



24 March 2013

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 Chris Pretorius
Message: Create in me a clean heart
Reading: Psalm 51

6:00 PM Palm Sunday Combined service, with
Casey, Langwarrin and Jubilate Choir

WORSHIP GOOD FRIDAY

9:30 AM Rev Harry Berends
Message: TBA
Reading: TBA

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev Crosbie de Krester
6:00 PM Rev Harry Berends

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Acces Ministries

GOOD FRIDAY

1 – Local Church
2 – WDR Offering

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – The Bible League

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,281.50
Deaconate	\$537.50

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: T & R. Raatjes, M & T. Eleveld,
J. Bruinewoud

Next Week: J. Joseph, S & C. Johnson,
C. Berman

April 7 D & P. Ellings, B. Elfring,
H. Elfring

April 14 C & K. Harrison, C. Tan,
H & J. van der Jagt,

PA & VIDEO :

Today: David & Phillip Ellings

Good Friday: Evert Marjee, Marnice Marjee

Next Week: David Cameron, Glenn de Jong

GREETERS

Today: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud

Good Friday: Martin & Coby van Rossen

Next week: Ike & Anneke Laverman

Our Worship Today

This morning we welcome **Br Chris Pretorius** who will lead us in worship and bring us God's word, this evening we have a combined service with **Casey, Langwarren and the Jubilate Choir.**

We thank **Br Chris** and **all involved with the combined service** for sharing our worship time. May God's Word comfort and inspire us, as we seek to live for God in the week ahead.

Pastoral and Prayer Points

After a number of weeks in and out of hospital, **Persis Ferdinands** was called home to her beloved Father last Saturday evening. We praise God for how He worked in her life. We pray for her family, that they will find peace and comfort in their time of grief. We pray especially that even in this time of mourning, the great Comforter will work in the hearts of those for whom **Persis** so fervently prayed, softening hearts and effecting transformation.

Vera Steendam's son Robert is making good progress following his heart-attack. **Thea Bonga** is also recovering well after a stint in hospital. While **Henk van der Kruk** is still experiencing some pain, he is also satisfied with the progress he's making as he continues staying at his daughters **Ingrid Smith** who lives at 5 Deewy Rd Narre Warren Sth.

Phone 97047271.

And **Robin & John Weitering** who live at 19 Gardenview Crt Narre Warren Nth.

Phone 87904553

If anyone would like to visit him or have a chat over the phone the places mentioned above is where you can find him.

Gerrie de Haan's surgery also went well and we pray that her recovery will be speedy. We thank our gracious God for **Robert, Thea, Henk** and **Gerrie's** recoveries and we praise Him for His power to effect healing in their lives

Last week **Jos Berends** had to undergo a number of tests as well as a scan. The initial results were not comforting and this week **Jos** had to see an oncologist to discuss the

results and treatment options. Let us uphold **Jos** and her family in prayer before the mighty Healer and great Comforter and also pray that the medical staff will be granted wisdom in deciding upon a course of action.

We continue to uphold in prayer **Ted Slagter's granddaughter** who has to undergo a back operation. We pray especially for patience and endurance for this young girl and her family, as she will have a lengthy recovery period.

A number of our members are away at present – we think of **Nel Steunenberg, the Bruinewouds, the van Neutegems** and **Pleiters** as well as **Marcell Marjee**. There are also some who are on the verge of going away. We pray that the Lord will protect them during their travels and that they will return to their families revitalised.

In this time of vacancy, let us also keep in mind and in prayer our **church council** and the **calling committee**. Pray for wisdom, pray for patience and for insight, that they will be able to guide this congregation in a difficult period. Also continue to pray that the Lord will provide the right man to pastor this congregation.

Pray also for our **church ministries**, that they will continue to bless those to whom they minister. Pray also for the leaders of these ministries, that they will be strengthened by God for this task.

As we think about illness and death, we cannot but be reminded of the consequences or wages of sin. But what a wonderful privilege we also have, that we can know that in and through Christ we have healing – not just physical healing, but that our relationship with God the Father is healed, restored. We have the blessed assurance that we

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belong, body and soul, in life and in death to our faithful Saviour. Thank and praise God for this wonderful Saviour!

Church Council Meeting Report

Church Council met on the 14th March. The meeting was opened with a devotion led by Colin Pretorius based on James 5, where we are reminded and encouraged to bring all our requests and thankfulness to God in prayer. "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" James 5v 16b.

