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Weekly Newsletter of the Christian Reformed Church of Perth Inc.  
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## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2014 AD

### Worship Services In Perth

#### TODAY

9.30 Am	Pastor Reinier Noppers <i>"And God Repented..."</i> <u>Readings:</u> Jeremiah 18: 5 – 10; 1 Samuel 15: 10 – 29; Jonah 3: 1 - 10 <u>Text:</u> Jonah 3: 10.
5.30 Pm	Pastor Reinier Noppers <i>"A New Heaven and New Earth."</i> <u>Readings:</u> Isaiah 65: 17 – 25; Revelation 21: 1 – 4 <u>Text:</u> Belgic Confession Article 37 – 15.

#### NEXT SUNDAY

9.30 Am	Rev. John de Jongh
5.30 Pm	Rev. Peter Kossen

#### 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

##### Does God change His mind?

This is a question that has troubled many people throughout history, particularly in times of trouble or doubt. On the one hand we affirm that God is Almighty, eternal and sovereign, and that He is in control of all things. Added to that the truth that God is perfect, means He does not make mistakes nor do events surprise Him or happen outside His knowledge and

plan. All this together is affirmed in Scripture in many places with statements like this *"I the LORD do not change"*. (Malachi 3:6)

If it were not so, we would have no assurance of salvation.

However, at the same time Scripture shows us in many places that God responds to the repentance of His people by not punishing them as He has threatened. This happens in stark reality in Jonah 3, which builds upon a common theme - Jonah repents of his disobedience, (Jonah 3:3) then Nineveh repents in response to the threatened destruction that the Lord would bring upon them (Jonah 3:5) and finally we read that God himself repents of the destruction He had threatened to bring upon Nineveh. (Jonah 3:10)

The message was clear: Yet 40 days, and Nineveh will be overthrown; but a scant 6 verses later we read God decided not to punish them because of their repentance!

How do we accept both statements, without doing damage to the doctrines of inspiration and the inerrancy of Scripture? Is it possible to accept such a seeming anomaly and still hold to our faith based upon a God who does not change? Absolutely!

In fact, it is in this very difficulty that the incomprehensible nature of God becomes a little clearer. God's purpose is to daily call us to repentance; He desires to be reconciled to us so that we might be reconciled to Him. Both the promise of judgement for sin and the blessing for obedience and faith are presented by God to motivate us to obedience and living our gratitude. Just as God cannot forget His anger against sin, God also cannot be untrue to Himself in mercy and compassion. God is always consistent with Himself as holy AND merciful; as just AND gracious.

It is not God who changes, but it is we who change in response to His dealings with us. He reaches into our existence, tracks our daily affairs with His presence, and then orders and directs all things in terms of His eternal plan, and for our good, so that nothing happens outside His eternal decrees.

This is indeed the measure of the fullness of God's grace: in Him, even the direst of threats point to the richest of blessings. God, unable to allow our sin to go unpunished, took that punishment upon Himself in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, His only Son. In Him we have seen the Father, full of grace and truth.

*Pastor Reinier.*

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It seems there are some nasty flus' and colds going around at the moment. If you are suffering with one of those we pray that you will soon recover!

Our prayers continue also for **Arie** and **Mary van der Linden**, as Arie remains weak.

Remember also **John** and **Riet Kik**, as well as many of our elderly who struggle with the infirmities of age.

**Shared Lunch:** today is our monthly shared lunch; again a wonderful opportunity for fellowship around the table; after the service.

Please do stay even if you have not brought anything; it is our privilege to share with each other in this way.

**Catechism Classes** continue as normal; the first class after school at our house, the second at the church at 7:30 pm. Please let me know if you are unable to make it.

**AGM: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August** after the morning service: the proposed Budget and other papers will be in your pigeon holes in the next couple of weeks. Please do make the effort to come along, as this too is part of response of gratitude to the Lord. All of us need to make these decisions together and then commit to meeting the budget we have passed.

