



1 July 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 Br Luke Scheepers (RTC Student)
Message: Citizenship is a gift through faith, not
a right through circumstance
Reading: Mt. 15:21-28

6:00 PM Br Luke Scheepers (RTC Student)
Message: Adam, Me, and Christ
Reading: 1Cor. 15:42-58

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev Harry Berends
6:00 PM Rev Thinus du Plessis

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Solomon Islands

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Gideons

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,979.60
Cornerstone	\$773.90



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J & A. van Breen, H. van der Kruk
R. Selvaratnam
Next Week: H & H. Burggraaf, C. Yong,
G & L. Zomerdyk
15th July J. Appel, D & S. Barrot, J & C. Blik
22nd July F & A. Berman, C. Berman,
J & W. Joseph, Kimmer / Wang

PA & VIDEO :

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

GREETERS

Today: Martin & Coby van Rossen
Next week: Yke & Anneke Laverman

Our worship today

Today we welcome **Luke Scheepers** as he comes to bring us God's word in both the morning and evening services. Thank you, Luke, for your willingness to share with us today. May we experience God's grace and love as we gather to worship and praise our great God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Facing the future

Last week-end was a time of farewell and of celebrating, with thanksgiving, Pastor Jim, Anita and

the de Witte family's time among us.

It was good to be able to do that.

Pastor Crosbie reminded us on Sunday evening, that in facing the future we need to do 3 things- **maintain our unity, attain maturity** in our faith, and **sustain our ministry** as a people of God, here in this place, where God has located us. This will require each person doing their part in the body of Christ and perhaps taking up some of the tasks that now need to be shared among us all.

Thank you, to Nel Steunenberg for putting up the new banner which reminds us of the power of each individual person to contribute to the body of Christ with their unique gifts.

This banner was part of a series on Colossians, hence the other words that remind us at this time that Christ has the **supremacy** in our church and in our world, and that is through him that we find **sufficiency**, **fullness** and **freedom** as we continue the task of being the church of God here in Dandenong, as we continue to reach out to others around us with the good news of the gospel.

Henni

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 Wendy Joseph** on her engagement to Dirk Schubert this past week! Wendy we wish you and Dirk God's richest blessing as you prepare and plan for your life together. May God lead and guide you in His love and grace.
- **Gerry Heerdink** was able to return to Outlook Gardens hostel. Pray for the resettling and the

adjustments that are part of his transition at this time.

- Pray for **Ida Ekkel**, who at the time of writing was still in Dandenong hospital but was hopeful of being able to access some rehabilitation for a few weeks, so that she can gain more mobility and strength.
- **Pray for safe travels** for Jim and Anita and the family as they leave early Thursday with 3 cars, their trailer, the dog, the cat, and their chooks! Quite a menagerie!
- Pray that God will guide **Church Council** and the Search Committee as they explore possible candidates for our vacancy.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Johan Otto	Today	July 1
Dirk de Haan		July 4
Miro Kaka		July 5
Harry Burggraaf		July 6

In the beginning, God added something new to creation each day. Then He stood back and said, "this is good...really good." Same thing happened the day He created you.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Date: 21st- 23rd September 2012

Venue: Belgrave Heights Convention Lodge is booked.

We'd like to hear from couples who are interested in growing in their relationship together and who can commit to attending this weekend.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Betty or Herman Westendorp: Ph: 9796 8626

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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 IN THE WORD SMALL GROUP

Our group will meet again on Wednesday 27 June 2012 at 8pm at the home of Kath and Collin Harrison 4 Thurso Court Endeavour Hills.

Anyone who is not currently in a group is welcome to come along and join or just check us out.

We have started to study Galatians. All welcome. Any questions can be directed to Harry and Jannette Vanderjagt on 9703 1613 or 0438 872000.

VENTURE BIBLE STUDY

(Young Adults) is on a Monday on a fortnightly basis starting at 7:30 and meeting in the resource room at church. If you want to be part of this group let David Barrot know on 0401 073 954, it would be great to see you there.”

Redlands Christian Reformed Church

is grateful to be able to introduce to you our new Pastor- Jim de Witte.

