



21 April 2013

THE CHURCH UNDER THE CROSS

**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 Dr John Rietveld  
Message: Praying for freedom  
Reading: Psalm 90

6:00 PM Rev Keith Vethaak  
Message: When night falls  
Reading: Psalm 121

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev John de Hoog  
6:00 PM Br Glenn Dekker

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Youth Committee

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Leadership Training Prof. Development

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,330.35
J-Team	\$461.65
Donation Hall	\$250.00



### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: J & K. Esselbrugge, A & O. Pleiter  
Y. Pleiter

Next Week: W. Tiley, A. Coe, C. Daniels,  
G. de Groot

May 5 L. Dixon, V. Steendam,  
M & C. van Rossen

May 12 P & J. de Jong, T & J. Cram,  
I. Meenks

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: David Cameron, Glenn de Jong

Next Week: David & Phillip Ellings

#### GREETERS

Today: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

Next week: George & Leny Zomerdyk

### Our Worship Today

This morning we welcome **Rev Dr John Rietveld** who will lead us in worship and bring us God's word. This evening we have **Rev Keith Vethaak** May God's Word comfort and inspire us, as we seek to live for God in the week ahead.

### Pastoral and Prayer Points

Continue to uphold **Jos Berends** in prayer. Following the tests done last week, it was determined that she will have to undergo another

operation. We pray that the great Healer will give the surgeons wisdom to determine the right course of action and also guide their hands. We pray that Jos as well as her family will continue to experience God's comfort in this time.

**Janette van der Jagt's** operation last week was successful and she is now recovering at home. It will be a lengthy recovery process and we continue to uphold her and her family in prayer during this period. Janette's mother has also been admitted to hospital and we also bring her before the Lord in prayer.

**Lorna Dixon** has now been moved to rehab in the Caulfield Hospital, following her fall last week. It is not sure how long she'll be in hospital but once discharged she will spend some time with her daughter in Rowville. We pray for the Lord's healing hand to also be on her.

We also give thanks to our loving Father for the medical care many of our members have been able to receive during stays in hospital. But while we praise the Lord for His provision of medical staff and technology to alleviate pain, to repair broken or damaged bodies, let us not also forget to thank Him for the love and mercy and grace which He showers on us on a daily basis.

We also pray for wisdom and patience for those who are awaiting more clarity with respect to their work situations. We pray especially for those who are the providers for their families, that they will not become despondent but will continue to look to – and trust in – the great Provider.

We again uphold in prayer the **COM homes** in India, and pray especially for Enoch and Grace and their faithful labour of love. We thank God for the influence that the COM homes have had in so many children's lives and we pray that God will strengthen and comfort His servants who labour in His vineyard in that country.

## **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.

### **ASSISTANT TREASURER REQUIRED**

I am looking for someone with MYOB Accounting experience and who can help me with completing financial matters. This requires only 3-4 hours per month to do accounting work for the Church Books. If you have this experience and are able to assist, please contact me to discuss the matter further.

Corey van Garderen

Treasurer

### **Please note:**

for the next few weeks, **Hanny Eshuis** will be in respite in the Hostel until the 6th May, in Room 22

### **SOLOMON ISLANDS SEWING PROJECT**

In June, I hope to visit the Solomon Islands for two weeks. (4<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June)

Speaking with Simon and Ana, recently, Loretta would like Anita and I, to go to several outer Islands with local staff, for some meetings/ workshops with the women there ( Solomon Islands has a high incidence of violence against women and the churches are seeking to empower women with income- producing work in their own villages, to sustain them).

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As I go, I want to take money to buy hand/feet - operated sewing machines, (available in Honiara for the equivalent of \$100 Aus.) fabrics, scissors, threads etc. Most villages do not have electricity so electric machines are of no value in these villages.

I am hoping that there may be others in our congregation who would like to contribute, either towards a sewing machine, some fabric, needles, threads, suitable patterns, scissors etc. which I can take as a diaconal gift from the Dandenong congregation.

Your support and encouragement for this work will be greatly valued.

Please place your gifts in an envelope clearly marked : SOLOMON ISLANDS SEWING PROJECT, and then hand to one of our deacons or to myself directly, or place in the blue bag at offering time.

A sincere thanks for your involvement - HENNI

### 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 tis most glorious feast. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

### CAN YOU HELP WITH BILLETING?

The Moody Men's Collegiate Choir, from Chicago, USA, will visit Melbourne and join us for our Jubilate Choir concert on May, 2013. They will arrive on Thursday 30th May and leave again on Saturday 1st June. This means we require "**host homes**" for these

students, aged between 19 and 24, for a couple of days and nights. Could you please consider opening your home and host one or two of these young men. If you can please contact Harold or Janneke Dykstra (Ph: 9700-2378).

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Adrian de Vos	April 22
Aileen Brown	April 24
Sydney Johnson	April 24
Bert Elfring	April 24
Alex Pleiter	April 27
John Van Breen	[ 80 years] April 27

May your day dawn bright with beauty, rich in the promise of good things to come.

