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Sunday 29th June 2014 AD Worship Services In Perth

TODAY	9.30 Am	Pastor Reinier Noppers <i>“God Sent, Jonah Went.”</i> <u>Readings:</u> Psalm 116; john 21: 15 – 19. <u>Text:</u> Jonah 3: 1 – 3.	
	5.30 Pm	Pastor Reinier Noppers <i>“The Glory of Heaven.”</i> <u>Readings:</u> Revelation 21: 1 – 22:6. <u>Text:</u> Belgic Confession Article 37 – 11.	
NEXT SUNDAY	9.30 Am	Pastor Reinier Noppers	<i>Installation – Rob Morgan</i>
	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

Saved to Serve: it is a well-worn phrase, but one which still most clearly defines our calling in life. For our life is one that builds on the rock of Jesus Christ as Lord of our Life, who saved us while we were yet sinners, who continues to renew and sanctify us through the Holy Spirit.

God can and will continue to use us in the work of His kingdom, no matter our past or history, for He sees us in Christ, holy and

precious through His blood.

We find this theme embroidered through the Scriptures: as a murderous and adulterous King David is forgiven and becomes the family of the Saviour; as a denying disciple Peter is reinstated as an apostle of Jesus Christ called to feed His sheep; as the persecutor Saul is turned around to become the apostle to the Gentiles; and even a treasonous Jonah, deserving death, is brought to life and sent out once again to do the work the Lord has called him to.

Surely for all of us, called from death to life, who were once enemies of God and now His precious and chosen children; there is no other possible response except that of willing and total obedience as we heed His call and reply: "Here I am, Lord, send me".

Pastor Reinier



It was quite an eye-opener these past couple of weeks as I attended the CRCNA Synod in Pella, Iowa, USA, on behalf of the CRCA. A much bigger denomination, they have 47 classes, about 1100 churches and somewhere between 250000 – 300000 members. There were over 180 delegates at this Synod, with 430 pages of agenda to go through. We met from 8am each morning till 9 pm at night, and managed to cover it all!

I was warmly welcomed as a guest, and able to share a little bit of our churches, as some of them didn't even know we existed! It was an interesting time discussing the issues facing our denominations and the church of Jesus Christ throughout this world, hear of their mission, diaconal and community work through various agencies; as well as appreciating the bond we have in our Christ our Lord. However, it is great to be home again and especially back to a 'normal' time zone!

As a congregation we continue to pray for healing for **Arie van der Linden** as he struggles with his health, and **Mary** as she supports him

Yvonne Herft is also still experiencing pain and discomfort in her foot, and would also appreciate our prayers.

Isaak Nieuwkerk is recovering well from his broken bones, whereas **Leon Noppers** needs to see the surgeon every couple weeks to make sure his recovery continues on track.

In our voting recently, **Rob Morgan** was elected as a deacon to serve in this congregation. If there are no lawful objections,

he will be installed into this office in the morning service next **Sunday, 6th July**.

Next Sunday we also have our monthly **shared lunch**, so please remember to bring something along if you are able, and do stay to enjoy the fellowship time.

Catechism continues this Monday, the first lesson at our home after school, and the second class at the church commencing at 7:30 pm.

Pastor Reinier

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Canning Bible Study** will meet this Tuesday to continue our study on John at the home of Reinier and Trudy Noppers. Please join us, even for the first time
- * **Ladies Fellowship** DV will have their meeting this Wednesday 1.30 Pm at the church. **Topic:** *Scripture Fulfilled.* John 19: 17 – 37. Lesson 24. All ladies very welcome.
- * **Cadets & Gems** on holidays till the 25th July.

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Financial Church Update

Weekly income required as per budget:
\$2,726.00
 To date required 51 weeks: **\$139,026.00**
 Income received to date: **\$112,357.65**
 Budget shortfall as of today: **\$26,668.35**
BoM

URGENT!

As we are at the end of the financial year, could all outstanding accounts and payments be presented to the Treasurer please.

*Thankyou,
 Peter Husselmann.*

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Ladies Aid RTC

An envelope has been placed in your pigeonhole.

Once again looking forward to a good response to assist the committee in the fantastic work they do at our College.

Hetty Zoethout

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Happy Birthday

Evan de Haan Thursday 3rd July

You're indeed a year older but also a year wiser. May the blessings of our God enrich you from within

We hope that this new year will be filled with the Grace of God as well as peace, happiness and love.

Session notes

Session met this past Tuesday at the church, with apologies from **Pastor Geoff** and **Henry Alberts**.

- After opening with Romans 1:1-17, we were reminded from that passage to “*not be ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes*” and as that gospel works in us and through us, we may be mutually encouraged and give thanks to God for His calling and also for each other.
- After a time of pastoral reports and discussion, **Raymond** led us in a time of prayer for God’s people in CRC Perth
- Once again it was noted with thanks the service **Ross Patterson** had given in the past couple of months through his preaching and work within the congregation.
- Church ministries continue to run smoothly, for which we give thanks to God.
- A number of items of correspondence were received for information, including a request from **Pastor Geoff** to take five weeks leave from 1st July. This was approved.
- All in all an encouraging meeting and we closed in prayer just after 10 pm.

