



22 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 Pastor Garry de Vries
Message: "The Lord had said ... leave and go!"
Reading: Genesis 11:27 – 12 :1

6:00 PM Pastor Garry de Vries
Message: "the Colossians heard the true gospel"
Reading: Colossians 1 : 1 – 8

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – RTC

NEXT WEEK

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2 – Vicariate

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,568.05
Deaconate	\$642.95



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: P & J de Jong, T & J. Cram,
A. de Vos

Next Week: The Cameron Family,
D & B. van Neutegem,
H. van der Kruk

October 6 C & K. Harrison, C. Tan,
H & J. van der Jagt

October 13 E & I. Poppenback, C. de Haan,
B. Bence

PA & VIDEO :

Today: David & Phillip Ellings

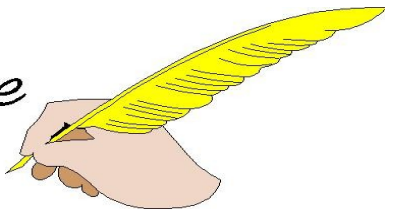
Next Week: Evert & Marnice Marjee

GREETERS

Today: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud?

Next week: Martin & Coby van Rossen

From the
Pastor



"Heaven" (2)

It is small wonder that, like the rich fool in Jesus' parable (Lk.12:20), millions of people just put up the shutters of their hearts and minds when it comes to thinking about death and eternity. We blot out

the light of God's Word precisely because it calls us to think on these things. Happy the way we are, we put it off for a more convenient time – the tomorrow that never comes.

In his letter to the Colossians, the apostle Paul challenges us to set our minds on things above not things on the earth (Col.3:1-4). The great motive for being truly heavenly minded is that the believer is raised with Christ. He has new and everlasting life through faith in Jesus as his Saviour. Paul also reminds us that the risen Christ is even now in heaven “*sitting at the right hand of God*”. He is located there with our humanity “*exalted as Lord and Head over all things to the church*” (Eph.1:22).

In thinking about Jesus' heavenly glory, we can easily forget the fact that God the Father is also there. Jesus is, after all at the right hand of the Father. Indeed, it is the presence of the Father that defines Jesus' glory (Ps.16:11) and our Father is in heaven. Jesus taught us to pray “*our Father in heaven*” – in other words – it is from somewhere called heaven that His omnipresence reaches out into every corner of His creation ... so heaven is a real place.

In fact, the Bible speaks about three distinct “heavens”. The first “*heaven*” is the sky above our heads, the atmosphere in which we live and breathe. In the flood we are told that “*the windows of heaven were opened*” for example.

The second “*heaven*” is that of space and heavenly bodies – the sun, moon and stars – the universe beyond the atmosphere.

But the third “*heaven*” is where God dwells; it lies beyond our senses. It is explicitly called the “*third heaven*” in 2 Corinthians 12:2 where Paul describes being caught up in a unique experience of God's favour. Solomon prays repeatedly that the Lord would “*hear in heaven your dwelling place*” (1K.8:30,39,43,49). Jesus says “*let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven*” (Matt.5:16). There are many similar references in the New Testament which also make mention of the “

kingdom of heaven” “*bread from heaven*” and the word “*heaven*” itself which is also “*God's throne*” (Matt.5:34, 12:50, 16:17, 18:10, Heb.9:24). So heaven is not a state of mind, it will be a place with real resurrection bodies, walking on real ground in a new earth under new heavens !

Now, Scripture assures us that Christians have “*a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens*” (2Cor.5:1). This contrasts with our earthly house, this tent, our mortal body which is destroyed by death.

Paul's point is that we will have bodies in heaven – resurrection bodies. Heaven must therefore be a created place where saved sinners and unfallen angels will live in the presence of the glorious God and the exalted Christ. And, heaven is where Christians will be forever because the Lord Jesus Christ is there with His Father.

The Father's acceptance of Jesus' perfect sacrifice for sin, guarantees His acceptance of those for whom Christ died and secures their salvation in time and eternity (Philipp 2:9-11, Eph.1:20-23; Heb.1:1-3, 1Pet.3:22). And, didn't Jesus say that He was preparing a place in heaven for believers that they might be with Him forever and behold His glory (Jn.14:2, 17:24 , 2Tim2:19) ?

