



28 February 2010

**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 Jim de Witte  
Message: The final Hallelujah  
Reading: Psalm 150

6:00 PM Rev. Peter Mechielsen (Classis pulpit swap. Pastor Jim in Langwarrin)  
Message: "No looking back." (2 Cor.4:18)  
Readings: Psalm 121; 2 Corinthians 4

Duty Elder: Yke Laverman

Duty Deacon: Karl Hauke

### WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

9:30 AM Rev. Crosbie de Kretser  
6:00 PM Br. Harry Berends

Duty Elder: Corey van Garderen

Duty Deacon: Aafke Span

### OFFERINGS

#### THIS WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Solomon Islands Workgroup

#### NEXT WEEK

1 – Local Church  
2 – Music Ministry

#### LAST WEEK

Freewill/Pledges	\$2,789.05
COM India	\$508.80
Donation Hall	\$210.00
Haiti Appeal Deacons	\$250.00

### ROSTERS

#### COFFEE SERVING :

Today: C. Harrison, B. Hamilton, G. Heerdink  
Next Week: A. de Vos, A. de Witte, M. Eleveld

#### PA & VIDEO :

Today: Jennifer van Neutegem, David Cameron  
Next Week: Kevin de Jong, Paul Cholel

#### DATA PROJECTOR

Today: Glen de Jong  
Next Week: Cameron de Witte

#### GREETERS

Today: Jenny van der Wolde  
Next week: Peter & Atie Bruinewoud

### From the Pastor's Desk

What a wonderful opportunity we have to gather as God's people again this morning. May God, through his Holy Spirit, guide our worship and praise, and may he give us hearts to hear and respond to him in thanks and praise for his grace and goodness to us. This afternoon we have Rev. Peter Mechielsen (Langwarrin CRC) led our service. This is one of our regular pulpit swaps, this one following our Classis meeting yesterday in Tecoma. We pray that God will bless Peter as he leads our service this evening. I will be leading the service in Langwarrin.

## Kids Hope

Our Kids Hope Mentors in Rosewood Downs Primary School are starting again this year and we look forward to God continuing to use us to touch the lives of the children being mentored. Brad Allen continually says me, 'Please find more mentors because the need is great'. If you can spare an hour a week to help an 'at risk' child please see me soon.

For your encouragement: the family of two of the children being mentored has approached the church about all their children being involved in our children and youth programs and we have the opportunity to build a relationship with the whole family. We need to be in prayer that this will continue and strengthen in the weeks ahead.

**WANTED: For the Women's convention:** Please save your old magazines, Womens weeklies etc, Christian Woman's magazines, travel brochures and old calendars- There will be a box under the table in the foyer, next week. Thank You.

## Church Op Shop

We open Thursdays 11.30am-4.30pm and Fridays 10am- 4.30pm. Donations can be dropped off during these times. Please remember we cannot accept electrical items. If you would like to volunteer some time to help us either for set up on Thursdays at 10am, pack up on Fridays at 4.30pm, or general help sorting donations and sharing cuppas with customers, please speak to Anneke Laverman or Anita de Witte. We would love some extra help!

## World Day of Prayer

Australian Church Women, invite you to attend World Day of Prayer, to be held at St Gerards 71 Gladstone Rd Dandenong North, on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March.

10:00 am Coffee

1:30 pm Service

Speaker Mrs Mary Cross Topic

"Let everything that has breath Praise God"

Seeing that many ladies are going to the Convention this same weekend, we encourage those who are able to attend.

They love to see you.

On behalf of Australian Church Women.

Nan van der Kruk



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The VIC/TAS/SA Target 21 is in the advanced stages of planning for June 27 – July 10.

We are now accepting nominations for this year's program to be based in Geelong and Melbourne. If you are/or know a young person between 16 and 19 with demonstrated aptitude for Christian leadership and want to invest in him/her then please nominate today.

Places are limited to 9 people and nomination closes April 19.

