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Sunday 22nd June 2014 AD Worship Services In Perth

TODAY	L/S	9.30 Am	Pastor Reinier Noppers <i>“Salvation Comes From The Lord.”</i> <u>Readings:</u> Psalm 130; Jonah 2. <u>Text:</u> Jonah 2:9.
		5.30 Pm	Pastor Geoff van Schie
NEXT SUNDAY		9.30 Am	Pastor Reinier Noppers
		5.30 Pm	Pastor Reinier Noppers

WELCOME

*A warm welcome to all of you who have come to the services today, and a special welcome to visitors.
May the Lord bless each of us as we worship together: that His Name may be glorified and we
encouraged and strengthened in faith*

Meditation The Lord’s Supper... as if we were there

**Try to forget all stuff that grew onto this meal
story later**

Just let us try to look and listen to this last meal Jesus had with His disciples. Sure, it was at the end of the Passover Meal (complete with a Lamb and yes, the last cup was called Thanksgiving.) But then there were Jesus’ words “Take this bread! Eat of it all of you! Do

this *in remembrance of Me!*”! Ah but the gospels add one thing: “One of you will betray Me!” And there as in Bach’s Matthew Passion, is that row of eleven voices all saying “Lord is it me?” They must have wondered: “It *could* have been!” Yes and we know that was Judas, but they *all* were given this food and drink.

Before Jesus was going to His death, He had *this last meal with His people*. He simply was *together with them*. Just look and hear. Forget for a bit all that has grown onto this story throughout the Church’s history... to this *Sacrament which indeed Paul says it is*.

What happened to this simple meal“

Millions of Christians say that this bread and wine indeed *changed* into His body. They pray to it and make their priests into people who make that Body and Blood into *repetitions of the offering on Calvary, calling their table an Altar!* Others *reacted* against that and said “When Jesus said “This IS my Body He didn’t mean that. “IS means merely “MEANS”.

Neither did He say: “This meal is not for sinners like Judas or Peter. The church needs policemen to keep the unwanted persons from this Holy Meal.

No. He had a simple meal with His disciples which, yes, He then wanted all His people to have till He will come again.

It is to remember what happened to Him! His body and blood on that Cross. But that was *not the end!* For He rose again!

This is not a funeral thing! The early Christians always had this Supper on *EASTER!* And we look ahead to having this Meal with our risen Lord’s Body among us with our risen bodies on the New Earth!

REMEMBER! Then it will be The Bridal Banquet! Jesus and His disciple even **SANG** on their way from this meal. Psalm 118! Hosanna! The Church of Jesus made a big change since creation.

Then (Look at Genesis 1) the start of the days was **evening! SUNSET.** Now it is, since Easter **MORNING: SUNRISE.**

Arent de Graaf Wonga Park

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PASTORAL

I’d like to extend a warm welcome to each of you this Sunday as we come together to Worship our Lord and Savior.

We welcome back **Reinier** from his travels to the USA for the Synod of the Christian Reformed Churches of North America and look forward to updates of what is happening in the U.S. We give thanks for safe travels for Reinier and welcome him back into the pulpit this morning where we again can celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

Br. Arie van der Linden spent some time in Royal Perth Hospital and was able to return home last Monday. **Arie** is still pretty weak but is glad

that he is back at home under the loving care of **Mary.** May the Lord bless you both and give you strength during this difficult time.

Pastor Geoff and **Florence** will be on holiday from the 1st of July for five weeks after what has been a busy time for them both. Congratulations to you both on the wedding of **Clarissa** to **Travis.** I understand that a wonderful time was shared by all in the wedding service and the celebrations that ensued. We trust that God will bless your time away as you recharge those batteries.

It’s wonderful to know that our heavenly Father continues to work within our lives in all different ways. Sometimes we may not be able to see the big picture in our circumstances but have that assurance in Romans 8:28 where God through Paul writes, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

May God grant you His blessing as we come before Him this day in worship.

In Christ, *Raymond*

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CATECHISM CLASSES

After a long break we are back on deck for the next two Mondays. First class **TOMORROW JUNE 23rd**

Junior class straight after school...I’ll make sure there is some good afternoon tea.

Don’t forget to bring your Bible. Parents, don’t forget to pick up your children after 4:30 p.m.

Senior class at 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the church. Please bring your bible and I will bring supper.

If you can’t make class, do the courteous thing and telephone to let me know.