*Pastor Reinier*

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## Announcements

- **Canning Bible Study** will meet this Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August, starting around 7:30 pm, at the home of Evan And Rebecca de Haan. All are welcome as we continue our study through the gospel of John.
- **Cadets** will meet Friday 7 Pm at the Gosnells church. **Supper: Oostrick.**

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### Financial Church Update

Weekly income required as per budget:

\$2,726.00

To date required 4 weeks: \$10,904.00

Income received to date: \$8,160.40

Budget shortfall as of today: \$2,743.60

*BoM*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Update – July 2014

\$494.80 Solomon Is. W/G

\$244.60 Manoah Hostel

\$216.55 CWF

\$241.20 Diaconate

Total electronic contributions for July \$2,995.00

## Happy Birthday

*Hesmarie Husselmann* **Last Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August**

*Deuilliers Venter*

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

*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.*

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## Ladies Aid RTC

Thank you to all who contributed!  
A cheque for \$220 has been sent.  
*Hetty Zoethout*

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## Yearbook Update

**Janny Zuidersma's new address:**  
Villa 10 Castledaire Village  
108 Fern Road, Wilson 6107  
Phone: 9356 4201

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## Session notes

Despite several members of session being unable to attend due to illness or other commitments, we were still able to meet and deal with some of the more urgent matters of the church on Tuesday evening 29<sup>th</sup> July.

- After reading from Psalm 89:1-8, and a time of prayer, some pastoral reports were considered.
- A proposed **Budget** was received from the Board of Management and approved for presentation to the congregation, with an AGM set for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August after the morning service.
- **New microphones** have been purchased and installed as our current microphones may not be used next year due to government changes in the regulations covering frequencies.
- The agenda for **Classis**, which will meet in Australind on August 16<sup>th</sup>, was discussed, and **Steve Ossevoort, Evan de Haan** and **Reinier Noppers** will represent Perth as our delegates.
- **Classis** also requested nominations for delegates to our upcoming Synod in 2015, and it was decided to nominate our **pastor Reinier** as one of the ministerial delegates.
- **Cadet / Gems Sunday** will be celebrated on September 21<sup>st</sup> at Gosnells this year.
- **Rob Morgan** closed the meeting at 9:20 pm with prayer.

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## G.O.S.P.E.L. PRAYER POINTS for August

1. More than 120 new believers are now ready to take baptisms from three different regions. Please praise God for this marvellous work and continue to pray for their growth in Christian

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Gujarat Outreach Support by  
Planting churches, Economic  
change and Literacy training

faith.

2. One of our evangelists from the South Gujarat field, has started reaching out in a new village and was planning to start a prayer group. But some time later, some village leaders came to know that he was preaching the Gospel and people were receiving Jesus Christ as Saviour. Consequently, they started threatening to new believers that "if you become a Christian, we will not give any provisions from village." They even threatened them saying that "we will not permit you to get drinking water from the well."
3. Tuition Centre teachers have had two days of training last month. It was indeed a blessing for many teachers. The aim of Tuition Centre teachers training was to encourage these teachers and for giving them some strategies for teaching these primary school aged tribal children. This is a vital aspect of the ministry in this developing the mission field.
4. Believers who are subsistence farmers all over the entire mission field praise our sovereign Lord for good rain that has come. Almost all our believers are farmers who depend on rain for their agriculture. When the monsoons fail, they suffer economically and go hungry. Please, pray that rain continues and our farmers get sufficient cultivation in their lands.

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## GEMS Helpers Needed!

GEMS have been blessed with a group of 20 girls this year and with only 4 leaders we'd really love some more help! If you are female member of the church and would be able to share 2 hours of your time on a Friday night or if you have a skill that you could teach the girls e.g. knitting, crocheting, painting, etc, then we'd love to hear from you!

If we get enough helpers then you'd only be required for one or two nights during the year. No preparation would be required of you as a helper, just turn up on the night and lend a hand where needed.

A typical night might ask you to help set up supper or crafts in the first hour and then help the girls doing an activity or craft.

GEMS is run fortnightly on a Friday night from 7pm - 9pm at Gosnells CRC and has girls in grades 2 - 8. If you are able to assist or want more information please contact Clarissa Swarts on 0413 900 664.

