



22 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 Steve Coleman
Message: A preview of hope
Reading: Revelation 6

6:00 PM Br Steve Coleman
Message: Trusting only and completely in the
surety of God
Reading: TBA

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev John de Hoog
6:00 PM Rev Keith Vetkaak

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Cornerstone

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Lord's Supper - Diaconate

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$1,909.90
Reformed Theological College	\$597.95



Bible Study Books	\$101.00
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ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: F & A. Berman, C. Berman,
J & W . Joseph, Kimmer / Wang

Next Week: T & R. Raatjes, P & A. Bruinewoud,
J. Bruinewoud

5th August A & O. Pleiter, Y. Pleiter,
Cameron Family, D. van Neutegem

12th August W. Tiley, A. Coe, C. Daniels,
G. de Groot

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Matthew Noorbergen, Ian Meenks

Next Week: David Cameron, Glenn de Jong

GREETERS

Today: Rita Piening

Next week: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

Our worship today

We are grateful to have Br. **Steve Coleman** and **Kristy** his wife and family with us today, as he comes to bring us God's word and share in worship with us in both morning and evening services. We trust that as we experience God's grace afresh we will be encouraged in our faith, to live for God in the week ahead.

REFLECTION

Pressing on...

When Paul speaks about the need to 'press on' in Philippians 3:12-21 it reminds me of our current vacancy...the many tasks that keep a community of people connected, communicating, and serving faithfully; the need for the body to keep functioning well. Pressing on, is something we have all had to do at various points in our lives: -persevering through a rehabilitation or physio program, or the study and practice that is required to complete a year of study like Year 12, or the slog of training to become accomplished in a sporting skill, or any other skill or learning. It requires a constant pressing on and keeping the goal clearly in mind.

Pressing on ... means we have a clear focus and do not stop to dwell on what we have already done, but focus on what still remains to be done, forgetting past achievements, not resting on our laurels, but having our eyes open to what God is teaching us **now**, the work God still has for us to do **now**.

It can be hard work pressing on. This week as I visited, I recognized those who are struggling to 'press on' due to limits they are experiencing. The encouraging thing is that Paul isn't saying he has got it all together, he hasn't arrived, he's not perfect, but he's reaching out for the grace and purpose of Jesus, who so wondrously reached out for him – on the Damascus road, and he's aware that he's still under construction... that he is being drawn on towards the goal of knowing Christ and the power of His resurrection in his life, as he continues on the journey of faith and service.

As you 'press on' this week in being God's people, keep your eyes on Jesus, who persevered in obedience, even to the cross.

May you be encouraged by all that Jesus has accomplished for us in that.!

Henni.

Op Shop

Our Church Op Shop opens on Thursdays from 11:00am – 4:30pm and Fridays from 9:30am – 4:30pm. We raise money for various local mission projects. Donations can be dropped off on those days only.

Why don't you drop in sometime.
The Committee

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- **Congratulations to Corey and Helen van Garderen** who will celebrate 40 years of marriage on the 29th of July. They celebrate God's care over their life together with some family time apart in Fiji, leaving tomorrow. May that be an enjoyable time for reflecting on the memories of those years. We wish you God's blessing and care for the future years God gives you.
- We pray for travelling mercies for **Kevin and Janet de Jong** as they will be heading off overseas at the end of this week (end of the month), but are eager to see the birth of another grandchild, first baby for Kelly and Shane –before they leave. We trust this goes well.
- **Pray for Ida Ekkel** who has been able to come home, but remains frail and continues to experience pain. She will have some follow up in-home-support and further assessment of her needs
- **Pray for Karissa & Josh Esselbrugge**, who have just completed another unsuccessful cycle of IVF. There is a great sense of hope/loss for them and also for their wider families, as they go through each cycle. Pray for God's grace for them in their desire for a

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family, and as they process this disappointment. Pray that our great and gracious God will yet allow this miracle to happen in their lives.

- **Harry Vander Jagt** spent time in Cabrini after an angiogram and insertion of a stent this past week. He needed a little longer in hospital for his heart to recover.
- **Pray** for the church members who will go to **Shawlands today** to be with people around a lunch time BBQ. Pray for the conversations we will have with many folk there, especially for our care and support for Liz and Rob the on-site managers, as we share God's love with them in this practical way.
- **Pray** for **Don Mekking** who is in hospital with a blockage of his digestive system.
- **Pray** for the Pakenham church plant group as they gather together today.
- **Remember Jim and Anita** and their **family** today as he is installed into his new work and ministry task in Redlands.
- Continue to **pray** for **Church Council** and the **Search Committee** as they seek God's guidance and leading in looking for the right person/s to sustain our outreach programs and give leadership and teaching to our congregation.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Olga Pleiter	July27
Kees Sluiter	July27

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!

Lord's Supper

Next Sunday we plan to celebrate the Lord's Supper in both services. God's Word calls us to examine ourselves before we eat of the bread and drink of the cup (1 Corinthians 11:28). In the light of that we are called to ask ourselves these questions:

- Do I believe that my sins are forgiven only because my Lord sacrificed himself for me on the cross?
- Is it my sincere desire to love God and my neighbour, and to serve them according to God's Word?