Pastor Reinier

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **The sacrament of the Lord’s Supper** will be celebrated this morning.
- * **Session** will meet the Lord willing 7.30 Pm, Tuesday at the church.
- * **Wilson Fellowship** meets again this Wednesday 7.30 Pm at John van der Berg’s place. Please study lesson 32 ‘Book of Romans’. Also read Romans 15: 1 – 13. All welcome.
- * **Cadets:** will be meeting 7 Pm this Friday at the Gosnells Church. **Supper: de Jongh.**
- * **Canning Bible Study** will meet on 1st July.

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Financial Church Update

Weekly income required as per budget:
\$2,726.00

To date required 50 weeks: **\$136,300.00**

Income received to date: **\$109,308.75**

Budget shortfall as of today: **\$26,991.25**

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NEWS FROM OTHER CHURCHES

AUSTRALIND:

- **Benjamin Jones** has lost his job recently.
- Please remember **Liam & Holly Erickson** especially in regards to Liam finding work.

GATEWAY:

- **Hannah & Ben Hall** were blessed with the birth of a baby girl named **Indiah Brooke**.
- **Dynika & Daniel Abetz** were blessed with the birth of a baby boy named **Walter**.

GOSNELLS:

- Welcome to **Ritsu, Madeleine Goiran's** new guest from Japan.
- **Michelle Verkerk** was able to return home from hospital after a kidney infection.

WILLETTON:

- **Russell & Ashleigh Currie** were blessed with the birth of a **Charlizea Charity**.
- **Ron Bosveld** went into hospital for an operation to his knee. All went well for him.
- **Catherine Blennerhassett** received further good news that the tumour has shrunk a little more and she is able to go off all drugs and medication.

Please uphold our dear brothers and sisters in prayer, many for healing and others for safe travels

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Hi Church family

Just a short note to let you know how Cathryn is going these days.

Just last week she had a specialist visit to discuss results from a CT the previous week which showed that there had been no new tumour growth and a further reduction in size of her main melanoma tumour.

Last week she has also progressed further in her pain relief reduction to a point where, for the first time since the start of this journey, she is now drug free – certainly not what anyone would have expected even a couple of months ago.

Yes – Cathryn still has an un-resectable melanoma tumour in the middle of her chest and yes, there is always the threat of its return to form but we have been blessed far beyond what we hoped for and continue to be blessed by God and his people.

Some have suggested that this shows that God is a faithful God but God was faithful to our family on December 23rd when Cathryn was diagnosed;

God was faithful in September last year when we (and everyone else) thought that we were down to the last couple of weeks and God will still be faithful if this earthly walk ends tomorrow. What this does prove is that God is a gracious God who gives us way more than we deserve and sometimes, for reasons other than what we understand, surprises us with his plans for our lives.

To our family this time is a gift from God as has been the prayer and support of our wider church family in Willetton, Wilson, Exmouth and far beyond.

Our thanks to you all for doing this journey with us and all glory to God for not only this gift but the gift of an eternity worth looking forward to.

The Blennys

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The kids Link

Judges

Do you remember the story of Deborah and Jael? Deborah the prophetess, who told Barak, "Go and fight against Sisera and his army..." And Jael, who drove a tent peg through the head of Sisera, and Sisera died....

Deborah and Jael, two amazing women who wanted to listen to God and wanted to help God. An amazing story what we can read in Judges 4. We also discussed as Sunday school class how we can help other people to help God.

Last Sunday we read in the same bible book Judges (Judges 6 – 7) a story about Gideon. And Gideon was a frightened leader, but he also helped God, we learnt that we don't need to be a real hero to help God in His plan!!!

Here the story of **Gideon**

One day an angel visited the Israelite Gideon. "God has chosen you to save your people!" said the angel. Gideon was very scared. But he decided to do what God told him. First Gideon gathered an army. But God said, "You've got too many soldiers!"

So Gideon sent lots of the men home. Gideon gave every soldier a trumpet and a jar with a flame inside. While the enemy was asleep, Gideon's men blew their trumpets, smashed their pots, and brandished their flames. The enemy soldiers woke up so scared that they started to fight each other. Before long, they had all run away.

At Sunday school we answered the following sentence.

I am not strong but God can use me!

- God can use **Hesmarie** by caring for animals.
- God can use **Daniel** to help people
- God can use **Nicola** by babysitting and helping little children
- God can use **Levi** by helping his mum
- God can use **Lisa** help look after nature
- God can use **Amber** helping the sick people (giving presents)
- God can use **you reader** by.....