Information has been sent to all sessions and can also be obtained by emailing the Resource Centre [resources@crca.org.au](mailto:resources@crca.org.au)

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

### THE GRACE GROW GROUP (Triple G)

Meet in the Prayer room at church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from 2.00-3.30 pm. Everyone is

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Newsletter compiled by Adrian de Vos. Email <a href="mailto:newsletter@dcrc.org.au">newsletter@dcrc.org.au</a> Phone 9547 6878 News items dead line is 5 PM Wednesday.		

welcome. For further information contact Maurice Eleveld (8740 2397)

**OASIS GROWTH GROUP:** We hope to start bible study again on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at the Burggraaf's at 7.15pm – 9.15 pm. New members are welcome. Ph: 9791 2601.

**COFFEE BREAK LADIES BIBLE STUDY,**  
Meet at the church at 10am. All ladies are welcome to join us for a coffee, as we have fellowship and study God's Word every Tuesday morning.

### **RUMPUS ROOM**

(young adults bible study)

All those 18+ are welcome, we meet fortnightly on a Sunday from 4-6. We look at the bible via talks, DVDs, and study books to see what God's call for

Our life is in His world.

If you would like to come and join please see David Barrot or ring him on 0401 073 954.

### **Pastoral and Prayer Point**

Congratulations to **Don and Janny Mekking** who celebrate their **60th Wedding Anniversary** Tuesday 2nd March. We rejoice with you in God's care over your life together. Such an incredible milestone! May God continue to bless you both with strength and health, as you continue this journey together, for the years He still has for you to share.

And, congratulations to **Truss Mans** who celebrates her 80th Birthday on Wednesday. We thank God for the years he has given you and pray for his continued blessing and leading in the years ahead.

**Ben Hamilton's** surgery for the re-attachment of a tendon in his forearm was done successfully and he now needs patience for the recovery phase but he was already able to be at URY on Tuesday.

**Hetty Tjoa** had bowel surgery on Wednesday, and after time in ICU was expected to return to the ward by Friday. She is in a stable condition at Cabrini hospital.

**John Van Neutegem** has had further chemo therapy this week and has coped well with this. Pray for health and strength for all those who are

struggling with chronic health issues.

### **THANK YOU.**

Marjory Jones was born in Dandenong on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1919 and passed away Christmas Eve, 2009 at The Valley Hospital.

The last 20 years of her life were enjoyed at Outlook Gardens, almost 15 years in Unit 25 in The Village and almost 6 years in Room 16 in The Hostel.

A Thanksgiving Service was held at the Church Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>, January after a private burial at Springvale with her husband who predeceased her 26 years ago. Marj chose the hymns for the beautiful service conducted by Pastor Jim.

Thank you to all those who knew, cared and supported her over those years and to those who attended the Thanksgiving Service especially as it was such a hot day. She had some special friendships over her years at Outlook Gardens.

Also a special thank you to the Church Ladies for helping serve the afternoon tea.

God has her in his keeping; we have her in our hearts.

Ruth and Phil and her sister Joyce and their families.

### **From the Deacons:**

#### **HAITI RESPONSE**

Thank you to all those who responded to the Haiti earthquake needs. The deacons will add to the amount collected. So, we will be sending a cheque for \$2000 to 'Compassion Australia' in this coming week.

#### **CORNERSTONE FOOD COLLECTION this MONTH**

On all the **Sundays in March** could everyone bring nonperishable food items which we will then contribute to Cornerstone to help rebuild their pantry supplies.

Foods that can be used for their bi-weekly lunches and which can be given as food parcels for those in need are things like pasta, rice, soups, sugar, tea, coffee, milo, longlife milk, breakfast cereals, baby foods in jars, instant noodle meals, instant rice

meals, muesli bars, and other canned foods. We will place a container under the table in the foyer to receive these items. Thank you as participate in this work of mercy.

**NEEDED** – is there anyone who could help with teaching some basic sewing machine lessons to a young mother?

**NEEDED** – a person to provide support with budgeting/ accountability for those who come for financial help.

On behalf of **the deacons**: Henni.

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Jean Joseph	Today	February 28
Timothy Cameron		March 1
Alison Berman		March 3
Truus Mans		March 3
John Blik		March 4
Anneke Laverman		March 4

May your day dawn bright with beauty, rich in the promise of good things to come.

### **Survey Forms**

Just a quick reminder to those who have not yet filled out their survey forms, please do it today! In order to get a snapshot of the life of our congregation and update some of our computer records lost in the last break-in we ask that you take the time to fill out the 2010 survey form that you will find in your pigeon hole. Please fill out one form for each person (and not as a family group) to make collating the data easier. It is for all people to fill out, whether a member or not. All information will be kept confidential.