### Youth service

**The next state youth service is going to be on at the *Christian Reformed Church of Casey* at 6pm on Sunday, 28 April. Pastor Michael will be bringing the Word to us and we're looking forward to unpacking the theme of the service – *Choices, Choices, Choices***

We're looking forward to worshipping together at Casey and please don't rush off afterward as there will be a chance to share food together and hopefully catch up with other youth from our Churches. If you have any queries, please contact Sean de Kretser on 0438 017 913 or [youthworker@caseycrc.com.au](mailto:youthworker@caseycrc.com.au)

## ADVANCE NOTICE - for your diaries and church bulletins

### 2013 RTC Preaching Conference – September 26 & 27

This year's theme, *Preaching Biblical Wisdom*, explores the wisdom literature of both the Old and New Testaments. Drawing from the books of Ecclesiastes, Proverbs, Song of Songs and James, we'll look at how godly wisdom can be powerfully and practically preached, and how wisdom can become part of our message of hope that moves and motivates us to serve Christ.

## 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 John & Heather Nicholson's Unit 56 Outlook Gardens. Everyone is welcome. Contact on 97956252

### OASIS GROWTH GROUP

The Oasis Growth Group will meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Normally at the Burggraaf's at 17 Edgewood Road. From 7.30- 9.30 pm.

Check with Henni: 0408 452 892, or H 9791 2601.

### 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."

### 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.

**APRIL IS LEPROSY MONTH**  
**Can everyone with a Leprosy savings box**  
**please hand them to me ASAP**

**Thank you Corry Blik**

## News From the Churches

Some weeks ago we mentioned that the CRC in Leongatha had issued a call to Rev Andrew de Vries of Bishopdale in NZ. Rev de Vries has unfortunately declined the call. As Leongatha approach the end of their third year without a minister, let us as congregation also keep them in our prayers.

## CRCA Prayer Calendar 1 April - 19 May 2013

### For Week of 22 April

22 Baldivis, 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 re-captures 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)

## Register Today

Registration is only \$15.00 (includes lunch)

Hand in your registration to your church.

Registration fee will be collected at the gathering.



*"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD."*  
Psalm 78:4

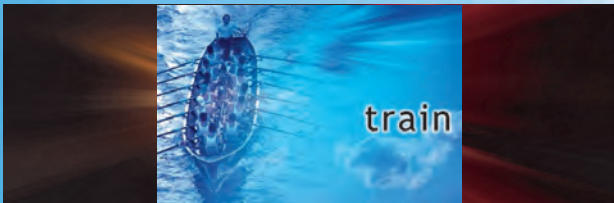
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## Our Vision: TRAIN

To equip our church members to be disciples of Christ and multiply the number of well-trained leaders (ordained, non-ordained, full time, part time, voluntary) who are actively involved in God's mission.



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*Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

- Jesus

### Contact Information:

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# Church: Making Disciples Together

## Growing Kingdom People

### Plenary Talk by Murray Capill

The opening Bible message will focus on Jesus' agenda for disciples. He wanted his followers to live the radical values of the kingdom of heaven here on earth. Our disciple making must aim at nothing less.



*The mission of the church is to go into the world and make disciples by declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit and gathering these disciples into churches, that they might worship the Lord and obey his commands now and in eternity to the glory of God the Father.*

- Kevin DeYoung & Greg Gilbert

*What is the Mission of the Church?*



from generation  
to generation

# making disciples together

## A State-based Gathering for the Whole Church

Dandenong Christian Reformed Church

cnr Gladstone Road and Outlook Drive, Dandenong North, Vic 3175

Saturday 27 April 2013

9:00am - 2:00pm



## Four Electives to Choose From

### (1) Small Groups Doing Big Things - Jonathan Vandenberg

An exploration into maximizing the discipleship and evangelism potential of small groups, whether it be children, youth, adults, or a blend of all three.

### (2) Reimagining Pastoral Care for the Whole Church - Ray Rus

Pastoral care is an integral part of the disciple making process. This workshop shares fresh and challenging ideas about the place of pastoral care across the whole church.

### (3) Leadership: A High Calling - Jack De Vries

Many churches struggle to find people eager and able to lead. What qualities should we look for in a leader and how, through discipleship, can we multiply the number of qualified leaders in the local church?

### (4) Transforming Discipleship - Ollie Heggers

We grow in Christ as we seek him together. Jesus' own pattern of disciple-making is essential to the church's mission to reach the lost for Christ. This elective will address the need for discipleship to accomplish our mission.

## Schedule

9:00 Gathering & Worship

“Growing Kingdom People”

- Murray Capill

10:00 Morning Tea

10:30 Electives on Small Groups, Pastoral Care, Leadership and Missions

12:00 Lunch

12:45 Local Church Integration

1:30 Wrap Up

2:00 Closing

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