R.N.



NEWS FROM OTHER CHURCHES AUSTRALIND:

- **David Connell** has departed for Melbourne to commence theological studies.
- **Rhonda Hinkley's** test results returned all; clear. As a precaution she will undergo 6 weeks radiation treatment.

WILLETTON:

- **Richard & Bronwyn Loughton** were blessed with the birth of a baby boy named **Kye Ashton**

- Having been diagnosed with a suspicious looking spot on his liver, **Jan Peletier** is thankful that the doctors are not overly concerned. No cancer has been detected
- **Wim & Roz Burggraaf** have returned home from Uganda.
- **Stephanie Pleysier** has left for Cambodia today with a team of 14 from Curtain University to develop skills and gain experiences that are part of their course work.

RUSSIA TEAM:

- Two teams have departed for two holiday camps in Russia and should return sometime after 15th July.

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

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The kids Link

Judges

Last Sunday, we remember them very well! You? dear reader? Yes,... I mean,... our three best-know Judges in the bible book Judges! The first one, a woman, who *loved* God so much.... Yes, here! **Deborah** the prophetess, she helped God with His plan, to tell Barak, how to fight against to King Jabin and his commander Sisera. And **Jeal**, another fearless woman who listened to God, and finally killed, Sisera. Yes, ofcourse we remember them! And we remember our **Gideon**! Gideon, who was very *scared*....But what did he do, when God choose him to save his people? Gideon first gathered an army, to fight the enemy. But God said, no, send lots of the men back home, and at last, with 300 men they, blew their trumpets, smashed their pots, and brandished their flames. And the enemy soldiers woke up so scared that they started to fight each other! No we did not forget that story! I think many readers will feel the same fear as Gideon, to do what the angel God ask him to do! We feel with him!

And now?! We had our 2 judges.... We learn about our 3rd judge! How many boys would be like him?!!! Never cut your hair, and be strong enough to fight a lion! Yes!! That is a famous story! Last week we learnt about **Samson**! We all know this

story, but as a refresher here is the story of the man with the long hair, Samson.

"You are going to have a son!" an angel once told an Israelite woman. "But you must NEVER cut his hair. His long hair will show he's someone who has a special job to do for God." This boy, who was called Samson, grew up to be very strong. He had a girlfriend called Delilah – a woman who didn't love God. "What makes you so strong, Samson?" She asked him. At first Samson wouldn't tell her. "If someone shaved my head," he said finally, "then I would lose my strength." One night, while Samson was asleep, Delilah cut off his hair. Samson wasn't strong any longer – and the Philistines easily led him off to jail. In jail, Samson, felt very sorry to God. He broke his promise to Him, by telling Delilah, that his strength came from his hair! That was because he had a special job to do for God! Now he could not do that any longer, he was weak, and in jail. One night the Philistines had a party. They took Samson along, placed him between two pillars in the party building, and made fun of him. But Samson, prayed to God! "Please God, can you give my strength back once more so I can serve you, to do a special job for you with my strength" And Samson got his strength back! He pushed the pillars, the building collapsed, with all the party Philistines in it. With his last strength from God, he finished his special job.

I wish I could tell you that Samson was also a very good man who loved God and tried to live in a way that pleased God. But he wasn't and he didn't. You see, Samson had a girl friend who didn't love God, and he was often in big trouble, at last he lost his hair, broke his promise to God and ended up in Jail. But even Samson, who *did not love* and *did not listen* to God, helped at last God, to serve him in his plan! He got his strength back, and he pushed the pillars of the building.

So we taught about three judges, who helped God by his plan to save the Israelites from the enemies! Three judges, three different people, three different ways to help God in His plan.

Deborah and Jael, by *loving God*

Gideon, was *scared* but helped God, because he *trusted* God!

Samson, who *did not love* and *did not listen* to God.

They were all people like us, you and me! You can be, young, very young, old, very old. We all love God, we can all be scared, we all forget to love God, or not listen to what God wants from us. And we can make this list lots and lots longer. But the beauty of what we as Sunday school learnt from these very special stories from Judges is! God can use us! He can use you, when you are young, when you can't talk, when you can't read, when you can't walk, when you think, I'm not special enough, I'm too young, I'm too old, or I can't do well enough for God, or other people! We read now, that that is not true! We all can serve GOD!

We did think about how we can serve God, to help our mums and dads this week....

Shall we think about, how we can help God this week for the glory of His Kingdom?!!

Yours in Christ Perth Sunday school children.
Did you enjoy reading the kids link? Would you like to read more about our activities at Sunday school in the link? Please let me know! Mieke S.