Jim will be installed as Pastor of the Redlands congregation on the 22nd July at 9am. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Redlands Christian Reformed Church, Cnr Sturgeon & Delancey Streets, Ormiston, Qld, 4160

SOLOMON NEWS

Greetings from Solomon Islands. We have lots of good things to share, and also some things for prayer this month. God continues to be faithful, and we are thankful.

WORD MINISTRY.

Rev Eric Maefonea has been a very significant blessing to us at SWIM, and because of his local contacts and profile, many doors have been opened in recent times for some good teaching.

- Almost every Sunday, he is invited to preach in one or other local church around Honiara. This has made it a bit difficult to settle into one local church that he can call ‘home,’ but we are sure that will settle down. In the meantime, we rejoice that God’s Word is faithfully brought to many different groups.
- Recently, the South Seas Evangelical Church held a conference for their ‘chief elders’, who are the lead pastors over a group of local churches. Rev Dr David Price (VIC) was one of the speakers, and Eric another. These leaders came from all over the country, and were greatly blessed.
- About 2,000 women from different provinces gathered in Honiara last weekend for a 3 day convention. Machi was very busy with some of the organisation of this conference, and we at SWIM were able to support the conference with transport and other logistics. Each evening, a large open air rally was held at the Central Markets in Honiara, and Eric was able to present a very powerful message on Mary anointing the feet of Jesus. Many responded to the message.
- This Sunday (1 Jul) is the official opening of the Festival of Pacific Arts. Some 28 different Pacific Nations will be represented and no doubt many overseas guests will be there as well. It will be held at the soccer stadium in Honiara. Eric has been invited to give the opening message from God’s word.
- We have about 12 young people living at SWIM, either as staff or children of staff. Eric and Jemima have been hosting a Bible

study on the topics of being single, preparing for marriage, sexual purity etc. A great blessing for these young adults, hearing about a topic that is generally taboo and not spoken about.

- As well as all this, Eric continues to work together with Kevin in the weekly radio ministry. We are so blessed in having Eric, who is able to devote himself singly to the ministry of Gospel teaching and preaching in different ways.

SWIM TEAMS. July is also the time for SWIM Teams, and Laretta has been busy organising most of this.

- A team from Redlands CRCA is here at present. They are doing a children's outreach ministry at the SWIM Base for 3 days, and then another 3 days in Lungga community. They are also assisting with painting the main Conference Centre Building. Thank you, Redlands.
- A Baptist Church team from Geelong are coming through, in order to some renovation work at Onepusu Bible College in Malaita.
- A Leadership Training team called "THING" (Training, Helping, Inspiring the New Generation) is arriving from NSW next week. They will do a children's outreach in the Bethesda area, assist in an outreach at the Festival of Pacific Arts, and assist in building a fence for a family with a disabled girl.
- Marty Magill is coming again, and she will be leading a small sewing workshop at SWIM while she is here. We are also expecting some family, with Laretta's Mum coming, and a niece of Kevin & Machi with her family.
- Elaine Borger (NZ) together with Jair and Laretta, Leida den Hartigh (NZ) and Peter and Lynn Van den Brink are coming over and heading to East Kwaio to do a sewing workshop in a remote area. The women will teach sewing while the men will teach and do repairs on sewing machines.

BETHESDA

- Last Friday saw the graduation of the 6th course of students at Bethesda. 7 students graduated, all of them from Isabel Province. For the first time, we offered an arts course, and we used the services of a local professional artist to inspire and teach a number of the students.
- A beginning has been made to supply power to Bethesda. A Transformer has been installed and

posts are in position. Unfortunately, the electricity authority has run out of cabling, so it will be a wait before it is complete. But we are thankful for work done to date.

- We are expecting another 500 layer hens to start producing in another 6-7 weeks, to increase our capacity and income. Upgrading of two staff houses is almost complete.

PRAYER NEEDS

We still urgently need prayers for a replacement Director, for a person to do the prison ministry full time, for an Administrator for Bethesda and for a replacement Property Manager at Bethesda. Please pray with us that we will be able to fill these needs. We remain thankful for your ongoing prayers and support. Kevin, for all at SWIM and Bethesda.