And right now, what is The Holy Spirit doing in this regard ? He is nurturing in believers, a living hope that focuses on the anticipation of their heavenly inheritance (1Pet.1:3-5) ! So, trust in this: Jesus will come again to gather His people with Him in the glory of heaven (Jn.14:3). Jesus Christ is the key that opens heaven for those who are saved by His grace. Indeed it is only in and through His death as the only mediator between God and man, that sinners are adopted as sons to God and so come to know Him as their heavenly Father. Believe me, there is no heaven and no Father God for anyone apart

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from saving faith in Jesus Christ (next time ... even more about heaven) **GdV**

Ministry of the Word

AM – What if God's call demanded that today you sell your business ? Move your family ? Forsake your reputation ? Abraham answered God's call and he is not only a study in true faith and obedience, but also in failure and doubt – but the God who walked with Abraham also walks with believers who are children of Abraham.

PM – The letter to the Colossians is packed with good things. The tendency to be influenced by currents of thought from outside, from society at large prompted Paul to write and make the point that Christ is magnificent, that nothing can compare with Him, and if we have Jesus we have enough !

Pastoral and Prayer Points

- **John and Corry Blik** thank you you're your prayerful support as Corry continues with her chemo (first session of the last cycle of the second course – this week) and while she needed the follow up blood transfusion she did not need to stay in hospital overnight. Praise God for the way her body is coping with it.
- Thank God with **Herman Blenk** that he was able to return to the hostel and now receives palliative care for his frail health. Pray for Nettie and Herman and the peace and trust they need for this time.
- **Pieter Vandenberg** came to rejoin the O/G community by accepting a room in the hostel, (room 49). We trust he will soon settle into his new surroundings, and it makes it easier for church friends to visit him.
- **Kath Harrison** leaves for NZ on Friday to visit her grandmother who has not been well. May she have safe travels with two little ones.
- **Peter and Atie Bruinewoud** continue to value our prayers especially as they are not able to get to church now.

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

AGM

Church Council notifies the congregation, that on Thursday the 10th of October at 7:30pm, Dandenong Christian Reformed Church will hold its annual AGM for 2013 at 'The Church Under The Cross' – Cnr Gladstone Rd and Outlook Drive North Dandenong.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Wilma Van Brussel	Today	September 22
Jos Berends		September 23
Karrissa Esselbrugge		September 23
Stien Ploegsma		September 24
David Ellings		September 25
Sam Zaphiris		September 26

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!

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.

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 raised 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.

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 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.

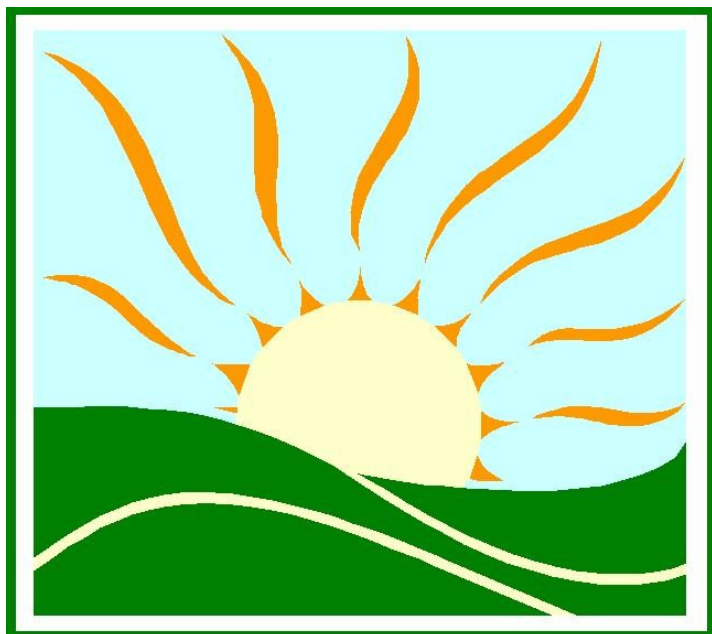
FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Will meet on Friday 20th September at the home of Harry & Jannette van der Jagt. Call 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!



Advance notice of a Fund-raising –dinner- auction for Shawlands Carport Shelter

will take place on 9th November 6.00pm. Keep the evening free for a fun community event. Cost \$10 per person, and \$25 for family with children. For the \$10 you will get pre-dinner drinks and nibbles, and a variety of soups and breads to choose from, then there will be croquettes and other finger foods for sale, as well as dessert afterwards, and the possibility of purchasing extra drinks, a glass of wine etc. There will be mystery parcels being auctioned, as well as a variety of hand-made, home made articles, quilts, craft bags, picnic basket etc.