Ministry discussion focused on the Calling of a minister. The Calling Committee is considering several prospective candidates and is awaiting "profiles". They hope to have them this coming week and after discussion with CC it is intended to present a candidate name for consideration before the end of March.

Elder vacancies are a concern and we are thankful that Yke Laverman and John van Breen are helping with Pastoral support and visitation.

A report from Jesse Schram, our Youth Worker was tabled where he highlighted his contribution and work in respect to URY, J Team, Kids Hope and Young Adults program. It was encouraging to read about and see the work he is doing.

Shawlands started the year off with a BBQ on a very "hot" Friday night at which around 50 people attended.

Vicariate consideration, this was discussed and it was agreed that at this point of time we would not be making application for a Vicar.

South Afrikaans outreach function was endorsed and this will be held at the church on Tuesday the 9th April.

After discussing general business items and correspondence received, the meeting closed with prayer.

Next meeting is scheduled for 4th April.

Thanks Corey van Garderen

We are still seeking volunteers to operate the data projector during the morning and evening worship services. Please come and see the person on today and find out just how easy it is to operate.

Outlook Gardens Aged Care Facility.

Are you energetic and fit?

We need volunteers to assist on Bus Trips and Shopping Trips.

These are on Tuesdays either 9am to 12 noon or from 1pm to 4pm.

Please contact Rosemary Crouch on 9795 7566 Activities Co-ordinator if you are interested.

Please Note:

1.

On behalf of the PA and Video team we would like to thank the generosity of one of our members who has given the Church a new DVD recorder/player as we were experiencing difficulties recording. We hope that all problems will now cease to exist. So thank you to our anonymous giver.

2.

One Hope Community Church (Wantirna) is holding a

Marriage Course commencing on Friday 26th April and through to the 7th June. We still have some spots available and thought we would open it up to some of our sister churches as well. The attached flyer is on the cupboard in the carpeted area has more detailed information as in cost and venue etc.

Diana Visser

Thank you

We would like to thank the congregation for your prayers and support, beautiful cards, the surprise hospital visits, the gift of a colourful bear, your thoughts, phone calls and concerns for Lia during her stay at Monash Hospital.

Thank you again to our brothers and sisters in Christ for your ongoing prayers through this difficult time. Give thanks to God for His healing hand upon Lia, who still attends Monash for regular check-ups. We continue to ask Jesus for a complete recovery.

May God encourage and bless you all.

The Zaphiris Family

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Vera Steendam	March 25
Isaac Harrison	March 26
Lidia Barrot	March 26
Marnice Marjee	March 30

You treat each moment as a gift from God – live life to the hilt. Love those around you.

And others see it, feel it ...pick up on it. You spread good vibes. Live your truth.

INVITATION.

The Coffee Break Bible study would like to invite you to join us for our Easter meditation on Tuesday 26th March.

We will have morning tea at 10am, then commence our meditation at 10.20am.

Please regard this as your personal invitation to come and share in this time as we reflect on the Easter story. Helen van Garderen.

G.O.S.P.E.L. News.

GOSPEL currently supports 40 men in full time church planting. They are supervising and teaching 3,000 believers who congregate in 2 regions (6 clusters) at 60 formal places of worship. Our director is ready to appoint 10 more gifted men to engage in Church planting in 2 more clusters in a new area, but we have held him back until we have more supporters. We would love to hear from you if you would like to share financially in this harvesting ministry. The GOSPEL committee can be reached at gospel@crca.org.au

Also note that the 2012 Annual report for G.O.S.P.E.L. is available on the cupboard on the carpeted area.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Reformed Theological College has scheduled the Annual General Meeting of the RTC to be held on Friday 19 April 2013 at 7.30pm at the College, 125 Pigdons Road, Waurn Ponds, Geelong, Victoria.

Simon Edwards

General Manager

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 John & Heather Nicholson's Unit 56 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 Galations. 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.”

AFRIKAANS BIBLE STUDY

We meet every second Tuesday evening at the home of the Pretorius family. We have recently completed studies on Timothy and on the books of Samuel. If you'd like to be part of this group please see Colin or Maggie Pretorius.

The RTC Monthly newsletter for March is available from the table in the foyer.

News From the Churches

Youth Service March 24

GET TO THE GATHA!

Mosey on down to Sunny South Gippsland for the first youth service of 2013! We've got an amazing line up of local worship bands, as well as a young preacher from the other side of the world!* There will be food, there will be seats, and there will be the Word of God. What more could you ask for in a youth service? So come on Victorian Reformed youth! Whether you are young in body or only in mind, youth of all ages are welcome!

