



Newsletter

8 September 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 Colin Pretorius
Message: The plan, the Parable and the Principle
Reading: Luke 10: 25 - 37

3:00 PM Rev. Leo Douma & Rev Garry de Vries
Message: Blessings don't come easily
Reading: Joshua 1: 1 - 5

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Pastor Garry de Vries
6:00 PM Pastor Garry de Vries

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Solomon Islands

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Diaconate

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,015.15
CRCA Resources	\$444.90



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: H. Zwaal, G. de Groot, C. Daniels

Next Week: L. Dixon, V. Steendam,
M & C. van Rossen

September 22 P & J de Jong, T & J. Cram,
A. de Vos

September 29 The Cameron Family,
D & B. van Neutegem,
H. van der Kruk

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Evert & Marnice Marjee

Next Week: David Cameron, Glenn de Jong

GREETERS

Today: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels

Next week: George & Leny Zomerdyk

Our Worship Today

Today we welcome **Br Colin Pretorius** who will lead us in worship this morning and this afternoon for the installation of **Rev Garry de Vries** we have **Rev. Leo Douma**. May God's Word comfort and inspire us, as we seek to live for God in the week ahead.

Pastor's Notes

You can ask any Christian person whether he/she is dependent on God and they usually say "yes". Of

course, people answer this way because they would really like to be more and more dependent. But what if God pushes us to the boundaries of our faith which He often does, and then we find ourselves out in the cold and ravaged by the storms of doubt ?

But why does the Lord often push us to the limit of our faith ? To the fringe ?

This is only so He can extend those boundaries. He wants to take us further than we ourselves have been prepared to go.

For example: How many times have you heard that God loves you in Christ ?

But do you believe it ?

So often we are like that man who was out walking one dark night and he slipped and fell over a 500metre deep cliff. As he is falling down he thinks "this is it!" ... but then suddenly, his arms catch around what felt like the branch of a tree and he finds himself hanging in the darkness.

After a while he begins to yell out
" is there anyone up there?"

He hears a voice ... "yes, and I want you to let go!"
But he then says "is there anyone else out there who isn't God?"

Anyway, after a while he just couldn't hang on any longer ... and he let go !

Down he fell. The whole six inches he still had left to fall.

You see, God knew that the ground was there. He wouldn't have asked him to let go otherwise.

And so again, are you convinced, persuaded beyond a shadow of a doubt that you are loved unconditionally because Christ your covenantal representative stepped in and paid your sin debt ? That you are not here by accident ?

Do you believe there is a point to your life ?

There is one thing I want you all to understand and take to heart today.

God only ever shows us the future one step at a time.

And, if I may ask you to seriously think about one more thing today ... " We are to God the aroma of Christ

among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task ? Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant – not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life"
(2Cor.2:15,16; 3:4-6) GdV.

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- **Today** we farewell Maggie and Colin Pretorius. This week they will leave for Inala, Qld to commence their vicariate year. We **pray** that as they give themselves to a new community and a new area of ministry that they will know God's leading and guiding hand, in providing for them, and in blessing them, as they live out the call of God on their lives.
- Pray for our nation as the results of the elections becomes evident. Pray for godly, wise leaders to take up this task of governing our nation as a humble service under God.
- **Syria's** political unrest and violence , is affecting so many people, and creating large numbers of refugees. Pray especially that any proposed interventions may be used by God to bring peace and stability to this nation and to people's lives. Pray for the UN and those leaders who have the burden of making decisions in this situation.
- **Herman Blenk's** health has become very frail. He has been in the Valley Hospital for over a week now and they are trying to stabilize his situation and assess his needs. Pray for Nettie and Herman and the peace

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and trust they need for this time.

- **Ulbe Siegersma** has wisely made the transition from his unit to a room at the O/G hostel (room 7). This is a big change and we pray that he will settle into the different routines and his new surroundings.
- **Corry Blik** has continued with her chemo this week and required a blood transfusion afterwards. Give thanks that she has been able to cope with this treatment and feels reasonably well.
- **Peter and Atie Bruinewoud** value our prayers especially as they are not able to get to church now. The oncologist was pleased to find that he is 'holding his own'. At present they are enjoying family from Qld.
- **Pray for Hazel de Kretser** who had a fall this week. Thankfully, no bones were broken.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Julie De Jong		September 10
Gavin Koch		September 11
Maureen Koch	[70]	September 12
Henk Van De Kruk	[80]	September 12

With many special thoughts of you and prayers that God will bless Your birthday and the year ahead with every happiness.

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."

Wanted

Due to the unfortunate retirement of our current Church Council secretary at the end of June, Church Council are keen to hear from any Church members who would be willing to fill this important role. Ideally the willing applicant would need basic computer skills for recording and producing minutes etc. Access to a computer or laptop is desirable for sending and receiving documents. Church Council meets every month on a Thursday evening. If you feel you could use your gifts in this role please contact a Church Council member for details. This will save us having to approach you!

General notices:

Information on the **Summer Holiday Camps** programs run by **Scripture Union** at Camp Coolamatong, is available on the notice board at the far-door entrance to the church. Wide variety of options for children from grades 5,6 to all the high school levels, as well as over 18's, and family camps, with a new offer for over 35's for Easter 2014. There is also a sailing camp for the Cup week-end.

