



20 October 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: Abram rescues Lot
Reading: Genesis 14

6:00 PM Pastor Garry de Vries
Message: Be Thankful
Reading: Colossians 2 : 6 – 7

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

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

OFFERINGS

THIS WEEK

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

NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church
2 – Music Ministry

LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,352.60
Weekly Budget	\$2,885.00
Deficit	(\$532.40)
Dandenong High School Chaplaincy	\$411.30

ROSTERS

COFFEE SERVING :

Today: D & J. Mekking, K. Knol,
R. Heerdink

Next Week: C & H. van Garderen, R. Mans,
J & S. van Garderen

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

November 10 G. Huinink, F & M. Piening,
H & R. Piening

PA & VIDEO :

Today: TBA

Next Week: TBA

GREETERS

Today: Rita Piening

Next week: Vera Steendam, Con Daniels



As Christian Reformed Churches, we've got our roots down in something that will provide us with the necessary nourishment to help us continue to grow and flourish. In fact, there are a number of identifiable principles which have worked together to shape the 'reformed' expression of being Christian.

a) God's central role in our lives inspires

sacred love in these cold heart of ours ... come shed abroad a Saviour's love, and that shall kindle ours"

Let us continue to uphold those in our church community we know are so needy of our prayerful support ... "Dear heavenly Father, comfort and help those of our number who are sick, suffering, troubled, and feeling oppressed or forsaken. Through the ministry of Your Spirit, lead them to unceasing use of prayer, confident trust in your many promises, and the abiding peace of Christ. Whether we live or die we are Yours O Lord. While we live, continue to mould us into a people of living faith and hope, a family active in love and every good work."

Amen

Following is a short-list of brothers and sisters needing our special prayerful attention: **Mimi Lacroix, Corrie Blik, Nettie Blenk, Anne Daniels, Peter Bruinewoud** ; and others struggling with a variety of serious medical conditions and complaints. And pray for those you know who are full-time carers – such a demanding task.

We also wish **Debbie Van Neutegem** safe travels as she goes overseas to meet up with daughter **Jennifer**, who is completing her working time in Europe, and then eventually flying home again together.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Daryl Koch	October 21
Adrie Pretorius	October 22
Alida Ekkel	October 22
Janis Gully	October 24
Henny Eshuis	October 26

You treat each moment as a gift from God – live life to the hilt. Love those around you. And others see it, feel it ...pick up on it. You spread good vibes. Live your truth.

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.

College boxes.

The time has come again to empty the FULL college boxes. Please hand your boxes in asap so I can take care of it for the college.

I thank you all in advance for your faithful savings in aid for the students.

Yours in Christ Janny Appel.

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

Launch of the Kuyper Centre for Christian worldview studies

On the 31st of October, Lord willing, we plan to launch the **Kuyper Centre for Christian Worldview Studies**. The RTC was originally set up with a vision to develop the college into a Christian University, where disciplines would be taught from a Christian worldview perspective. Despite repeated efforts to meet this vision such a university never eventuated. We trust that setting up the Centre will meet at least some of the hopes of our founders.

It is fitting that this event should take place on Reformation Day, because it was Martin Luther who first recognised that all Christians are called to their various tasks by God. Later John Calvin and others broadened this insight to a recognition that we are to live every aspect of our lives to the glory of God.

A more systematic approach to a Christian "world and life view" (now simply known as "worldview") was developed late in the nineteenth century by Abraham Kuyper and his followers. It is this approach that we seek to build on, developing a Christian worldview that meets the challenges of our day and age.

The launch of the Kuyper Centre will take place at **7:30 pm of October 31** at the **Maranatha Christian School**, 146 Kidds Road, Doveton. Our featured speaker, **Colin Youl**, will speak on "Worldviews: does your north hand know what your south hand is doing?" Following this the Centre's director, **Dr Bill Berends**, will introduce the purpose and program of the Kuyper Centre. Light refreshments will be served at the close.

You can visit the Kuyper Centre for Christian Worldview Studies at: <http://kuypercentre.org.au/>



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 Emil & Ishbelle Poppenbeck's Unit 45 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

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!

RTC monthly newsletter is available in the church foyer

Youth Unlimited News

Hey all! For those that have been following, we are now up to 20% of our nominated target! Thanks to everyone who has donated! A counter-fund has been started to try and save my beard though, so keep donating, and whichever fund comes out on top decides my beard's future!

In other news, we now have a **Youth Wall** at the back of the church (by the purple chairs), all

information on current events in URY and J-Team will be shown there. We are also charting the progress of the fundraiser on the wall, so if you would like to see where we are up to, feel free have a look! We are adding new information all the time, to try and keep everyone better connected with happenings at both programs!

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. WD&R is calling on us to specifically identify with the sufferings of our Syrian brothers and sisters. With very limited resources, for two years MERF (through Lebanon Reformed Fellowship) has given diaconal aid to the most vulnerable in four areas of Syria: the capital, Damascus (south), Homs (central), Aleppo (northwest) and Qamishli (northeast) as well as to Syrian refugees in Lebanon. Assistance is received by suffering Syrian children, elderly, disabled, sick or homeless people. The aid is in the form of food parcels, blankets, candles, rent of temporary housing, medical care or transportation to safer areas. Some of those assisted are not of Christian background.

Please join in calling on God's name for the suffering church in Syria that faces a very uncertain future.

Friends of Rie van der Jagt are invited to join in celebrating her 90th Birthday on Sunday the 27th of October, 2-5pm at the Wonga park Christian Reformed Church.

Tickle your funny bone

Rev. Harold Watson, a Congregationalist minister, received a call from a woman who was quite distressed over the death of her pet cat, Samantha. She asked the minister to conduct a funeral service for her cat. The minister explained that it was contrary to Congregationalist policy to conduct funerals for animals and referred her to a friend, a Methodist pastor. Later, Watson learned that the Methodist minister had referred her to a Presbyterian minister, who had referred her to someone else.

A day later, the grieving pet owner called Watson back, still upset. She said she was at her wit's end, couldn't find a minister to conduct Samantha's funeral, and didn't know what to do. She said she planned to donate ten thousand dollars to the church of the minister who performed this service for Samantha.

Watson said to her, "Well, why didn't you tell me Samantha was a Congregationalist in the first place?"



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"I will give you a new heart... I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." (Ezekiel 36:26)

One Hope
Community Church

6pm - Sunday 27th October
Scoresby Secondary College
Cavell St, Scoresby

Free food & games afterwards
state youth service



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?"