This was our second story about the bible book from Judges. What we would like to share with you in the Link next week is the story of Samson, our last story of the three best-know judges in the bible.
Yours in Christ, the Perth Sunday school children.

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The fish and loaves occur consistently in the very frequent early Christian portrayals of a meal. Unquestionably the early Christians celebrated a meal together that was based on the multiplication of the loaves. The nature of that meal has been much debated.

Because the same elements, fish and loaves, continued into even the post Constantinian iconography of the Last Supper, many have supposed the meal found so frequently in early Christian art was indeed the Eucharist, or even an attenuated version of the New Testament Lord's Supper.

Graydon F. Snyder, Ante-Pacem Archaeological Evidence of Church Life before Constantine

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A Christian handout

Two older women came to the door and after greeting me, asked whether I was concerned about the state of the present-day world. Well, who wouldn't be? I cottoned on quickly that these ladies were doorknocking for a sect, so I politely told them that I too looked forward to the new creation that is coming when Jesus returns. But I made clear that I didn't accept their views about who Jesus is. The leading lady was quite aggressive so I politely told them that I didn't wish to continue the conversation. She then asked if they might leave some literature with me to read. I declined.

Why do the Jehovah's Witnesses always want to leave you one of their Watchtower Society tracts? It's because they believe in the power of the written word. We evangelical Christians believe in the power of the Word – but I'm not so sure that we're ready to accept the power of the written word in a more

general sense. We believe that in the Scriptures God still speaks to us today. But does He also speak through a tract that we pass on to a colleague at work?

I was introduced to religious tracts early in life. I was not even 15 yet when my parents allowed my sister and me to attend an interdenominational camp for young people. At the camp there was a bookstall and it included tracts that you were encouraged to buy to give to non-Christian friends. During my apprenticeship as a fitter and turner I had to take a train to go to the technical college as part of my training. On one of these occasions a young man confronted me on the railway station platform. He shoved a tract into my face and told me that I needed to be born again. I replied that I was a Christian. We got talking and he invited me across the road to his flat for a cuppa. I did and we enjoyed a brief but meaningful time of fellowship.

However, there are tracts and there are tracts – and good tracts are rare.

Later when I worked in an office I had a Christian colleague who carried some special tracts to give to people who blasphemed. The front of it read, "Excuse me! You just used the Lord's name in vain... this damns your soul to hell and it offends me!" When he offered me some to give to blasphemers I declined. I have, I believe, more gracious ways to point out to blasphemers the errors of their ways. Another graphic tract he often passed out to people had a picture of flames on the front, with the words, "What you need to do to go to hell." Opening up, the inside of the tract was completely blank. On the back page was an explanation: we're all born sinful and under the wrath of God. I'm afraid that my style is not quite so confrontational. This well-intentioned Christian workmate was avoided by most non-Christians in the office. I preferred to keep the channel of communication open with unbelievers.

But some Reformed tracts are not my style either. One pastor I know produced an evangelistic tract for handing out and letter-boxing that featured The Five Points of Calvinism. That's not exactly the thing I want to major on when I try to introduce an unbeliever to the Lord.

Many of us have a natural hesitancy when it comes to evangelism. It's not our style to buttonhole a fellow passenger on the train with the confronting question: Brother are you saved? Many of us are even more reserved

about our faith than that. We even find it difficult to give someone some literature with the suggestion that it would be good for them to read it. And yet... why can't we be a little more creative about communicating the good news about Jesus? I often found that a Christian tract or book left on my desk at work would be picked up by a colleague. Some couldn't put it down quickly enough. Other would peruse it and some even wanted to talk about it.

In my previous church as well as here in Toowoomba our churches provided the members with Challenge (The Good News Paper). It has some very interesting stories that makes it ideal to pass on to a neighbour, relative or friend. Last week I had a doctor's appointment. I took a copy of Challenge along and left it on the seat in the waiting room – with the prayer that it might be useful to someone. I came out of the doctor's office just in time to see a lady folding it up and putting it in her handbag. I do that because just as I believe in the power of the Word I also believe in the power of the word in Christian literature. God is sovereign and he can use these humble efforts to bless others and glorify His own wonderful name.

John W Westendorp CRC Toowoomba

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World News

Copts shot in Libya

In the latest sign of Coptic Christians' troubles spreading beyond Egypt, seven Christian men have been shot execution-style on a beach outside Benghazi, security officials in Libya have announced. The bodies were found with gunshots to the head in an area where kidnappings and assassinations are common and Islamist militants are active, Reuters reports.