You could pray: "Almighty God, we pray for Your

grace that in the coming days we might rightly examine ourselves. Comfort us as repentant sinners and give us assurance that we may look forward to a blessed celebration. And if any of us are not right with You, give us grace and mercy, Lord, that in repentance we may change our way of life, and join this coming Sunday in the celebration of His most glorious feast. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

If there are married couples who wish to attend this week-end, please speak to one of our deacons here at Dandenong.

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

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.

SHAWLANDS COMMITTEE NEWS.

The Shawlands Committee will be organising the Monthly BBQ for the Shawlands Park Community for SUNDAY THE 22ND JULY. Please pray for us as we make our preparations for this day. Pray also that the Lord will enable us to touch the lives of the residents in the Park, as we meet with them and extend Christian hospitality, understanding and support. May He bless our endeavours and all those involved?

On behalf of the Committee – Monica Austrums.



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 Wilma Tiley's Unit 27 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 IN THE WORD SMALL GROUP

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."

Please note: New Phone Number.

Maurice & Tuks Eleveld have a new Phone Number 03 8759 3500

J Team Prayer Request

Just wanted to let you know that my Mum and Janette work very hard with J Team and it's going to be hard for them now that Jim's not around. I'd also like to thank Amy and Christie for helping out as

Jim's not here any more. Hopefully soon there will be some new people helping out.

Could everyone please pray for my Mum and Janette as J Team starts again soon.

Thank you very much,
From Jono Burggraaf

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

Advance Notice: Please keep Saturday the 13th of **October** free to attend a Dinner – Auction night. This will be a fund-raising evening for the ministry of the Shawlands Work Group as they undertake another project there to benefit the residents.

Seniors Soup night

Care and Share Volunteers are having a soup night, for all those 65 years and over.

There will be a choice of soups available as well as sandwiches etc. The entertainment for the evening will be provided by the Clog-Dancing 'Tukkers' Come and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Entry is \$2.00.

RSVP to Coby ph: 9795 7869

Highlights from the Pakenham Church Plant Group (they meet today.)

- The families that have shown a greater commitment level, continue to grow deeper together.
- The Launch Team is now working really well and meeting fortnightly. We've completed our Core Values (please see the other attachment) and have now begun the journey about discovering a

‘Mission Statement’.

- The 10am timeslot on a fortnightly basis is the way forward for this Church! The core families have all committed to this 10am timeslot. Please note: we’re advertising externally that we’re meeting at 10:30am, but the core families are getting there at 10am to set up and pray together before everyone else gets there. We’ll be aiming to stick to a strict fortnightly basis even if one or two of the families from the core group are missing. Praise God!
- Crosby de Kretser has given the launch team a big boost by committing to attend our fortnightly gatherings now. Together with the regular attendance of Colin Pretorius as well, Jim’s loss to this Church plant is slowly being recovered. Praise God for the way he works in peoples hearts.
- We now have a **NEW WORSHIP SPACE!!!** Definitely a praise point! Dave Barrot has worked hard to get us into the Top Floor at the Living Learning Pakenham centre on 6b Henry Street, Pakenham.
- We are now starting to brand ourselves as PC3. The core group came up with the name over a lunch together. It stands for Pakenham Christian Community Church. Logos will be developed by Dave and myself... eventually
Sean de Kretser

Serving Morning Coffee

When it is your rostered turn to serve coffee to the church members, please remember our toddlers. There is a table set up on the side wall for them.

We want to implement a **NO LOLLIES POLICY**. There is a concern about toddlers being able to reach foods with high sugar levels. So please do not put these on the children's table. Savoury items like rice crackers and chips are far better.

Water or Juice for the toddlers. Cordial should be preservative and colour free and available at the back of the table for the older children to pour themselves.

2012 RTC Preaching Conference –

September 27 & 28

Many expository preachers readily confess that application is one of the things they find hardest – it’s

the place they need most help. And many congregations would agree that their preachers need some help! This year’s conference addresses just that need. We’ll be exploring the what, why and especially the how of penetrating application. We want to help preachers preach messages that hit home.

The main speakers this year will be Dr Murray Capill (RTC Principal) and Rev Simon Manchester (Senior Minister, St Thomas’ Anglican church, North Sydney). Also speaking will be Rev John de Hoog (RTC OT Lecturer) and Dr Martin Williams (RTC NT Lecturer).

THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME

My mother taught me logic: "If you fall off that swing and break your neck, you can't go to the store with me."

My mother taught me medicine: "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they're going to freeze that way."

My mother taught me E.S.P.: "Put your sweater on; don't you think that I know when you're cold?"

