



13 October 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: Decisions and turning points
Reading: Genesis chapter 13

6:00 PM Pastor Garry de Vries
Message: Don't move away from faith in Christ alone
Reading: Colossians 1 : 21 – 23

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Dandenong High School Chaplaincy

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Lord's Supper- Diaconate

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$1,586.00
Budget	\$2,885.00
Deficit	(\$1,002.00)
URY (Youth Unlimited)	\$429.60

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: E & I. Poppenback, C. de Haan,
B. Bence

Next Week: D & J. Mekking, K. Knol,
R. Heerdink

October 27 C & H. van Garderen, R. Mans,
J & S. van Garderen

November 3 J & M. Austrums, C & A. Span,
J. Schapendonk

PA & VIDEO :

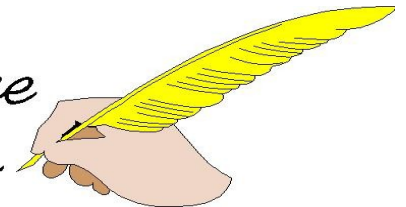
Today: TBA
Next Week: TBA

GREETERS

Today: TBA

Next week: Rita Piening

From the
Pastor



Making our Union with Christ Real

According to Scripture teaching (eg **Col.2:2 ; Rom. 6:4 – 5**) by faith in Him, Christ's death and resurrection is as good as if we had died His death and experienced His resurrection from the dead in payment for our sins.

In fact, in Christ's early ministry, everything He

did, He did on behalf of His Bride and was acting on Her behalf as if it were His Bride herself who was doing what had to be done in order to get right with God. Christ's perfect law-keeping and suffering become ours though faith – they are imputed or accredited to us ! Even the fact that Christ now sits in royal session at the right hand of His heavenly Father, signifies that we who believe in Him are seated with Christ and rule with Him in the heavenly places (**Eph.1:20 – 21**).

So here then, is our union with Christ in His death and resurrection.

In a mysterious but very real way, we were present with Christ at the cross and the grave – so that with Him we died, and with Him we rose, in payment for our sins. And what is even more astounding, is that this dying and rising with Christ was “sealed” and “confirmed” to each one of us symbolically when we were baptised. By faith in Christ, our baptism is God's guarantee to us that in some mysterious way we died with Christ, were buried with Him and then also raised with Him in payment for our sins ... WOW!

But of course, those who were present with Christ at His cross and grave – so that with Him they died and with Him they arose – must now live for Jesus !

In response to God's grace in Jesus, they must now set their minds above and not on earthly thing (**Col.3:1-7**). This is to be the goal of those who were present with Christ at the cross and the grave. They are to live-out their dying and rising with Christ. In response to God's grace in Jesus they are to make the promise of baptism a reality in their lives. How ? Paul says, something within them needs to be put to death. Capital punishment needs to be exercised against their old man of sin, their earthly nature, their old self with its practices (**Col.3:5,9,10**). They must daily take off the filthy rags of sins, and put on the clothes of righteousness. In doing this, they make their union with Christ real in their lives. Yet, all of our striving to gratefully and thankfully live for Christ, will never be fully displayed in this life in the way it should be (Col.3:3-4). The fact is, that we still sin. So on the one hand, we already have new life, but it is

not yet fully displayed. This is because it is bound to Christ, and hence won't be fully revealed until He comes again. Yes, there will come a time, when our lives will be fully revealed for all to see. At that time, we will no longer be like a light under bushel, instead we will share in Christ's glory ! **GdV**

Prayer Challenge

As believers we are challenged everyday to trust God, obey God, and fear God.

Will I trust God, whatever my circumstances ?

Will I obey God whatever the consequences ?

Will I fear God, whoever opposes me ?

We trust God for the big things in life, but what about the smaller things ?

But faith means trusting God for the big things as well as the little things.