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Australia, Syria, Sharia, Iraq

This spreading crisis is not simply Sunni v Shia sectarian violence, but a struggle for the complete geo-political realisation of Islamic ideals.

We need to pray for God's will to be done, including that many will be horrified by the violence and turn to Jesus Christ for salvation.

Many Australians are fighting among the rebels. The rest of us, whether we know it or not, may be helping to fund it!

Check out **halalchoices.com.au** to find out more. We should **certainly pray**—but also question what we **pay** for at the supermarket. Do you really want to pay another tax—an Islamic religious tax? And where does the money end up?

FamilyVoice

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Adam is real!

At an English dinner party in the 1950s, the topic was raised as whom one would like to meet in heaven. One guest suggested Shakespeare while another suggested the apostle Paul, but C. S. Lewis said that he would like to meet Adam. He waxed eloquent: "Adam was, from the first, a man in knowledge as well as in stature. He alone of all men 'had been in Eden, in the garden of God, he had walked up and down in the midst of the stones

of fire'. He was endowed, says Athanasius, with 'a vision of God so far-reaching that he could contemplate the eternity of the Divine Essence and the coming operation of His Word'. He was 'a heavenly being' according to St. Ambrose, who breathed the aether and was accustomed to converse with God 'face to face'."

Helen Gardner, a church-goer with a deep interest in the 17th century English metaphysical poets, ventured to suggest that Adam, if he existed, would be a Neanderthal ape-like figure whose conversation would hardly be interesting. Apparently, Lewis responded in a gruff voice: "I see we have a Darwinian in our midst."

If Adam is not a real man, the human race has no logical unity. Indeed, that is why we often hear about various races. Biblically, there are many nationalities but only one race. We all- Greeks and barbarians, Jews and Gentiles - go back to one man, and so belong to the same race.

How crucial is it to believe that Adam is a real man? There are plenty of confessing evangelicals who think this is a non-issue. However, the Bible teaches that the Fall is a real event in history. Adam is treated as the ancestor of all humanity (Gen. 5). The New Testament regards the Fall in the same historical way that it regards redemption. "For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead" (1 Cor. 15:21).

Romans 5:12-21 tells us that Adam brought sin, death and condemnation to the human race, but Christ brought grace, justification and life. Adam is as real as Christ, but not as powerful, for the gospel declares, in Isaac Watts' words:

In Him the tribes of Adam boast More blessing than their father lost.

*Peter Barnes Editor of the AP magazine
Taken from Autumn 2014 edition.*

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Prayer is not a pious instrument by which we move God to baptize our enterprises; it is entering the strength of him who moves history and binds the powers that be.

Melba Maggay, Filipina theologian

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According to The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, there is an art; it says, or rather, a knack to flying. The knack lies in learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss. Pick a nice day, it suggests, and try it.

The first part is easy. All it requires is simply the ability to throw yourself forward with all your weight, and the willingness not to mind that it's going to hurt.

That is, it's going to hurt if you fail to miss the ground. Most people fail to miss the ground, and if they are really trying properly, the likelihood is that they will fail to miss it fairly hard.

Clearly, it is the second part, the missing, which presents the difficulties.

From So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish by Douglas Adams

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In his book The Politics of Jesus, John Howard Yoder explains that the cross was "the standard punishment for insurrection for the refusal to confess Caesar's lordship." The phrase "take up your cross" may have been a standard phrase of Zealot recruiting.

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- * **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 **Canning Bible Study** – Noppers.
WEDNESDAY 1.30 Pm **Ladies Fellowship** – Church
SUNDAY After AM service **Shared Lunch.**

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About One Another In Christ

Eril Morgan 9258 4566
Mary van der Linden 9478 1394

Second Offerings

Today: WA Future Churches Fund
 July 6th: Solomon Islands Workgroup
 July 13th: Manoah Hostel

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WORSHIP MINISTRY

DATE	GREETERS	DATA Am / Pm.	SOUND Am / Pm	Musician/s	VIDEO Am Pm
Today	Arnold & Henry	Steve & Luke	Isaak & Steve	MP3	James
6th July	Jill & Raymond	Isaak & Luke	Luke & Isaak	Rachel	James
13th July	Rob & Henry	Evan & Isaak	Luke & Evan	Rebecca	Henry

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Today	Annette, Emma & Joshua
6th July	Ilizebel, Saara & Beslin
13th July	Vanessa, Jordan & Eliza

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today	Yvonne & Saara
6th July	Holidays
13th July	Holidays

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

Today	Fams R. v/d Kooij & Victor.
6th July	Fams Loos, Slooter & John v/d B
13th July	Fams M. Kik & Alberts

YOUTH COFFEE

Today	Madeline Goiran: 7 Matthew way, Thornlie
6th July	Van Dam 4 Utunga Crt, Parkwood
13th July	?????

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