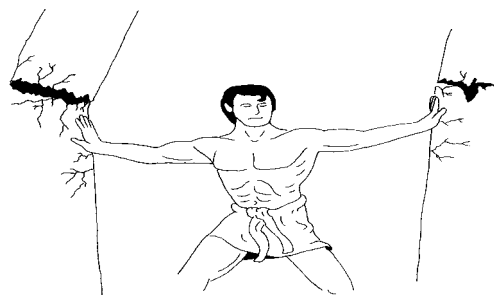
My mother taught me humor "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My mother taught me patience: "Sure, you can do that-as soon as you're 21 and leave the house!"

My mother taught me diplomacy: "I don't want to hear who started it. It takes two to fight."

My mother taught me sharing: "Play nicely with that or I'll just take it away from both of you."

But most of all, my mother taught me love: "You know that whatever you do or whatever happens, I'll stand behind you because I love you."



Fan the Flame

2012

Sat 24th - Mon 26th November

**a conference to raise up
Gospel Leaders**

Are you...

- involved in an apprenticeship or internship and want to go further?
- interested in training for youth work, pastoral care or some other ministry?
- interested in some Bible college study for personal growth?
- wondering what it means to be "called to the ministry"?
- considering life as a pastor, preacher, missionary, church leader or evangelist?

...then this is for you!



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Registration Form

Name _____

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Spouse Attending? Yes No

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PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Cheque** - please make cheque payable to **RTC**
- Electronic Banking** - please add **PC12 [your name]** into the reference field
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For further information about the conference program, meals or accommodation, please contact the RTC office



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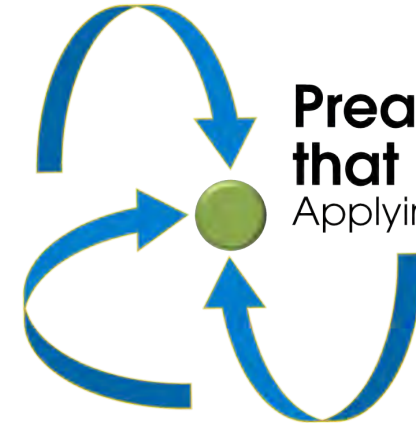
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Preaching Conference 2012



Preaching that Hits Home

Applying God's Word

Thursday 27 and
Friday 28 September 2012

Program

Thursday 27 September

Opening	10.00am	Phillip Scheepers
Session 1	10.15am	Sermon Simon Manchester
Session 2	11.10am	Life Application Part 1: <i>A Beginner's Guide to Sermon Application</i> Murray Capill
Lunch	12.30pm	
Session 3	2.00pm	Life Application Part 2: <i>The Living Word and the Life of the Preacher</i> Murray Capill
Break	3.30pm	
Optional	5.00pm	<i>Prayer for preachers and for ministry of the Word</i>
Dinner	6.00pm	
Session 4	7.30pm	Developing Biblical Sermon Applications (personal & practical) Simon Manchester

Friday 28 September

Opening	8.45am	Phillip Scheepers
Session 5	9.00am	Life Application Part 3: <i>The Lives of our Hearers</i> Murray Capill
Morning Tea	10.20am	
Session 6	10.45am	Applying Psalm 119: an OT Case Study John de Hoog
Session 7	11.50pm	Application in 1 Peter: a NT Case Study Martin Williams
Lunch	1.00pm	
Session 8	2.00pm	Panel: <i>"All you ever wanted to know about application but were afraid to ask."</i>
Session 9	2.45pm	Sermon Simon Manchester
Closing	3.20pm	Phillip Scheepers

Speakers

Dr Murray Capill

This year Murray will lead several sessions that unfold a method for developing diverse and searching applications. Murray is the RTC's Principal and lecturer in preaching and is currently writing on a book on this topic



Rev Simon Manchester

Simon is the senior minister at St Thomas' Anglican Church, North Sydney. He is married to Kathy and they have three adult children. He was a school teacher before studying at Moore Theological College and then doing further training in London. He has spoken at many conferences in Australia and the UK. We are delighted Simon can join us at this year's conference to preach God's Word and share insights into how he applies the Bible to people's lives.

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Rev John de Hoog

John is the RTC's OT lecturer and he will explore the applicatory possibilities of Ps 119. This Psalm was the focus of his recently completed MTH thesis.

Dr Martin Williams

Martin was appointed as NT lecturer at the RTC this year. He has come to us with pastoral, mission and lecturing experience. His doctoral work was on 1 Peter so we look forward to him leading a rich session on application in 1 Peter.



Meals & Accommodation

Motels and caravan parks are located within a few minutes' drive from the College campus. Further details can be obtained from the College office.

Lunch both days, the Thursday evening meal, and morning & afternoon refreshments are provided and included in the registration fees.

Special dietary needs can be catered for with advance notice to the College.

Fees

	RTC Members/Students	Non-members	
Thursday 27 September			
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Friday 28 September			
	Participant \$40	Participant \$60	<input type="text"/>
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Whole Workshop			
	Participant \$70	Participant \$100	<input type="text"/>
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	TOTAL AMOUNT		<input type="text"/>

Closing date for registrations is Monday 24th September 2012