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## GOSNELLS:

- **Gerry van der Zouwen** was taken to hospital with an infection that quickly

entered his bloodstream and turned serious. He was placed under palliative care.

#### WILLETTON:

- Today DV **Kye Aston** will receive the seal and sign of baptism.
- **Pastor Tony** is away visiting his mother and attending the Oxygen conference in Sydney

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

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#### Catalyst magazine for June/July has arrived!

You can download it via <http://wp.me/p2yiOn-30>

For those not on email, limited copies have been placed on church table. Enjoy the read.

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**Peter Abetz** will be repeating his presentation from Gosnells on "Human Trafficking and Prostitution Law Reform" which is based on his research over the past 30 years and recent 3 week study tour to France, Sweden and South Korea. This will be held at Mt Pleasant Baptist Church at 7:30pm on August 11.

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#### Men's Convention

**Date:** August 30. **Speaker:**

Tim Thorburn (Currently leads a ministry team at UWA).

**Topic:** Make Your Life Count – living in the light of eternity.

**Venue:** Woodvale Baptist church. **Standard:** \$45/Conc. \$35/Son \$10 **Register at:** <http://pmc.ccowa.org/>

Should be a great God--honouring day as hundreds of blokes and their sons spend time with other Champions See or text Ron Bergsma for car--pooling on 0488 611 224

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#### Why won't they listen?

Have you wondered why your witnessing falls flat and people fail to respond? Many comment that science has disproved the Bible and therefore it is not relevant to today's modern world. But what's the answer? Can the majority of scientists really be wrong?

Discover the answers with **Dr David Catchpoole** and **Prof. Stuart Burgess** when they bring their powerful message *Genesis—A Key to the Gospel* plus *Inspiration From Creation: How Engineers are Copying Design in Nature* at 7.30pm on Thursday 21 August 2014, at the Christian Reformed Church of Gosnells.

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#### uni-ready seminar for parents,

For many parents sending a first child to university is another transition time to navigate. First it was school, and then high school, and now University. And it can be a time of worry, uncertainty, and simply just a change that springs up unexpectedly. It's strange that we prepare our children for growing up, and when it comes, it can feel like they might be more ready than we are.

The **uni-ready seminar for parents**, is about helping parents know what uni life is like now, so they can continue to support and help their child through this next life change.

The Seminar is run by Christian Union (CU) staff-workers, who spend their days on the university campus working with students. While our work at CU is about helping Christian students navigate life in the university environment, the seminar however, would be good for any parent just wondering about what uni is like now. Anyone is welcome and will benefit from the general advice regardless of their faith or the faith of their child.

Please do contact me if you have any questions or queries. I hope you can make the information available to parents. You can promote the event by

- **Giving out brochures and telling people**
- **Putting a note in a school or church newsletter**
- **Putting a Power-point of the seminar up at church or on an advertising screen**

For more brochures or a ppt slide please contact [brad@uni-ready.com](mailto:brad@uni-ready.com)

Thanks for your help in supporting this new and helpful venture.

**uni-ready seminar for parents**

**Tuesday 12 AUGUST**

**7:30pm-9pm,**

**COST: \$10 per person \$15 per couple**

**WHERE: Riverton Baptist Church,  
38 Modillion Avenue, Shelley, WA.**

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Hear the good news that the biblical account of origins is not only historically accurate, but makes better sense of the evidence.

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER, WRITER AND BIOLOGIST  
**Dr David Catchpoole**

**Question Evolution!**  
ARE YOU READY FOR ANSWERS?

Don't miss out!  
Sunday 24 August at 9.30am

**Six Days? Really!**

Christian Reformed Church of Perth  
5 Colombo St, Victoria Park

Enquiries: Phone Pastor Reinier Noppers on 0450 926 707

Creation resources available

CREATION MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL  
CREATION.com

CMI Australia ph: 07 3340 9888 email: ministry@creation.info

#### Evidence for Design

Evidence for design abounds. Even some ardent atheists acknowledge this, but they deny the need for a *Designer*, attributing it to 'evolution'. Modern science reveals design that 'shouts out' that God created, as the Bible says.