What happens so often though is that we trust God with our soul – it's called salvation, but then we worry about the struggle we were going through and the decisions we have to make. We trust God with the ultimate – Eternity, but we can't trust Him to get through one challenge. So often we move on our own initiative to solve our own problem, apart from God. But we will absolutely mess up our lives when we start to move in the arm of the flesh, without the guidance of the Lord. Thankfully, God specialises in situations where there is no human escape. When we have dug the hole of our life so deep we cannot climb out, when we are overwhelmed with what's happening *“I heard the voice of Jesus say come unto me and rest. Lay down you weary one lay down, your head upon my breast. I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad, I found Him in a resting place and he has made me glad. I heard the voice of Jesus say I am this dark world's light. Look unto me, your morn*

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shall rise, and all your day be bright. I came to Jesus and I found, in Him my star, my sun. And in that light of life I'll walk, till travelling days are done." (BOW 474)

Prayer

Father, we ask for your mercy for all in need or want at this time. Support them with your strength so they may always rejoice in your Fatherly wisdom and care. By your mighty power, strengthen those in our congregation who stand in special need such as the success of **Corry's** chemo-therapy, other brother's and sister's struggling with chronic medical conditions, still others facing the prospect of painful surgery in the near future. Those of our number in palliative care such as **Peter** and **Herman** – Lord, support them in their hour of need ! Because they're not able to win the victory of life in their own strength, keep them by the power of Your Holy Spirit for Jesus sake, Amen.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Josh Esselbrugge	October19
Emil Poppenbeck	October19

After a certain number of birthdays, we begin to see the spontaneous beauty of the life God gives us each day, and we appreciate its unique pattern...

After a certain number of birthdays, we marvel at our own original design May this year of your life be blessed by knowing in every moment, in every day, He is shaping you in His loving and perfect design.

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.

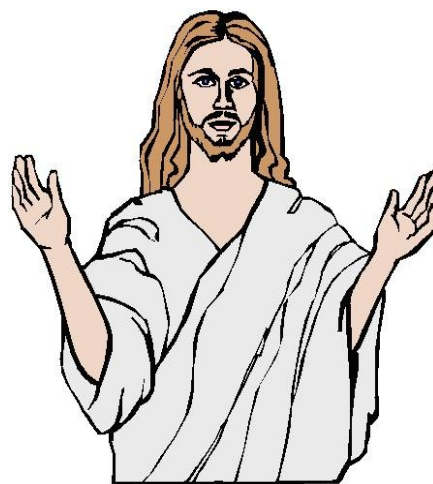
Cost \$10 per person, and \$25 for family with children.

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.

GOSPEL prayer points for October

- There will be State elections in Madhya Pradesh State in November (population 75 million) pray that God may give proper government in this state which will not oppose the mission and church planting work.
- We have a congregation in Dadiya village in central Gujarat district, where people from Bajarang Dal(Hindu militant group) come and try to stop the gathering for worship service on Sundays. Pray that Bajarang Dal will stop this so that this new group will have peaceful worship service on Sundays.
- Praise God for the medical camps that were conducted in our mission field at 6 places in September. Some 1,840 believers and non-believers were medically treated. During the medical treatment the good news of Jesus was preached to non-Christians.
- Praise God for the two baptism services held during September at Maharashtra and South Gujarat districts. 55 new believers were baptized in these two series. Pray that the baptized new believers will grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

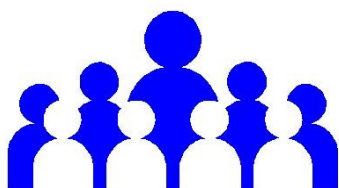


A ladies weekend away

I am planning a ladies weekend away for the last weekend in February next year. I know this seems like a long way away but I do need to confirm numbers. If you would like to spend a few days away getting to know a few of the ladies from this congregation a bit better then come and join us. The weekend is planned to begin on the Friday and last until the Sunday afternoon. Transport should not be a problem as there will be a number of cars that

could take those who do not drive. The weekend would be a free and easy weekend with not too much planned so that we can spend time catching up on uncompleted projects or if you like to walk, taking walks on the beach or swimming if you like to swim or doing whatever you like. At this stage I am only trying to gauge numbers as the house that we would be staying in only takes about 15 people however this house is joined by veranda to another house and that house could also be booked if we have the numbers. It will not be an expensive weekend away and would probably only cost \$50 per person for accommodation. Food would be extra. Oh yes the house is at Anglesea and sits beside the river. You must be able to climb stairs if you would like to come as the house is on two levels. Those who came last time really enjoyed themselves but we would like to see a few more this time.

If you are interested in joining us for this wonderful weekend or if you would like to know more please let me know as soon as possible so that I can book the second house if needed. Jannette Vanderjagt 97031613



Dear Church family,

In 1979 we joined Dandenong CRC and you quickly became our family, with this in mind we would love to include you in a mile stone Mum & Dad have reached together.

