



29 September 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 Pastor Garry de Vries
Message: God's Call of Abraham
Reading: Genesis 12 : 1 – 9

6:00 PM Pastor Garry de Vries
Message: Grow in the grace you already have!
Reading: Colossians 1 : 9 – 14

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Vicariate

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – URY

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$1,557.80
Reformed Theological College	\$364.65



ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

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

Next Week: C & K. Harrison, C. Tan,
H & J. van der Jagt

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

October 20 D & J. Mekking, K. Knol,
R. Heerdink

PA & VIDEO :

Today: Evert & Marnice Marjee

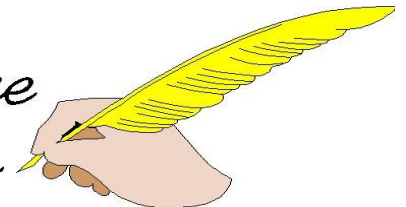
Next Week: TBA

GREETERS

Today: Martin & Coby van Rossen

Next week: Yke & Anneke Laverman

From the
Pastor



"Heaven" (3)

What is heaven like ? In cartoons and TV ads, it is depicted as a cold ethereal place. If it has any 'land' it is a bit like the north pole – all white under a bright sky. More often there is just sky with puffy clouds supporting people in white robes playing harps and cracking jokes. Such caricatures may be

amusing but they are a mockery of the Christian conception of heaven and life after death. Of all the Bible passages that address this subject, Revelation 21 is the most vivid and detailed. It reveals a rich landscape with magnificent buildings. It is populated by the innumerable multitude of God's elect, who live, work and worship around the awesome presence of God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the host of heaven.

Revelation 21 is the most vivid and detailed account of what heaven will be like. John sees that the " first heaven and the first earth had passed away "

Psalms 102:26 says that " they will perish ... they will grow old like a garment; like a cloak you will change them, and they will be changed."

John says that " there was no more sea " (Rev.21:1). In the Bible, the sea is the emblem of unrest and conflict. The roaring, raging, agitated, tempest-tossed water, the waves perpetually engaged in combat with one another symbolise the nations of the world in their conflict and unrest, so its not unusual to read that in the new heavens and new earth there will be no more sea. The new heaven and the new earth will be so different to our present state of affairs. At the moment, God is reserving this present world for a fiery end (2Pet.3) and bringing salvation to those in future generations who will not perish but ... come to repentance. Out of this cleansing fire will come a renewed and transformed creation. Our present defiled environment will become the new environment in which God's people will live forever.

More on chapter 21 next week ... but in the meantime read and meditate upon Revelation 21 – bearing in mind that this is a 'vision' and not a 'video'.

We are not being given a street plan of heaven here, but a symbolic picture of the corporate life of the people of God in heaven. That is not to say that there will not be a visible city of God in space and (endless) time. The new earth will be three dimensional, with a real city in a real creation with real people in real physical bodies living in real dwellings. **GdV**

Pastoral and Prayer Points

We pray for those connected to our congregation who face sickness, pain, hardship, suffering, danger, rigorous medical treatment, and some of our number are in palliative care. **Herman Blenk** remains very frail and places his hope in the Lord of the Church; **Peter Bruinewoud's** trust in the Lord is solid and his spirit remains positive; **Corry Blik** continues her treatments and her trust in the Lord is unmoveable. We praise the Lord for His promise to sustain them and those connected with their care with His grace.

Our Father in heaven – take our sickness, pains, wounds and hurts. Take our disappointments, defeats, and despair. Take our sorrows and grieving. Take all of our weaknesses. Continue to demonstrate the comfort of your love though your congregation in this place. Give us hope instead of despair, joy and gladness instead of grief, and a song of praise instead of sorrow. Be the health of the sick and the support of the aged. May those troubled in mind or spirit learn to cast their cares on you. Grant that whatever happens to us, we may see your loving hand and have the sure confidence in Christ, that in all things you work for good with those who love you. **Amen.**

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.