6:00pm March 24th, Leongatha reformed Church (Corner of Peart and Brown street, Leongatha)

*Disclaimer: Limit of one band. Any preachers said to have come from the other side of the world may not have resided there for many years.

Hello everyone,

By request, I recently uploaded to the WCF website an entire set of sermons (PDF outlines and MP3 recordings) of a series on the book of Revelation covering every chapter of the book. For those not following on Facebook or Twitter, here is the information for this series.

The MPs are between 11mb and 16mb in size.

These are offered free of charge in an effort to promote the Gospel. This series was recorded in CRC Perth between 2002 and 2003.

Just select this link:

<http://wheatbeltchristianfellowship.org/Sermon%20Recordings/Sermon%20Pages/Revelation/Revelation%20Series/Revelation%20series%20-%20The%20Church%20Victorious%20in%20Christ%20while%20Threatened%20with%20Destruction.htm>

See Summary below.

We give thanks to the Lord for the success of our website ministry with 150-200 downloads of material per month, mostly sermon materials. Already this month there has been 322 downloads of which 187 are sermon materials

Blessings in Christ

Geoff van Schie

Theme of Series:

The church facing total destruction under persecution from Satanic and worldly powers, is called to lift it's eyes and see Christ, triumphant over all His enemies and all powerful for the Church.

"When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living

One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."

(Revelation 1:17-18)

In Christ, the Church has nothing to fear for He watches over His bride and will crush her enemies.

"I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: king of kings and lord of lords." (Revelation 19:11-16)

At God's appointed time, Christ will return victorious to take the Church, His bride, to be with Him forever.

"Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)" (Revelation 19:6-8)