HAS GOD A SPECIAL TASK IN MIND FOR YOU?

Have you some experience in business, or management, or bookkeeping?

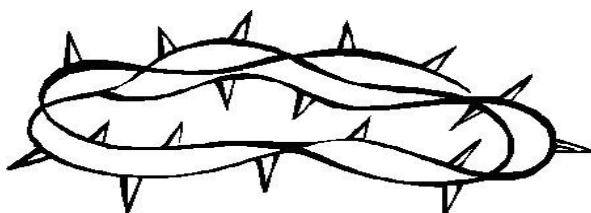
Do you enjoy the servant leadership that Jesus taught about, and demonstrated so well?

Have you been prompted by your reading of the Bible, by your friends and family, and by the Holy Spirit of Jesus to consider spending some years of the life God has given you, to serve him in a missionary situation?

Our C.R.C.A. has an exciting mission operation in the Solomon Islands, three hours flight from Brisbane, which is just right for you!

We need a manager/ director who will serve with a great team. In education, training, Bible courses, women's and children's ministries, maintenance, conferences, prison ministry, media, practical aid etc. they reach out in Christian love. They need someone like you to keep this great operation running efficiently

Want to know more? Peter van der Schoor, the Chairman of the Mission Group, would love to speak with you. Contact him on **03 6229 3331** or **vdschoor@internode.on.net**



Free to a Good Home

The Op Shop were recently donated a complete copy of the New International Holy Bible on 64 **Cassette Tapes**. So if you are interested in them please see Anneke or Krijna.

Church Council

There will be a Church Council meeting this coming Monday evening 7.30pm in the Resource Centre meeting space.

If any member of the congregation wishes to raise any questions, issues or concerns please contact one of the elders before Monday.

Dandenong Christian Reformed Church is seeking to appoint a part time

Children's and Youth Ministry Worker

The worker will be responsible for leading our various children's, youth and outreach ministries, together with a team of dedicated volunteers. He/she will also be responsible for the support and training of emerging leaders.

This is a part time (0.4 equivalent to 2 days per week) position, commencing as soon as possible.

For further information, a job description, or to apply, contact: Mrs Helen Van Garderen
5 Plymouth Crt, Dandenong; Tel. 9795 5999 email coreyhelen@optusnet.com.au

Older Pastors are okay too

You can appreciate, and thank, God for your pastor irrespective of his age. What's wrong with an older pastor? My answer: nothing. absolutely nothing. Older pastors bring us the same word and administer the same sacraments as younger pastors. Older pastors are wise and experienced counsellors. They have a wealth of experience and preparation. They are often able to devote more time and energy to many things than their younger counterparts. There seems to be a strong resistance against older pastors when congregations call a pastor. We have experienced difficulty in getting a call for pastors from their mid-fifties upward - not because there is anything wrong

with them... but simply because there seems to be a mindset against pastors in this age bracket. Why do we need to run with the thinking which demands young people in leadership positions like management and school principalship?

The Lutheran

Quiet Time

You wrote Your glorious Name across the heavens and it read Elohim - The Creator.
You pronounced Your holy Name to Your people and it was Yahweh - Lord of Relationship.
You posted Your powerful Name at life's valleys and dead-ends and it was El Shaddai - All Sufficient God.
You spoke Your lovely Name into fears and conflicts and it was Jehovah Shalom - The Lord Our Peace.
You whispered Your compassionate Name into sorrow and brokenness and it was Jehovah Jireh - The Lord Provides.
You signed Your most beautiful Name in blood upon our hearts and it was Jesus - Jehovah is Salvation.

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Taken from Every Day with Jesus

Graces before meals ...

A headmaster of a boarding school once prayed: "For what we are about to receive, and for what some have already snatched, may the Lord make us truly thankful!"

A sailor's grace: "For what we are about to receive and for which we are permitted to retain, may the Lord make us truly thankful!"

A lawyer's grace: "For whom we are about to deceive, may the Lord make us truly thankful!"

Did you hear...

... about the insurance company that specialises in insuring Churches against "acts of God"?