Could congregational members please donate a home-made cake for our cake stall ? Thank you!. Invite your friends and family.

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



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.

Just a Note.

In the past we have had a number of issues with the booking of the Church facilities and are now asking members to follow this simple process when wanting to book for a function.

For people wanting to hire the church and its facilities the Booking Co-ordinator - Jean Joseph, must receive a written request stating the date, times and reason for function (meetings/weddings/conferences etc) with contact details attached.

The co-ordinator will then discuss the availability and confirm in writing the recognition of your request.

Thank you



News from the Churches

The South Gippsland Congregation have called Ian Daw to be their minister and Ian has accepted. Ian

hopes to be ministering early in the new year.

To prepare for ordination, Ian is required to undergo a classis examination.

The examination has been organised for Friday the 22nd of November the evening before the next regular Classis meeting on the 23rd.



Smile:

When the kindergarten teacher returned to her class after being absent, she asked the children how they had liked their substitute. "She was all right," said one little boy, "but she wasn't as smart as you. She had to use two hands to play the piano."

--Sunshine Magazine

A rejection slip sent to a writer by a Chinese economics journal was delicately phrased as follows:

"We have read your manuscript with boundless delight. If we were to publish your paper, it would be impossible for us to publish any work of a lower standard. And as it is unthinkable that, in the next thousand years, we shall see its equal, we are, to our regret, compelled to return your divine composition and beg you a thousand times to overlook our short sight and timidity."

English translation: "Don't ever send us this kind of rubbish again."



Ladies Fellowship Day

Saturday 26th October 2013

10am – 3pm

**Christian Reformed Church
of
South Gippsland**

Speakers: ***Robyn Hoekstra and
Johanna Haasjes***

Morning and afternoon tea will be provided, and a **choice of soups for lunch** – all free of charge. Bring your own sandwich if you need extra. You are also asked to bring something small used/unused from home that you no longer need, to donate for the trading table – these will be available for purchase during lunch, and proceeds will go to the **Bethesda Disability Centre in the Solomon Islands**. You are also asked to bring any spare NEW wool, or knitted squares (30 stitches x 30 rows), or any spare NEW material.

A **BUS** will be provided if there is sufficient need, picking up ladies at Wonga Park and Dandenong. If you'd like to book a seat on the bus, contact **Barbara Kruize (Ph 8790 2316) by 23rd October** – cost will be approx \$20 per person.

About the Speakers –

Robyn Hoekstra

Robyn, from Mirboo North, is a wife, mother of 3, and grandmother of 6 grandchildren under the age of 8! She has a varied job interest but is most passionate about caring for others, hence her long association with aged care. Robyn has herself needed care when she battled cancer – currently though, she enjoys reading, gardening, cooking, embroidery and porcelain doll making. She also enjoys camping in the outback, although feels that her tent days are numbered. Robyn has had an interest in Kairos Prison Ministry and been involved since its inception in Victoria, and is currently serving on the regional committee.

Johanna Haasjes

Johanna was born in the Netherlands, migrated with her parents during the mid 1950s, and has lived mostly in South Gippsland since then. She is married and has 2 adult sons. She has been a farmer's wife, run a country store, and then taught at Leongatha Christian School for 25 years until retirement. She continues to be involved with the Christian School, is a CRE Team Leader for two small schools, an active campaigner for "Make Poverty History", as well as being the Co-ordinator for "Mission Without Borders" in South Gippsland. Johanna has long been retired, but still very much likes to serve where the Lord leads her – Micah 6:8 has been her guiding Scripture since a teenager – "...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

**Would you like to help break
the cycle of poverty?**

This is an all weather event

Join us for a
**Bonfire
Night**

12th October 6:00 pm

135 Vowell Drive, Pearcedale

Mel 141 F9

at the end of the road

**Roast meats, sausages, salads,
coffee & tea provided.
BYO drinks & chairs.**

**For more information call
Glenn 0421 703 393**

**HopeBuilders International continues its work in
Rwanda and seeks your support in helping
Empower People in Rwanda.**

**EMPOWER is a course that facilitates healing and
reconciliation between victims and perpetrators of
Rwanda's genocide. We are seeing great results through
this program and would love to run more.**



**So we are asking you to join us with your family
around the fire, we will provide dinner & all we ask
is you make a donation to this cause**

(all donations are tax deductible—include name address with donation)