Kees & Roely Scholtus will be married 50 years on December 20th. Please come and join us on December 21st, 2013 at Mount Evelyn Christian School (14 Hawkins Rd, t Evelyn) for a 'Celebration' Afternoon Tea. We look forward to welcoming you from 1 til 4.

Please RSVP to Karen by December 10th.
craig_karen2000@yahoo.com.au, K. McKenner, 74 Bastow Rd, Lilydale 3140 or 97770257.

Warmest regards,
Karen McKenner and Benno Scholtus



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

New members welcome. Call 97031613 for details.

IGNITE

Ignite (formerly known as Young Adults Bible Study) is on at 7PM every Sunday night during school terms. We meet at Lynette's house to build community and relationships, while also studying God's Word. For more information, please contact either Jesse Schram (0425 863 810) or Lynette Pretorius (0423 889 912). We would love to see you there!

Dear Members of Christian Reformed Churches,

For many years the Christian Reformed Church of Blaxland's retirement committee (Summit Committee) has been engaged with the Blue Mountains City Council in seeking to utilise its large vacant property in Old Bathurst Road (Renwick Close) Blaxland for the benefit of the Church and its members. Many of you will be aware of our application to Council to build and operate a 60 bed nursing home with associated self-care units, which despite much effort and frustration, was not approved. The current approval, the subject of this invitation, represents the allowable potential for the land.

Finally our Lord has made it possible for us to be

able to offer for sale, ten Community Title homes in varying configurations of two, three and four bedrooms. Interest in acquiring the homes is being sought prior to commencement of construction works. The Council approval consists of 10 modern, architect designed homes on generous landscaped lots, accessed off a cul-de-sac to be constructed off Old Bathurst Road. During the approval process particular attention was paid to the preservation of the natural bushland features, drainage design for stormwater collection and controlled runoff, as well as the establishment of prescribed zones and fire trails and water storage and pumping, for purposes of ensuring proper protection against bushfires. This attention to the environment, together with care being taken during construction, will ensure the retention of the natural beauty of the area for the enjoyment of future residents.

If members are interested in investing, retiring, or simply interested in living in a beautiful part of God's creation then please consider our invitation to come to an open meeting to take place at the Christian Reformed Church of Blaxland, on Saturday the 19th October 2013 at 2.00 pm. During the meeting an outline of the development will be given along with house and site plans, sketches and a walk around the property.

So, if you're interested in attending please come along on Saturday 19th October at 2.00pm.

Church Car Boot Sale 26th October.

We have been asked to organize the catering side of the car boot sale, with the profits to go to the Village of Hope in Uganda.

We would like to include a cake stall, so are asking people who are able to bake a cake, slice or biscuits for sale, to please bake for us and bring the item on the Saturday morning to our stall. Health regulations state that all baking must have a label attached stating the ingredients and no fresh cream is allowed .

Thank you, Corey and Helen.

Prayer and financial support for suffering Syrian believers.

On Sunday 3 Nov. there will be an opportunity to give towards Christians in great stress due to the Syrian crisis.

Due to the civil war their plight is difficult. Because they believe in Christ, their suffering is even greater.

WD&R is giving an opportunity for churches to give, by coordinating a special appeal for funds for struggling Christians. Our support will go through MERF Diaconal Aid in Syria. MERF enables faithful churches in Syria to bring much needed help to the most vulnerable with basic food, shelter, and medical care, along with spiritual nurture.



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN
(Victorian Unit)

You are invited to

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Venue: Dandenong North Uniting Church
Birch Ave., Dandenong North

Date: Friday, October 18th

Time: 10.00am-Cuppa---10.30am Service

Speaker: Mr. Phillip Hayes-Brown, CEO Wallara
Australia

Theme: LOVE IS FOR SHARING

EVERYONE WELCOME

SCHOOLIES REVOLUTION 2014



Come find out all you need to know about our 3-week schoolies trips to Uganda and India & Sri Lanka, where we strive to make a positive change.

** Please note each session will cover the same information. It is only necessary to attend one. It is compulsory to attend a session if you want to travel on one of the trips.

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 12

10am - 12pm

Mt Evelyn Reformed Church

45-47 Birmingham Rd, Mt Evelyn

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16

7:30pm - 9:30pm

One Hope Community Church

17 Cavell St, Scoresby

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19

10am - 12pm

Dandenong Reformed Church

255 Outlook Dr, Dandenong Nth

For more information visit www.schooliesrevolution.com or email us at info@schooliesrevolution.com