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Summary DCRC Church Council Meeting 19th Sept. 2013

- After opening devotions, the chairman welcomed all present and noted the first time presence of our new ‘council secretary’ Gert Eybers, and our new minister – after which the Form of Subscription was signed by Rev. Garry de Vries.
 - Opportunities for feedback and reflection were given re / the arrival of the de Vries family and their ministry to date.
 - The following reports were presented with no issue: Worship and Preaching; Youth and Children’s Programs; Shawlands; Small groups ministry; Preaching Roster and updates; Deacon’s Report. Ongoing Pastoral Care issues were discussed, scheduled, and prayerfully resolved.
 - URGENT – Church Council calls for elder nominations to be communicated to them a.s.a.p. Closing date for nominations 13th October 2013.
 - Church Council is prayerfully considering an “apprenticeship” approach for the recruitment of future office bearers.
 - Various business items were dealt with:
 - a) AGM on Thursday 10th October 7:30pm (see this newsletter for details).
 - b) Financial Profit and Loss Budget Analysis 2013/14
 - c) Membership IN – Garry and Elisabeth de Vries from Newcastle CRC NSW. Membership OUT – the De La Porte family to Casey.
 - d) Relevant correspondence items were dealt with and actioned.
 - Next Meeting – 17th October 2013.
- The meeting was closed in prayer



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.

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. 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

Meets on Fridays

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!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Felix Berman	Today	September 29
Sue Iepema	Today	September 29
Lis de Vries		October 4

Before the first star twinkled, God saw the twinkle in your eye, heard the sound of your voice, and called you by name.

You're one of His favourite creations, and He still rejoices over you. **Have a Beautiful Birthday**



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

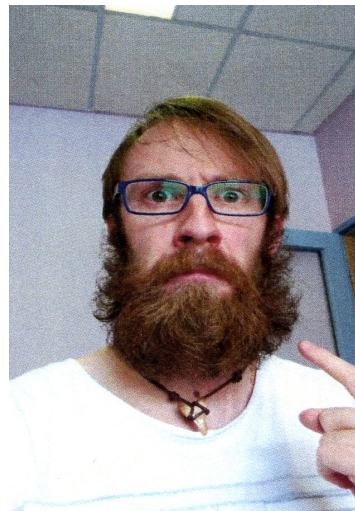
Almighty Father, the giver of life and health,
look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy
Stretch out your hand to touch and heal as Jesus did
during His early life.
Grant wisdom and insight to those who are seeking the
prevention and cure of the disease:
Give skill and sympathy to those who minister 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



SHAWLANDS COMMITTEE NEWS.

The Shawlands Committee will be organising the Monthly BBQ for the Shawlands Park Community for **FRIDAY the 4th OCTOBER**. Please pray for us as we make our preparations for this day. Pray also that the Lord will enable us to continue to touch the lives of the residents in the Park, as we meet with them and extend our Christian hospitality, understanding and support. May God bless our endeavours, all those involved and the Park residents.
On behalf of the Shawlands Committee – Monica Austrums.

**FUNDRAISER!
YOUTH UNLIMITED**



So, it has been mentioned to me (Jesse) a few times in church that I should shave my beard... But I thought to myself, 'why shave for nothing?' That's why, until December 1st, we will be raising money for the Youth Unlimited crew (URY, J-Team, Kids Church), **with the goal of raising \$1,500**. If we can raise that amount, my beard will be coming off, if not, I might just have to find out how long I can grow it...





We are holding a car boot Sale

When: Saturday 26th October

Time: 7am arrival for stall holders

Open for sales from 8am until sold out

Where: Dandenong Christian Reformed Church Car Park

Cnr Gladstone Road and Outlook Dr, Dandy Nth.

Church Members: Please contact Nel S **9795 4946** to secure a site

For all External Bookings: Please phone **9790 0722** to secure a site

Cost: \$15 per site

Come and sell your goods or buy some amazing treasures, have your car washed and lots of tasty foods to Purchase too.

: including Cakes, Hot Food, Poffertjes, Croquettes, Tea and Coffee,
cold drinks and much more will be available for sale.

Browse and buy at our Op Shop as it will be open for business for the day as well.

All monies raised shall be used for designated organizations
assisting those in need both locally and overseas



**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)

