes and heart for those around you whom you may have already written-off. We all have people that we know of who we’ve been guilty of looking at and thinking, “There’s no way _____ would ever come to Christ!” Instead of giving up on that person, commit to praying for him/her, regularly. God is in the business of changing hearts and lives.



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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Tamuto (Ruth) Cholel	Today	April 29
Ulbe Siegersma		May 1
Ruth Harris		May 2
Rapti Selvaratnam		May 2

May God look down and bless you Now when your birthday's here
And keep you in His loving care Each day throughout the year,
And may He grant you happiness In everything you do-- Today, tomorrow,
always, Every day your whole life through!

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.

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

- As a community we gave thanks for the life and witness of **John de Haan** among us, this past Tuesday. It was good to recall the very active role that John played in the initial planning and building of this church and village complex. Pray for God's comfort and enabling strength to sustain **Gerrie**, his wife, **and the children** and their families at this time of loss.
- Pray for God's peace and presence for **Robbie and Gerry Heerdink** in the transitions they will go through in this coming week, as they take up a place at Outlook Gardens Hostel.
- The **de Witte family** also needs our prayers as they seek to find appropriate schooling for **Zoe and Asher** as they move to Qld. The Christian school there has no vacancies, so alternatives need to be looked at. Pray for God's guidance for this.
- Pray for our **coming Synod**, (May 7-10) at Blacktown, **and its moderam and 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. Pray for a spirit of unity, in this time of working together.

CRCA Women's Convention 2012

It is already 2 months since the women's convention in Tasmania. It was a great time of bible teaching, worship and fellowship. And it was HOT! The committee has had a lot of great feed back and would like to thank all the ladies who attended and for making it a successful convention.

See you all at the next convention in Sydney, 28 March - 1 April 2014.

National Day of Thanksgiving

The Dandenong Ministers' Fellowship is again hosting a National Day of Thanksgiving breakfast on Saturday 26th May 2012. At this function we

invite city councillors and others who work within the local community to say thank you to them for their hard work. We also give thanks to God for his grace and goodness. It is a breakfast that runs from 8.30-11.30 at a cost of \$15 per person. This year the venue is again Lighthouse Community Hall, Keysborough, with a new catering team.

During the program we wish present to the council and community the wonderful multicultural nature of the church. There will be musical items from different ethnic Christian groups, like the Soul Salvation Assembly.

As a local Dandenong Church it would be great if many of us could attend this breakfast as join together with the wider Christian body to give thanks to God for the provision of capable community leaders and display our unity in the Gospel to the wider community.

Seats are limited and bookings are essential. See Pastor Jim for tickets

Synod 2012

The tri-annual Synod of the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia is being held from Monday 7th May till Friday 11th May in Blacktown NSW. In the Newsletter you will find a timetable for the Synod so you can keep the proceedings in prayer.

J TEAM

J Team starts again for this term on Wed. the 2nd of May. We are looking forward to an exciting 6 weeks of being able to speak into the lives of the children God gives us. Please pray for the leaders, the children and the homes from which they come. Pray that the Holy Spirit will impact the lives of the children and that it will flow on to their families. Please also consider if the Lord is calling you to be a part of the leadership at J Team. With Jim and the family leaving at the end of the term, we will need leaders/helpers to be able to continue this very vital ministry. Why not come along between 4p.m. and 6.30p.m. on one of the next 6 Wednesdays to see first hand what J Team is like. The Leadership Team.

JESUS CRIST--AND WE

Christ has no hands but our hands
To do his work today;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in his way;
He has no tongue but our tongues
To tell men how he died;
He has no help but our help
To bring them to his side.

We are the only Bible
The careless world will read;
We are the sinner's Gospel,
We are the scoffer's creed;
We are the Lord's last message
Written in deed and word-
What if the line is crooked!
What if the type is blurred!

What if our hands are busy
With other work than His!
What if our feet are walking
Where sin's allurements is!
What if our tongues are speaking
Of things His lips would spurn!
How can we hope to help Him
Unless from Him we learn!

by Annie Johnson Flint



When God wanted a helper He called a busy person

Moses was busy with his flock,
Gideon was busy threshing wheat by the wine-press,
Saul was busy searching for his father's lost donkey
David was busy caring for his father's sheep,
Elisha was busy ploughing with 12 yoke of oxen'
Nehemiah was busy bearing the king's cup,
Amos was busy following the flock,
Peter and Andrew were busy casting a net into the sea,
James and John were busy mending their nets,
Matthew was busy collecting taxes.



HopeBuilders International

Invites you to the launch of a new film

HOW TO BUILD HOPE

And a Mission Information Night

On Friday 25th May, 2012

At Waverley Christian College - Performing Arts Centre

1248 High Street Road (Cnr High Street Road and Cathies Lane)

Entry Gate 2 - Cathies Lane

Wantirna South, Vic, 3152

The night will start at 8.00pm Sharp

So come on down with your friends and family

And find out how you can be involved in

**BREAKING THE CYCLE OF
POVERTY**

SYNOD 2012 - TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Devotions 9.00 – 9.30	Convening Church – Brian Vaatstra	Faculty – Murray Capill	Faculty – Martin Williams	Faculty – Phillip Scheepers	Faculty – Bill Berends
9.30 – 10.40	Opening, credentials and protocols etc 01 Ministry Formation	RTC Faculty Communication 04 Candidacy Committee	13 Ecumenical Relations	03 Leadership Development 17 SIC	18 BOM
Break 10.40-11.00					
11.00 – 12.10	01 Ministry Formation	02 Training Workgroup Overture 4 – Tas (Split Classis)	06 Pastor-Church Relations	Overture 9 WA - Bible	Committee appointments.
Ecumenical 12.10-12.30		CRC Myanmar	RCNZ.	GKSA	
Lunch 12.30-2.00	Closing – Gerald Vanderkolk Opening – KJ Tromp	Closing – Clinton Berends Opening – Peter Gadsby	Closing – Graham Sayer Opening – Glenn Dekker	Closing – John Kruize Opening – Reiner Noppers	Closing – Josh Hartog Opening – David Lynch
2.00 – 3.20	01 Ministry Formation 15 MAMA	12 Abuse Overture 7 – Tas (Stipend)	07 Word, Mission, Deed	11 Church Planting	Master Budget
Ecumenical 3.20 – 3.40			NHK	GRI	
Break 3.40 -4.00					
4.00 – 5.10	16 Superannuation Overture 12 – NSW Role of Counsellor	Overture 13 – Grace 14 Publishing	Overture 5 – Maroondah Overture 6 - Maroondah	Overture 10 – NSW Cadets/Gems Overture 11 – NSW Synod Representation	
Ecumenical 5.10-5.30	NGKSA	RPC			
Tea 5.30-7.30	Closing – Bas Hartog Opening – Rob Letter	Closing – Ettiene de Wilzem Opening – Jim de Witte	Closing – Don Bradshaw Opening – Dawie van Vuuren	Closing – Frank Popping Special dinner Opening – Phil Larkin	Closing – La'Mont Ferreira Opening – George van der Schoor
7.30 – 9.00	05 RCYC	Campolo Report & Discussion	08 Solomon Islands Workgroup Gerald Hanscamp (10 mins) 09 GOSPEL	10 WDR	
Closing Devotion	Ron Nauta	John de Jongh	John Bylsma	Ian de Graaf	Closing – John Westendorp

- Subject to change without notice, not all Fraternal delegates included in this release