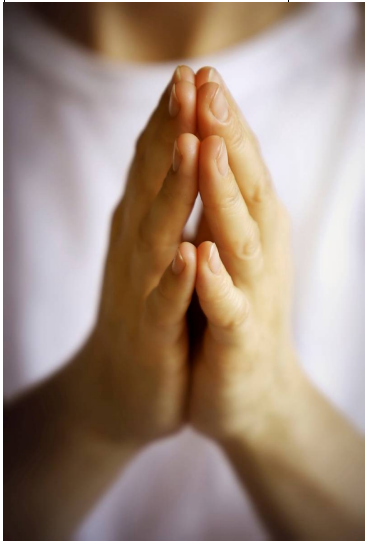


CRCA Prayer Calendar April—May 2013

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Easter Monday Pray that with great power we will continue to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and that much grace will be upon us all. (Acts4:33)	2 Bray Park, QLD Pray for Bray Park as they partner with the local Neighbourhood Centre in helping struggling families in our community.	3 Narre Warren, VIC Pray for the Transit Drop In Centre which each Wed. provides a 3 course meal, groceries, and community to many people doing it tough.	4 RTC, Geelong, VIC Pray that God would stir in the hearts of future pastors, preachers, and gospel workers throughout Australia.	5 Gosnells, WA Pray for Gosnells as they minister to regular visitors, some of whom are new Australians recently converted or interested in the gospel.	6 Kingston, TAS Give thanks for Vine Christian Church, Kingston's most recent church plant. Pray that non-Christians would come along, hear the gospel and be saved.	7 Your Church Pray that your church will be salt and light in the midst of this dark world, that you will have a righteous influence in the world. (Matt 5:13-15)
8 Campbelltown, SA Pray that the church will have at least seven intercessors who cry daily in prayer with the urgency of John Knox when he prayed: "Give me Scotland, or I die!"	9 G.O.S.P.E.L., India Pray for a continued outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the missionaries supported by the CRCA in Central Western India.	10 Nerang, QLD Pray that the planned fundraising events will raise \$34,000 to keep a Godly chaplain in our local high school.	11 Wamberal, NSW Pray that the development and teaching done in the Samasodu Village, Solomon Islands will bear gospel fruit.	12 Kalgoorlie, WA Pray for the home missionary, Pastor Jaco Classen, as he settles into the work in Kalgoorlie, that the church will truly make an impact in the community.	13 Tanilba Bay, NSW Pray that this growing church will find ways to connect with the lost in the Port Stephen's area and present the good news of salvation in Christ.	14 Your Church Pray that the people of your church would always be ready to give a defense of their faith to everyone who asks them. (1 Pet 3:15)
15 Geelong, VIC Pray for South Barwon's church planting team, led by Phil Popping, as they seek the Lord's guidance in planning a church plant in the future.	16 St Marys, NSW Pray for St Marys ongoing ministry to the local community: Play Group, Junior Youth, Community reach out to the center of St Marys.	17 Grace, WA Pray for the 16 missionaries Grace supports in different parts of the world, as they partner with them to advance the gospel in Word and Deed.	18 RTC, Geelong, VIC Pray that our churches be committed to pray for a significant growth in the number of people training for the ordained ministry.	19 Kingston, TAS Please pray for the Vine Session and its leader, Nic Rowcroft, that the Lord will bless their efforts in establishing a new congregation.	20 Pakenham, VIC Pray that for PC3, a new church sponsored by Casey CRC, that God will continue to gather his children in this rapidly growing city.	21 Your Church Pray that your church would have a continual burden concerning lost people and their need to repent and believe. (Rom 9:1-3)
22 Baldvis, WA Pray that the Lord will empower Hope Church with his Spirit so that they will share the gospel and Christ's love in a way that reaches and draws those whom God is calling into his Kingdom.	23 Wamberal, NSW Pray that the motto: "Every Christian a missionary!" will be deeply embedded in the hearts and minds of the whole congregation.	24 Mansfield, QLD Pray for the Mansfield outreach team which leaves today for Myanmar: New Life Orphanage, that God will touch lives with his grace.	25 Casey, VIC Pray for the Transit Drop In Centre, as Casey assists the Narre Warren church in providing food for 100s of people each month.	26 Campbelltown, SA Pray that there will be at least three real conversions in our church in the coming year, so that our young people may see what it looks like when God totally transforms a life.	27 Blacktown, NSW Pray for New Life CC as it recaptures its gospel focus and seeks to be a church for the community, where many will find a spiritual home.	28 Your Church Pray that your church will not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of their minds. (Rom 12:2)
29 Gosnells, WA Pray for Gosnells as they spread the Good News of Christ to children in Russian camps and Indian communities through the WA Russia and India Mission Teams.	30 Mansfield, QLD Pray for blessing on Mansfield's transitioning program through evening outreach services and teaching seminars. May the lost be found, and the found disciplined.	1 Wamberal, NSW Pray that the seed of the Gospel sown in young hearts and minds through involvement in Scripture teaching at the Wamberal Public School will yield a rich harvest.	2 Geelong, VIC Pray for South Barwon they may diligently seek to connect with and serve their community, especially the many international students who live in close proximity.	3 RTC, Geelong, VIC Pray for the students at the RTC, asking that God would shape them in Christ and enable them to develop the knowledge, character, and skills necessary for effective and fruitful ministry.	4 Cockburn Central, WA Pray for a renewed connection with Gateway's local community, that they will share God's love, and find openings for the Gospel.	5 Your Church Pray that your church would not become weary in sharing the gospel but know that their witness will result in the salvation of many. (Gal 6:9)

CRCA Prayer Calendar May 2013

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p>6 Recharge Conference Today pastors, ministry workers, and their spouses will gather in Sydney for the annual CRCA conference. Pray that every attendee will be recharged for life and ministry.</p>	<p>7 Recharge Conference Pray for keynote speaker Michael Goheen, along with Mark and Erin Glanville, as they challenge attendees to discover our identity as Christians to be a contrast society.</p>	<p>8 Recharge Conference Pray that God will use the Recharge Conference to build us up as a denomination until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature. (Eph 4:12-13)</p>	<p>9 Recharge Conference Pray that everybody will return to their homes and ministries renewed in faith, hope, and love, refreshed in mind and body, and eager to serve God's people, strong, firm, and steadfast.</p>	<p>10 St Marys, NSW Pray for Cheryl Kuitert as she serves as a Medical Missionary with SIM in Malawi, that God will guide her in finding a ministry that the St Marys congregation can support.</p>	<p>11 Solomon Islands Pray for Simon and Ana Burggraaf as Simon grows into his leadership role as director of SWIM in Honiara, that the mission will expand its gospel impact throughout Solomon Islands.</p>	<p>12 Your Church Pray that your church would be ambassadors for Christ in this world, that God would enable them to live lives worthy of the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Cor 5:20)</p>
<p>13 Baldivis, WA Pray that God will direct Hope Church to those he is calling to himself and bless others as they begin to serve and minister to the local community.</p>	<p>14 Blacktown, NSW Pray for Bernie Coleman, as she works on behalf of New Life CC in Mitchell High School, that there will be opportunities to reach young people in the area for Christ.</p>	<p>15 G.O.S.P.E.L., India Pray for wisdom as GOSPEL resources, trains, and coaches the evangelists, that churches become self governing and self supporting, upholding the Gospel unashamedly.</p>	<p>16 Nerang, QLD Pray for the Nerang church's ongoing effort to network on the Gold Coast and become part of a greater movement to bring the Gospel to "Paradise".</p>	<p>17 Kingston, TAS Pray for Kingston's new Christianity Explored Course, that God would bring many non-Christians along to hear the gospel, and for leaders to help share the load.</p>	<p>18 Grace, WA Pray for the Grace church as they seek to reach and integrate the South African migrant community into their local church and community.</p>	<p>19 Pentecost Sunday Pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the CRCA - that all churches will catch the missional vision of reaching the lost for Christ!</p>