Reminder to bring Afternoon Tea:

The installation service for **Rev Garry DeVries** will be here, in the church, today, at 3pm. Rev. Leo Douma will conduct the official part of the service and also act as Classis representative. We look forward to this occasion that marks the beginning of Pastor Garry's ministry among us.

Could all our church members please bring a plate of goodies, for a celebratory afternoon tea, to share with our visitors on that afternoon. Thank you in anticipation!

Contact details:

Rev. Garry and Lis de Vries: now live at **4 Vista Crescent, Rowville, 3178.**

Landline: (03) 9763 5168

Garry's Mobile: 0434 254 944

Garry has indicated that he will be available in the church office on Wednesdays and Thursdays, should you wish to see him.

Copies of the **RTC** monthly bulletin and **Crossroad Bible Institute** are available on the table on the carpeted area.

Ladies Fellowship Day

Advance Notice

Due to Seniors Week and inavailability of speakers, this year's Ladies Fellowship Day will be held on

Saturday 26th October 2013

10am – 3pm

at the Christian Reformed Church of
South Gippsland
in Leongatha

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 & Hearher's place 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, at the Burggraaf's from 7.30- 9.30 pm. Check with John and Sue Van Garderen - Ph: 8376 6556, if there are any changes.

COFFEE BREAK LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Meets each Tuesday 10am, at the church, during the school terms.

Helen van Garderen.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

We meet every second Friday. New members most welcome. Please contact 97031613 for details.

IGNITE

(Young Adults)

Meet at the church office at 7pm every Sunday night (during school terms), this is a time for building community and relationships, while also looking at God's Word. For more information, contact Jesse Schram on 0425 863 810. We'd love to see you there!

G.O.S.P.E.L. items for prayer.

1. We praise our steadfast God for enabling Maharashtra mission field volunteers to start a new worship group in Wanjule village near Dindori. This worship group consists of 30 souls. Please continue to pray that they may grow more and more in Christian faith/beliefs.
2. We praise God for the outreach ministry in Sarad village of Maharashtra district, where our evangelist could reach out to 5 non-Christians who became receptive to Gospel of Christ Jesus. Pray for these young believers, so that they will make a clear faith commitment to Jesus Christ.
3. Ratan one of our supervisors of our 20 tuition centres in Maharashtra unfortunately met with a motorbike accident. A cut to his forehead required seven stitches. Praise God that he was spared more serious injury.
4. Please pray for the medical camps and first aid training to be held in different parts of our mission field from 10th to 20th September. We expected to conduct 4 medical camps which will benefit nearly 2000 people and conduct two first aid training for our workers & their wives of about 120 participants.

ANNUAL CAR BOOT SALE

In the past we have held a carboot sale generally on a Saturday morning in the month of October as the weather is warming up.

For this to occur again in 2013 we need a person to be the co-ordinator. Monies rased are donated to a nominated charity.

Please speak to Julie in the office for further information or maybe to Nel or Janny to see what is involved.

Please NOTE:

Changes to our brand new address booklet.

Phone Number for **Ulbe Siegersma** is incorrect. Should be **9701 1371**

Adri Pretorius: new address is 1/ 16-18 Bellarine Circuit, Morwell. 3840

Ada Coe: incorrect address **2300 Ballarto Road, Cardinia. 3978** Mobile Number 0407 162 596

September is leprosy month

Could those with a Leprosy savings box hand it to Olga Pleiter in case I am not at the church service.
Thank you in anticipation,
Corry Blik.

LEPROSY MISSION PRAYER

Almighty Father, the giver of life and health,
look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy
Stretch out your hand to touch and heal as Jesus did
during His early life.

Grant wisdom and insight to those who are seeking
the prevention and cure of the disease:
Give skill and sympathy to those who minister to the
patients:

Reunite the separated with their families and friends:
And inspire your people with the task set before the
Leprosy Mission,

That it may never lack either the staff or the means to
carry on its healing work,
In accordance with your will, and to the glory of your
holy name.

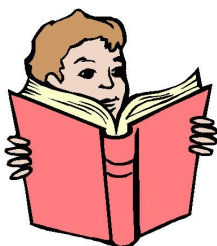
We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ,
Your Son, our Lord,
Amen



Volunteer Bible Readers.

We are looking at increasing our list of volunteers to participate on a regular roster of reading the scriptures during either service held on a Sunday.

We are desperately needing more readers for the evening services as it's left to just a FEW very dedicated readers to read each Sunday evening. Please consider and speak to Julie about becoming a regular reader.



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.

UGANDA Village of Hope Chicken Project

A Big thank you to all who have contributed to our fund raising. The target for the project was \$5,000.00 and we are pleased to report we have **achieved this figure**. There were a couple of substantial donations including \$1,000.00 from the Church Deacons which helped us to reach the target and make the project a reality for the adults and children at the Village of Hope to help break the cycle of poverty.

There are still many needs and we plan to be involved in further fund raising at a later date, of which we will keep you informed.

On behalf of Edward and Ivan, managers of the Village "thank you and God Bless you all"

Corey and Helen van Garderen

PS If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask us.

News from the Churches

Afrikaans Service

There will be an Afrikaans language today Sunday, September 8th, in the Langwarren Church, 10 Warrandite Road Langwarrin starting at 6 p.m. And Pastor Lourens Nell will officiate.

Everyone is heartily invited and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Smile:

Brooke Shields, on why she wanted to become spokesperson for a federal anti-smoking campaign: "Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life."