Completed forms can be returned to the church office or passed on to Julie de Jong or Jean Joseph. If you have any questions please see Julie or Pastor Jim.

### ***Eternity***

*Eternity* is a new national newspaper for Christians that contains news of from around the nation, testimonies, opinions, feature articles, justice issues and so much more. Pick up your free *Eternity* Newspaper from the hall after church. Read it, share it.

### **COM Home**

In January I received a newsletter from Enoch, house parent in our COM Chennai home. He talks about the movement of God in our world, where he is causing all things to work together according to the revealed purpose. God is dismantling whole denominations, churches, ministries, businesses and even relationships that have been built by the works of the flesh and by the philosophies of the human mind.

Enoch goes on to write that we must move out from:

- i.) GIVE ME TO MAKE ME (Luke 15:12,19)
- ii.) MY SHARE TO MY INHERITANCE (Luke 15:12,22,23,31)
- iii.) DEATH TO LIFE (Luke 15:32)
- iv.) MY WILL TO FATHER'S WILL (Luke 15:18,19)
- v.) LOOSE LIVING TO ACCOUNTABILITY (Luke 15:13, 21)
- vi.) POVERTY TO ABUNDANCE (Luke 15:17)
- vii.) SLAVERY TO SONSHIP (Luke 15:15, 24)

And he concludes that, for 2010 we need to make it a year of achievements and exploits for God. That includes the challenge to:

FULFIL EVERY WORD  
EXECUTE EVERY ASSIGNMENT  
ACCELERATE EVERY MOVEMENT  
TRANSFORM EVERY LIFE  
SYNERGIZE EVERY RELATIONSHIP

This is the Year of the Unusual!

Enoch.

If you want to read the full letter see Pastor Jim for A copy.

### **Denominational Children's Worker**

The Reformed Children's and Youth Committee (RCYC) invite applicants for the position of Denominational Children's Worker. The Denominational Children's Worker is a servant within the Christian Reformed Churches to support, train and resource churches in effective ministry to children. We are seeking someone experienced and passionate about ministering to children and have a desire to see churches function effectively and safely in their children's ministries. The right applicant will be competent in training, networking and the use of relevant and current technology.

This position is 2 days per week and accountable to the RCYC. Please contact [youth@crca.org.au](mailto:youth@crca.org.au) for full job description. Applications close March 5<sup>th</sup> 2010. This is a re-advertised position



It is with thankfulness that we will celebrate with our parents, grandparents and great grandparents: **Jannie and Dinant Mekking - their 60th Wedding Anniversary** on 2nd March, 2010. Praise God that they have been able to have so many years together and are able to enjoy this special occasion with family and friends.

Thanks Margaret

#### **JTeam Craft- Achoo!**

For a Jteam craft this term we need empty tissue boxes- large size is best. Please pass them on to Anita de Witte as soon as possible. We need about 15-20 by 10th March, so start sneezing!

#### **Women's Convention**

Next weekend (5-8<sup>th</sup> March) the national Women's Convention will be held at Phillip Island. It is fantastic that 27 women from our church will be attending the convention, plus a number of day visitors too. We thank God for the wonderful team of women who have worked hard to bring the weekend together. We pray that the convention will be a great time of fellowship, fun and learning. We pray that God will richly bless the talks, workshops and groups to bring about encouragement, growth and life. We look forward to hearing the response of those who attended and give thanks to God for his work amongst his people.

#### **Men's Convention**

Someone recently asked me why there is no men's convention and I cheekily responded that we need the women to organise it for us. But not to be outdone, we men have an opportunity to attend an Men's convention to be held at Belgrave Heights Convention Centre (22-24<sup>th</sup> May). I would love for a group of

men to join me at that convention (just the Friday night and Saturday). The theme for the weekend is The Gospel: know it and live it. I will be putting notices in your pigeon holes in the weeks ahead, so you can respond.

#### **Finding the Ballance**

This conference might be of interest to some members within our church. Details are else-ware in the newsletter.

