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## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2014 AD

### Worship Services In Perth

#### TODAY

9.30 Am	Rev. Tony van Drimmelen " <i>Christian Meditation.</i> " <u>Readings:</u> Psalm 1. <u>Text:</u> Psalm 1: 2.
5.30 Pm	Rev. Dan Kroon <i>The Effort Of Community.</i> " <u>Readings:</u> 4:1-16 <u>Text:</u> Ephesians 4:1-3 (+ Phil. 2:1-11; 1 Cor. 13:4-8)

#### 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

### IS GOING TO CHURCH LIKE CATCHING A BUS?

Last Friday night I posed a question to the church members who had gathered to study the Bible together: how is being part of a church different to catching a bus? After all, both cases have a group of people heading in the same direction.

After we got past the more obvious answers, like the fact that you don't need to pay to go to

church, we had a useful discussion about what community should be like.

After all, most of us have caught buses or trains at some stage. I learnt that the experience

is pretty universal; on a table of people from many countries, who had lived in a range of different places, they all said that public transport is the same everywhere. There are unwritten rules about how to travel. You must not look at or greet people on the train that you do not know. If there is a seat free where you do not have to sit next to someone, that is the one you must choose. And while on the journey, it is acceptable to listen to music, play on your phone or tablet, or read, but you must not talk. Just because these people are heading in the same direction as you doesn't mean that you need to care about them in any way.

Church can sometimes be like that, unfortunately. There are people who just turn up at services, then head off once the formal time is done. For them, church is about the

formal part, and relationships with other Christians is not the main idea (or even a very significant one). Ultimately, using a church like this makes it all about you. Once you have what you have from the service, you may go.

Why are we talking about buses instead of studying the Bible, you might ask? Well, we are looking at 1 Corinthians 12 to 14 this term, which covers lots of issues around church. Our passage last Friday night was the one body, many parts passage from 1 Corinthians 12. And the kind of community it described was nothing like being on a bus. (And, tellingly, often not like our experience of church either). Paul tells us that we are all members of one body, and that means each member matters. Some have a tendency to think too highly of themselves, and they need to be reminded that Christ died for all in the church. Some think too lowly of themselves, and don't know where they fit, and they need encouragement to contribute and to serve for their contribution is useful. Each one is just where God wants them to be.

The verse that led to the most discussion was v26. In the ESV it reads like this: "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together." This is a description of family, where an achievement by one member leads to family dinners, and when a loss by one leads to hugs and prayers. Community is hard for us modern individualistic people who don't know our neighbours and who don't socialize with our workmates. But it is acting like this that will lead to people knowing that we are Jesus' disciples.

So where do we go from here? We need to make sure our community is genuine and not just us caring for those like us, who we like, and who we would care for naturally anyway. We show it through intentionally caring for those who are different to us in culture, in age, in personality. We show it by accepting, really accepting and befriending, the people who are a little odd. Who don't fit in easily. Who are not popular. Funnily enough, these are the kind of people Jesus would spend time with.

*Pastor Simon van Bruchem, All Nations Presbyterian Church*

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A warm welcome this morning to **Tony van Drimmelen** as he leads us in worship, and this evening to **Dan Kroon**. Both Tony and Dan are ministers at the Willetton Christian Reformed Church and we thank you for bringing God's word to us today.

This being our regular monthly Classis preaching swap I will be in Australind.

**Arie van der Linden** is feeling a little better but still very weak and unable to come to church, and **Mary** is staying home to look after him. We pray that God will strengthen them both and provide all they need through this difficult time.

**Dini Stroop's son Bert** has recently undergone surgery and we pray that he may also be restored to health and strength.

Let us also continue to remember **John and Riet Kik** in our prayers as Riet continues to struggle with her condition.

As school holidays continue we hope all students and teachers are enjoying this time away from class!

*Pastor Reinier*

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### Financial Church Update

Weekly income required as per budget:  
**\$2,726.00**  
To date required 1 week: **\$2,726.00**  
Income received to date: **\$1,614.50**  
Budget shortfall as of today: **\$1111,50**  
*BoM*

### 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*

*Rebekah Oostruck*

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## Please sign

The Committee for Social Responsibility would like all members to sign the open letter to the Premier Hon Colin Barnett to **urgently amend the law to prevent the abortion at 20 weeks or later of children solely on the grounds of disability.** The letter is on the church table. Please sign before the end of July.

*Arnold Zoetfout*

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## NEWS FROM OTHER CHURCHES

### AUSTRALIND:

- Travelling are **Hugo & Judy de Ridder** up North, **Ron & Fiona de Ridder** in Darwin.
- **Rhonda Hinkley** continuous through her 6 week radiation treatment.
- **Tim Kossen** has undergone knee surgery.

### GOSNELLS:

- This church has celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### WILLETTON:

- **Gerard Spoelstra** and **Jason Williston** are both in surgery recovery mode.