The victims "had been abducted from their homes by armed men," reports Middle East Concern. "These gunmen had gone door-to-door through an apartment building searching for residents who were Christian."

Libya, particularly the Benghazi area, is hostile to Christianity. Most of Libya's Christians are foreign workers. *Christianity Today*

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According to birth order theory, only children have characteristics of both oldest and youngest children; they are leaders but also risk takers.

Research shows they are more confident, articulate and imaginative than other children. They also hate criticism and tend to be perfectionists.

Like the youngest children, they tend to be creative and they have the same element of confidence. They prefer adult company and conversations. *DoctorOz.com*

CROQUETTES

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All funds raised go to Electric Bed Number 3 – Manoah Hostel.

Yummy Soup – Cake Stall - Fundraising – Mission Trip – Philippines

Kirsten and Jayden de Jongh are going to the Philippines in November on a mission trip with a group of students from Rehoboth Christian College.

Soup Night Fundraiser

SATURDAY 28TH JUNE!

From 5.30pm CRC Gosnells

\$5.00 per person; \$20 – Families

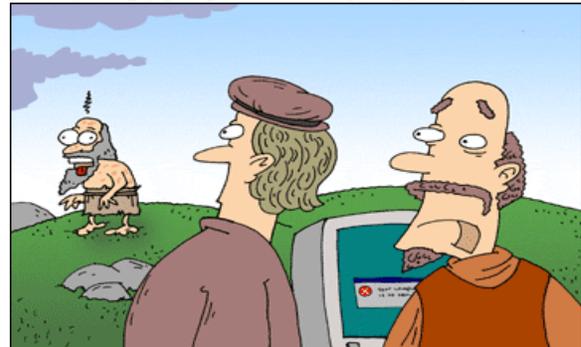
\$3 – Desert; \$1.50 Cans

So often we think we have got to make a difference and be a big dog. Let us just try to be little fleas biting. Enough fleas biting strategically can make a big dog very uncomfortable,

Marian Wright Edelman

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Thanks to Frank the Tank (See Job 1) 12-29-2004

**I JUST DIDN'T HAVE THE HEART TO TELL JOB
THAT HIS COMPUTER CRASHED**

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Please remember the '4 Ps'...

- * **PRAY** for the Spirit to be poured out on us His people
- * **PLANT** fellowship groups and churches in an ongoing way
- * **PREPARE** leaders who will lead such fellowships and churches
- * **PRODUCE** necessary structural reforms in our church.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

MONDAY	3.45 & 7.30 Pm	Instruction Classis- Manse & Church
TUESDAY	7.30 Pm	Session meeting – church.
WEDNESDAY	7.30 Pm	Wilson Fellowship – John v/d Berg's
FRIDAY	7.00 Pm	Cadets – Gosnells Church.
SATURDAY	5.30 Pm	Soup Night – Gosnells Church.

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SHARE & CARE
About One Another in Christ

Eril Morgan 9258 4566
Mary van der Linden 9478 1394

Fellowship

Second Offerings

Today: Christian Wheatbelt

June 29th: WA Future Churches Fund
 July 6th: Solomon Islands Workgroup????

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WORSHIP MINISTRY

DATE	GREETERS	DATA Am / Pm.	SOUND Am / Pm	Musician/s	VIDEO Am Pm
Today	Eril & Evert	Steve & Isaak	Luke & Steve	Rachel	James
29th June	Arnold & Henry	Steve & Luke	Isaak & Steve	??	James
6th July	Jill & Raymond	Isaak & Luke	Luke & Isaak	Rachel	James

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Today	Jacqueline, Leon & Melissa
29th June	Annette, Emma & Joshua
6th July	Ilizebel, Saara & Beslin

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today	Jessica & Eliza
29th June	Yvonne & Saara
6th July	Holidays

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE		YOUTH COFFEE	
Today	Fams. P. Nieuwkerk, Morgan & Vanessa.	Tonight	Bargerbos– 85 Berehaven Ave, Thornlie
29th June	Fams R. v/d Kooij & Victor.	29th June	Madeline Goiran: 7 Matthew way, Thornlie
6th July	Fams Loos, Slooter & John v/d B	6th July	Van Dam 4 Utunga Crt, Parkwood

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Stock Taking Sale

We are having a big stocktake sale on all of our already reduced material. You can find a list of all our sale items here: <http://www.resources.crca.org.au/c/153416/1/sale-items.html>.

Brochure on front door notice board. **Sale ends 30th June, 2014.** Use code "50SALE".

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*God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead.
 So why should you?*



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