



9 September 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 Rev Harry Brends
Message: For God do loved the world
Reading: John 3:1-21

6:00 PM Rev La'mont Ferreira (Afrikaans)
Message: Die karakter van God in Nahum
(The character of God in Nahum)
Reading: Nahum 1:2-8

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Dr Martin Williams
6:00 PM Rev Harry Berends

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

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

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – RTC

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,198.65
Solomon Island Workgroup	\$405.35
Donation Hall	\$200.00



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: D & J. Mekking, S & C. Johnson,
E & I. Poppenbeck

Next Week: A. Noorbergen, R. Heerdink,
M. Kruizinga, C. Tan

23rd September M. Lacroix, V. Steendam,
M & C. van Rossen, P. Hall

30th September G. Huinink, K. Knol, F & M
Piening,
H & R. Piening

PA & VIDEO :

Today: David Cameron, Glenn de Jong

Next Week: David & Phillip Ellings

GREETERS

Today: George & Leny Zomerdyk

Next week: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud

Our worship today

This morning Rev. Harry Berends will lead us in worship and in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, while this evening Rev. Lamont Ferreira will lead the Afrikaans speaking service at 6pm. and also celebrate Lord's Supper. We are thankful to both these men, and also to Rev. Keith Vethaak for replacing Lamont at Casey for tonight. May our worship today encourage us in our life of faith for the week ahead.

Reflection:

A picture of God

We had our final J Team for this term and with the children we are going through the bible from beginning to end using 'The Story for Kids' and it is lovely to hear what they have remembered from the previous week, that has stuck in their minds and hearts. Even little prep children remember what God has done, for instance for Elijah, to encourage him when he felt like giving up – they hear that God provided Elijah with a place to rest and sleep, and food, that was provided by the birds, and water when there had been no rain. They are getting the picture that God cares about us and will always provide us with what we need. This week as we got to the difficult story of Isaiah, with Judah and Israel not following God's ways for living – we learnt that God never gives up on his people. God's love is bigger than their wrongdoing.. one small girl when asked what she had learnt about God this week said with gentle feeling, "God's tender love". We pray and trust that as they grow in their understanding about God they will also learn to trust him with the stuff of their own lives and make that understanding real.

Henni

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- Pray for **Henk Vander Kruk** as he undergoes surgery in Knox hospital on 12th September for a hip replacement for his right leg (second time round), and for the recovery and recuperation he will need.
- **Ruth Harris** is in Dandenong hospital at present after fracturing her arm just below the shoulder, when she had a fall last Sunday as she prepared to come to church. She is also badly bruised. It is hoped that she will be able to get a rehab. bed to give her some more time to heal.
- We are grateful with **Pam Cox** that she was

spared from any serious bodily injury when a truck slammed into the back of her car recently, writing it off completely. We thank God for keeping her safe.

- **Colin Harrison** collapsed at work on Thursday with chest pain. He was taken to Dandenong Hospital for further tests. Pray for Colin and Kath and little Isaac at this time. That the cause may be found and be treatable.
- Continue to hold the **Pretorius** and **Van Rossen** families in your prayers as they grieve the loss of loved ones.
- Thankfully, **Gerry Heerdink** has been able to move into **Chestnut Gardens** in Doveton, this Thursday. Pray for both Robbie and Gerry as he adjusts to new surroundings and to new care staff.
- The **search committee** needs to consider the next step in looking for the leadership that our church requires. Pray for them, that God will give them wisdom and guide them in their decisions to the right person/s.

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

Dinner – Auction Night : 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.

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News items dead line is 5 PM Wednesday.		