#### **TICKLE YOUR FUNNY BONE**

There were 3 men hanging onto the bottom of a helicopter. The pilot shouted to them that they were too heavy and that one would have to let go. So the first one let go and the other two clapped for his bravery.

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A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her 6-year-olds. After explaining the commandment to To "honour" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, 'Is there a Commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?'

Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

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An elderly mother, planning her funeral, told her pastor that she wanted to be cremated and her ashes scattered around the shopping centre. "That way I can count on my daughters visiting me twice a week," she explained.

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David was minding his sheep on the Judean hillside. One sheep said, "baa". A second sheep said, "moo".

"Sheep don't say 'moo'," said the first.

"I know," said the second, "but I'm practising a foreign language ..."

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"A true friend is one who knows all about you and loves you just the same"  
B.R. De Jong

A non-denominational conference offered to  
Clergy, Pastors, Church Leaders & interested church members



**THE**

**Finding**

**Balance**

**CONFERENCE**

9am - 4pm

On Saturday 20th March 2010

Cost: \$30.00

Register by 12th March

**Ashburton Baptist Church**

8 Y St, , 3147,  
parking off Marquis St Ashburton  
200m from the Ashburton Railway Station  
East of the M1, Monash Freeway, along High St.

Health and Restoration **for** Churches, Victims & Sex-Offenders

***A day of awareness raising and education to:***

- ◆ ***Develop our churches' awareness of the issues of sex offending***
- ◆ ***Provide information to make churches safer places***
- ◆ ***Suggest strategies to assist churches to be places of healing for victims and sex—offenders***
- ◆ ***To find the balance between punitive hysteria and dangerously naïve grace***

**Hosted by the Professional Standards Network\* with  
Caring for Ex-Offenders of Alpha Australia.**

\*The network is an ecumenical group which has members including the Anglican Church in Victoria, Baptist Union of Victoria, Catholic Church, Churches of Christ, Lutheran Church, Salvation Army, Seventh Day Adventist Church and Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.



**CARING FOR  
EX-OFFENDERS**

reintegrating individuals  
into the community

## CONFERENCE OUTLINE

- ◆ **8.30** Registration
- ◆ **9.00** Understanding Sexual Offending and current treatments from a psychological perspective
- ◆ **11.20** The management of Sex Offenders in our Society, an enforcement and legal perspective
- ◆ **12.20** Panel discussion
- ◆ **12.40** Lunch provided
- ◆ **1.30** Justice, wholeness and healing with God in a church community
- ◆ **2.15** Making churches places of safety and healing for all
- ◆ **3.15** Assessing the risk and opportunity for ministry for your church
- ◆ **4.00** Conclusion

### **Chris O'Connor**, *A.P.M. Detective Senior Sergeant, Victoria Police*

Chris has conducted seminars around the world in the area of sexual abuse and crimes and is the author of a book alerting parents and children to the dangers of sexual predators. Since beginning as a uniformed policeman in the 70's, He has undertaken study and research in criminology, police management and education and been involved in several investigations into murder and sexual abuse. Chris' experience and expertise will inform us how sex-offenders and the justice system interact aiming to protect and keep our community safe.

**PRESENTERS!**

### **Dr Sophie Reeves**,

*Clinical Psychologist, Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health*

Sophie has majored in community, clinical and forensic psychology working in both private practice and with Forensic Care. She has years of experience in assessing and treating sex offenders.

### **Tim Dyer**, *Theologian and Psychologist,* *John Mark Ministries*

Tim has presented seminars in this area extensively and has developed risk assessment tools and strategies for churches using rings of safety.

Your registration will be acknowledged by email, if listed below

### **Registration Form: 'Finding the Balance' Conference—20th March 2010**

YOUR DETAILS: Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Ministry, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT**: Cost: \$30.00 per person (includes morning & afternoon tea, lunch & participant's notes)

Cash  Cheque (payable: Baptist Union of Victoria)

Credit card:  Visa  MasterCard

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Amount to charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Authorised Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick this box to request a receipt for your payment (available at the registration desk on the day)

**TO REGISTER:** Send the above form by fax, email or mail to: FAX: 03 9880 6123,  
EMAIL: [brenda.williams@buv.com.au](mailto:brenda.williams@buv.com.au), PHONE: 03 9880 6100 MOB: 0425 752 238  
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