The Holy Spirit and Prayer

The Holy Spirit is absolutely essential to leading people to the Lord Jesus Christ. Only the Holy Spirit can convict the lost person (John 16:7). Only the Holy Spirit can draw a lost person to Jesus Christ and enable him or her to trust Jesus Christ (John 6:44; Ephesians 2:8-9). The Holy Spirit has to do a work of grace in the lost person so that he or she can repent of sin and believe in Christ. This is His work and He alone can do it. No amount of persuasion can ever substitute for the Holy Spirit's work. Pray that the Holy Spirit to bring the person under conviction and to draw him or her to Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit also empowers you to witness (Acts 4:31; Ephesians 5:18). Ask the Holy Spirit to control you so that you can powerfully witness to others.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will powerfully work in those to whom you will witness and that He will empower you to faithfully share the gospel.



March 2013

Dear partners in the gospel,

As you know Synod affirmed the work of the Church Planting Taskforce (CPT), and made provision for the ongoing funding of church planting across the denomination by setting aside a prescribed offering for the work. In a separate communication from the CPT all churches will be asked to hold this offering on Pentecost Sunday, 19 May 2013, when we remember that Christ sent his Spirit into the world to enliven the mission and build His church. This is an appropriate Sunday to focus on the work of church planting and the missional task God has given to the church.

Giving sacrificially for the work of church planting is important, but a greater task is the task of prayer. For this reason the "Fourfold Task" adopted by Synod 2006 begins with prayer. As churches we are urged:

"To call upon God for such an outpouring of his Spirit that his people will be assured of his love through his Word, seek to please the Saviour in all things, manifest the godly life and be filled with prayerful and sacrificial compassion for the lost in all the world."

Prayer changes things. If we believe this, then we had better be praying that God will change the eternal destiny of our neighbours and country. In the seven weeks after Easter Sunday leading up to Pentecost, church and individuals are encouraged to pray for the work of the Gospel in Australia and beyond. To assist individuals and churches to focus their prayers in the days leading up to Pentecost, a "Prayer Calendar" has been put together beginning with Easter Monday and ending on Pentecost. The prayer items highlight the work of the gospel throughout Australia and beyond.

There are several ways you use this prayer calendar:

1. Duplicate the entire calendar (.PDF format attached) monthly newsletter, include it in your bulletin on Easter Sunday, 7 April, and/or post it on your website;
2. Include the prayers for the week in your weekend services.
3. Print the prayers for the week (.doc and PDF format attached) in your weekly bulletin and/or post it on your website, encouraging people to pray daily.
4. Give a copy of the prayer calendar to your prayer teams and/or pray through each item at the meeting of sessions and/or elders.

Imagine your church, filled with God's Spirit, being of one mind and one body as it brings its life into line with God's great purpose of restoring the world under the lordship of Christ. Imagine every one of your church's members fully committed to seeing God's purposes become a reality. May God hear our prayers, may his Kingdom come, and may each one of us and our churches be filled with a sacrificial compassion for the lost in all the world.

Prayerfully yours in Christ,

Jack De Vries, on behalf of the CPT

How to Pray for the Lost

For yourself, pray

- that you will be open to God's leading.
- that the Lord will provide opportunities for you to influence your unsaved friends.

For unsaved friends, pray

- that God will draw your friend to himself.
- that they will seek to know God.
- that they will believe the Bible.
- that Satan is bound from blinding them from the truth.
- that the Holy Spirit is working in them.
- that they turn from sin.
- that they believe in Jesus Christ as Saviour and obey him as Lord.
- that they take root and grow