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

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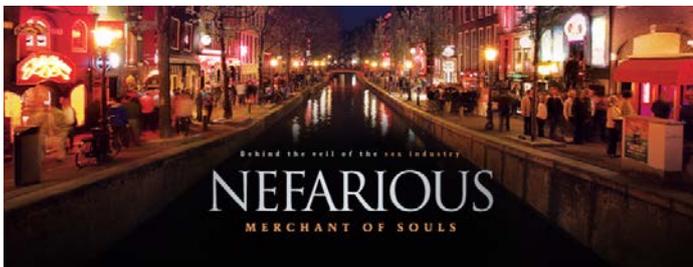
## SENIOR MEN OF OUR CHURCHES

We will meet again, Lord willing, on THIS, TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY at the Peletier home, 26a Bridge Street, Wilson, 10am.

Our guest will be VIKTOR MONSON, assistant Manager of SHALOM HOUSE, a Christian rehabilitation home for men in the Swan Valley. All very welcome to what should be very informative meeting.

*Jan.P*

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## Awareness Evening on Sex Trafficking

Sex trafficking involves the act of recruiting, harboring, transporting, or obtaining a person for a commercial sex act through use of force, fraud, or

coercion (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services). Every year, thousands of women and children fall into the hands of traffickers in their own countries and abroad. Every country in the world is implicated by this injustice, whether as a country of origin, transit, or destination.

**Come and watch the awareness documentary 'Nefarious Merchant of Souls' & be informed, moved and to pray & to see how God can use you to stand against this injustice.**

**Presentation from Peter Abetz MLA (starting 7:15) focusing on policy change in this area Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm - 10:00pm, at Gosnell's Christian Reformed Church (55 Mills rd. West Gosnell's). Please bring a donation to the cause.**

Refreshments will be provided before the screening,

**It's recommended to be 18 years & older to view this documentary** or with parent's permission.

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## Linda's House of Hope

In Perth Linda runs a house for women coming out of prostitution. As you can imagine some pretty damaged women come to the house.

In addition to the problems associated with the sex trade, many struggle with drug and alcohol problems too.

Linda, who by God's grace was saved from such a life, ministers to the needs of these women. It is here that many women rebuild their lives. Some go on to do training courses. Others gain meaningful employment. While still others by God's grace come to know the hope of the Gospel. Please continue to keep Linda and her ministry in prayer.

*Craig van Echten*

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## Don't Be Yourself

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Ephesians 5:1-2 (ESV)

An imitation is a copy of the original that is considered a success when the difference between the copy and the original is indistinguishable. When it comes to people, to imitate is to follow someone as a model. Most of the time, however, we do not like imitators very much. Those who imitate other people usually do it poorly. They are not being themselves. Imitation can be a form of deceit when people on airs, act more important than they are, or fake various kinds of behaviour. We would tell the imitator, "Don't put on an act. Don't impersonate, ape, or mimic – it's not

you. Don't be so shallow. Be yourself'

When it comes to the Christian life, being yourself is a problem. As a Christian, you do not want to be yourself. If we truly know ourselves in our sin, the last thing we would want is to be ourselves. A Christian would say, "I don't want to be me! I know the horror of being me. I know the sins, the bad things in my life, the slander, the lying, the cheating, and the failure that I am. That is not how I want to live anymore. Instead, I need to learn how to live as the new creation I am by Christ's Spirit.

Christians know they need a role model. We need someone to show us what real living actually is. The only choice, the only One who is different from everyone else, is Jesus Christ. Paul told us to look to Him when he wrote: "Be imitators of God." Look to Jesus, the God-man. Be imitators of Him.

The reasons Paul calls us to imitate Christ are given in Ephesians 4. Paul warns us against walking like the unbelievers, who are in darkness. Instead, if Jesus is our Lord and master, our life will look different, and Paul spells out how different that life would be. He writes, "That is not the way you have learned Christ." He follows that up with a list of things that are expected from godly people, such as putting off our old self; not lying, but telling the truth; being angry but not sinning in our anger; not keeping our anger alive; not stealing; doing honest work; not talking trash; letting what we say be good; and not grieving God the Holy Spirit who lives in us. The apostle tells us, "Do not be bitter; do not be angry; do not slander other people. Put all that stuff behind you." Paul's point is this: You are different. You are Christian. You are supposed to look different and live differently: "Be imitators of God as beloved children."

Most of us have seen children play house. Often they imitate their parents and even pick up on mannerisms their parents may not be aware of. This kind of imitation generally never leaves us completely as we grow older, although we often prefer not to admit it. Not only do we tend to look like our parents because of our shared DNA but we also tend to grow into the same mould as we get older. Young people may say that they do not want to be like their parents and that their prospective future family will be different. However, as time goes by, they start to do things the same way, and you can see the familial patterns

emerging. Many parents are able to see their reflection in their children. Herein lies a subconscious, natural imitation. Paul wants that and still more. He calls us to imitate the One who has the single biggest influence in our life. "Be imitators of God like beloved children." This is the consequence of being a Christian: do not be like everybody in the world out there, but be like the One who has rescued you from eternal death.