**Dr David Catchpoole** will present some of this faith-affirming evidence that will astound you in *Six Days? Really!* at 9.30am on Sunday 24 August 2014.

This would be a good opportunity to invite some friends or neighbours: a resource display will also be set up to help us be equipped to share with friends and family. Flyers are available on the table to hand out to those you

may wish to invite: some smaller ones to pop into letter boxes in your neighbourhood; if there are not enough please see me (RN) for more.

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## CROQUETTES

To place your orders, please ring:  
Corrie 9398 8340, Gerrie 9394 0494, or Keemie 9398 3658  
All funds raised go to Electric Bed Number 4 – Manoah Hostel.

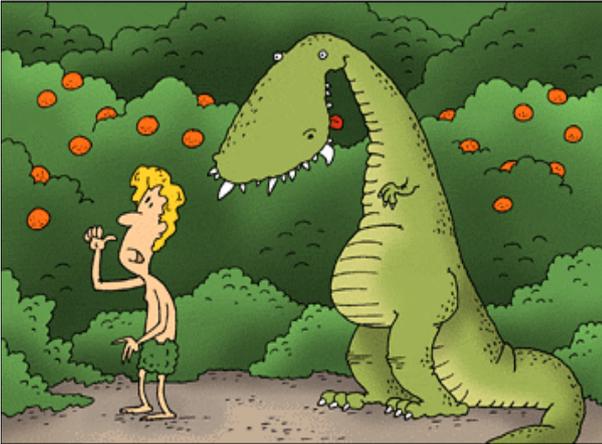
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***Grace is available for each of us every day – our spiritual daily bread – but we've got to remember to ask for it with a grateful heart and not worry about whether there will be enough for tomorrow.***

**Sarah Ban Breathnach**

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(See Genesis 1:1-2:3)

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I WANT TO GO AHEAD AND CHANGE THE NAME I SET FOR 'AAAAAAAAAYAAAAA' TO 'T-REX'

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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 Classes – Manse & Church  
**TUESDAY** 7.30 Pm Canning Bible Study – de Haan's abode  
**FRIDAY** 7.00 Pm Cadets – Gosnells Church.

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**SHARE & CARE**  
About One Another in Christ

*Eril Morgan* 9258 4566

*Mary van der Linden* 9478 1394

## Second Offerings

Today: Tear Fund

August 10<sup>th</sup>: World Development & Relief

August 17<sup>th</sup>: Reformed Theological College

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## WORSHIP MINISTRY

DATE	GREETERS	DATA Am / Pm.	SOUND Am / Pm	Musician/s	VIDEO Am Pm
<i>Today</i>	Eril & Steve	Isaak	Paul v/d K	Rachel	James
<b>10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Arnold & Henry	Evan	Luke	Rebecca	James
<b>17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Jill & Evert	Steve	Isaak	Rachel	Henry

## CRECHE

<i>Today</i>	Mieke, Isaak & Mitchell	<i>Today</i>	Trudy & Leon
<b>10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Annette, Leon & Nelson	<b>10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Trudy & Eliza
<b>17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Jacqueline, Luke & Beslin	<b>17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Mieke & Rebekah

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

<i>Today</i>	Fams de Haan, Janong & Bardi	<i>Today</i>	Genuit's 9 Turner Rd, Kelmscott.
<b>10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Fams Zoethout, Ossevoort & Jill	<b>10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	De Jongh Gosnells Manse
<b>17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Fams Oostrick & O'Sullivan	<b>17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	tba

### YOUTH COFFEE

**Please utilize the church's electronic banking**

**Banking details:**

Commonwealth Bank of Australia  
 Christian Reformed Church of Perth  
**BSB: 066 153 Account: 1002 5589**

## Tithing is giving back to God

*Let me tell you something that we Israelis have against Moses.  
 He took us 40 years through the dessert in order to bring us to the one spot in the  
 Middle East that has no oil!*

*Golda Meir*



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