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

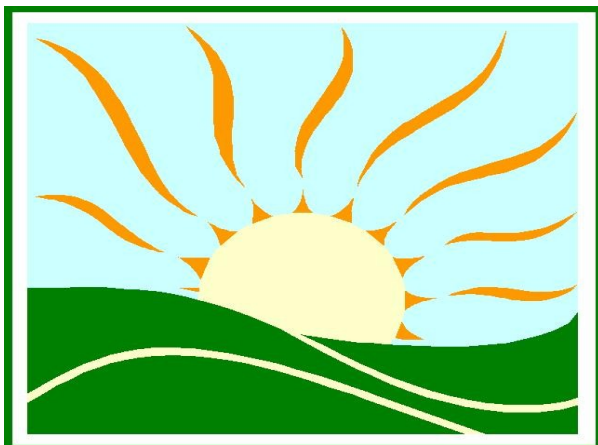
Letter of greeting from Graeme Eldridge:

(Graeme was part of our congregation from 2003-2006)

"Thank you for sending the newsletters as always, which were read by me. When Henni was writing about Paul's patience, she could not have known of my plight – in hospital for a total hip replacement surgery, and having suffered a stroke at the same time, so the message was very timely, as patience became realistically relevant for me whilst learning that my recuperation will take longer than originally expected. It was an encouragement to me.

Please assure the members of the congregation that they are remembered by me in prayer. I would appreciate your prayers of support for my healing and recovery at this time, as I am in Hospital in Bundaberg."

If you can, send a card: -Graeme Eldridge, 89 Hampton Drive, Tannum Sands, Qld. 4680



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's Unit 53 Outlokk 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."

REMINDER

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!

**2012 RTC Preaching Conference –
September 27 & 28**

125 Pigdons Road
Waurin Ponds Victoria 3216
Australia
Telephone (03) 5244 2955
Email: admin@rtc.edu.au

**September is leprosy month
Please hand your now almost full
Leprosy saving boxes to me ASP
Thank you Corry**

Good old Murphy was at it again last week and caused me to publish this weeks birthdays last week.

So setting the record straight I'll have an other go.

BIRTHDAYS LAST WEEK

Anonymous	September 2
Heather Nicholson	September 3
Eric Spangenberg	September 7

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Julie de Jong	September 10
Gavin Koch	September 11
Maureen Koch	September 12
Henk van der Kruk	September 12
Klaas Appel	September 15
Wendy Joseph	September 15

After a certain number of birthdays, we begin to see the spontaneous beauty of the life God gives us each day, and we appreciate its unique pattern...

After a certain number of birthdays, we marvel at our own original design May this year

of your life be blessed by knowing in every moment, in every day, He is shaping you in His loving and perfect design.

Note:

Crossroad bible INSTITUTE Newsletter for September 2012 is available from the table in the foyer

Request

In the past we have had a car boot sale in October.

Is anyone willing to organize one this year.

Would need to decide the date, cost and where the

money raised would be used and gather a team to assist on the day.

Please pray about this outreach opportunity to connect with the community once again.

Please let the Church office staff know if you are willing to organize or help. Julie, Jean, or Henni

Thank you.

HOLY HUMOR

We were traveling one summer in the Pocono Mountains and, like a good Presbyterian family, attended church while we were on vacation.

One lazy Sunday we found our way to a little Methodist church. It was a hot day, and the folks were nearly drowsing in the pews. The preacher was preaching on and on, until all of a sudden he said, "The best years of my life have been spent in the arms of another man's wife."

The congregation let out a gasp and came to immediate attention. The dozing deacon in the back row dropped his hymnbook.

Then the preacher added, "It was my mother."

The congregation tittered a little and managed to follow along as the sermon concluded.

I filed away this trick in my memory, since it was such a great way to regain the congregation's attention. The next summer, on a lazy Sunday, I was preaching and the flies were buzzing around and the ushers were sinking lower and lower in their seats in the back row until I could hardly see them. Then I remembered our experience in the Pocono Mountains, and I said in a booming voice, "The best years of my life have been spent in the arms of another man's wife."

Sure enough, I had their attention. One of the ushers in the back row sat up so fast he hit his head on the back of the pew in front of him. I had them.

But you know something, I forgot what came next. All I could think to say was, "And for the life of me, I can't remember her name!"

--Pastor Roger Matthews