Thus, our imitation of Christ must not only rise from our subconscious but it must also be a conscious effort. Paul pinpoints our imitation as a walk in love as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. There was nothing subconscious about that as He purposefully strode to the cross on our behalf.

Love, contrary to popular opinion, is not just a nice feeling we have about someone that rises mostly from our subconscious. Love goes much deeper than that. Love is a decision. We decide to love, and we must do so in an ongoing way, Love is to be our guide, and it is to govern our emotions, actions, and decisions. This is completely consistent with the two great commandments to love God above all and to love your neighbor as you love yourself. Love comes before the law and all the guidelines we live by. Those only work if there is love. You have to live love, breathe love, and smell like love. It has to shine in everything and everywhere. Walk in love.

Paul points us to the example of how that exactly works. Do it-love as Christ loved you. And we know the whole story of His love. Most of us were brought up with it. You know how He loved. He came to earth motivated by love. He would have come if you were the only sinner on earth. He suffered for you. He died for you. His love is a deep and personal love. That is the love to look at, imitate, and live out.

To be Christlike, to be imitators, our relationship must not be one of seeking what's in it for us. Jesus was not like that, and we may not be like that either. Rather, our lives must be one of self-sacrifice and servanthood to Christ and our neighbour, always remembering that we are objects of God's mercy and that our only hope is in Him.

Let our prayer be this: "We are looking to You, Lord. Help us to deal with each other and love each other in the same way You deal with and love us. Help us to have mercy and loving

kindness in a big way, yet such a small way when compared to the mercy that You have shown to us.”

*Rev. Hank Vander Woerd is the co-pastor of the Trinity Reformed Church in Lethbridge Alberta.*

*Taken from the Jan/Feb 2014 Outlook magazine.*

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## UPDATE CROQUETTES,

To All,

As a result of your generous orders and donations, we were able to make our final payment to the Hostel for a new electrical bed.

After a small celebration and a few drinks we decided to make a new start with our next bed no: 4

Thanks to some new equipment which we are allowed to use, the new croquettes **will be a bit bigger**. Price and taste are still the same.

Looking forward to your orders and wishing you all good things,

Gerrie van Es 9394 0494. Corrie Hemelaar 9398 8340

Keemie van den Bor 9398 3658

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## SILLY BOOK TITLES

"Great Eggspectations" by Charles Chickens

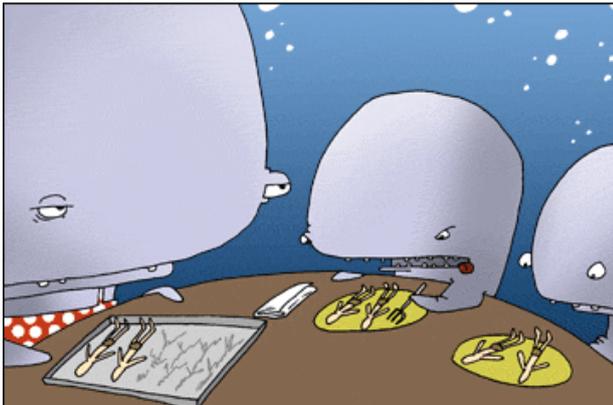
"Rice Growing" by Paddy Field

"The Long Walk to School" by Mr. Bus

"Infectious Diseases" by Willie Catchit

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Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Jonah 1-4)

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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 (School holidays)

TUESDAY

10.00 Am

Senior Men of our Churches – Wilson

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**SHARE & CARE**  
 About One Another in Christ  
*Eril Morgan* 9258 4566  
*Mary van der Linden* 9478 1394

## Second Offerings

Today: Manoah Hostel  
 July 20<sup>th</sup>: Christian Wheatbelt Fellowship  
 July 27<sup>th</sup>: Diaconate

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## WORSHIP MINISTRY

DATE	GREETERS	DATA Am / Pm.	SOUND Am / Pm	Musician/s	VIDEO Am Pm
<i>Today</i>	Rob & Henry	Evan & Isaak	Luke & Evan	Rebecca	Henry
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Hetty & Henry	Luke & Isaak	Isaak & Luke	Rachel	James
<b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Jannet & Steve	Luke	Isaak	Rachel	Henry

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

<i>Today</i>	Vanessa, Jordan & Eliza	<i>Today</i>	Holidays
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Jasmine, Bethia & Nelson	<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Holidays
<b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Melody, Isaak & Mitchell	<b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Yvonne & Bethia

## FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

## YOUTH COFFEE

<i>Today</i>	Fams M. Kik & Alberts	<i>Today</i>	Terpstra 19 Jubilee St, Beckenham
<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Fams Husselmann, Zoethout & Ina	<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Van Dam 7 Dyer street, Kelmscott
<b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Fams Assad & de Jager.	<b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	De Jongh Gosnells' Manse

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*Yesterday is history  
 Tomorrow is a mystery  
 Today is a gift*



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