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Sunday 17th August 2014 AD

Worship Services In Perth

TODAY L/S

9.30 Am	Pastor Reinier Noppers "A Righteous Anger." <u>Readings:</u> Psalm 103. <u>Text:</u> Jonah 4: 1 – 4.
5.30	Pastor Reinier Noppers "Syncretism: Black, White, or Shades of Grey" <u>Reading:</u> John 14: 1 – 7; 1 Corinthian 15: 1 – 8, 12 – 28; Colossians 2: 8 – 10. <u>Text:</u> John 14:6.

NEXT SUNDAY

9.30 Am	Pastor Reinier Noppers
5.30 Pm	Pastor Geoff van Schie.

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

Jesus Feeds, but We Remember

It is amazing how food is a catalyst for our memories. Sometimes when I sit down with my family to eat, my mind wanders back to other family meals of long ago. I remember vividly as a child the time my father asked my brother to pass the bread. My brother picked up a loaf of Wonder Bread and passed it to my dad -like a football. I also remembered what

happened to my brother after that memorable stunt!

In a similar way, the church household gathers around the Lord's table and remembers the stories of our faith. We remember with gladness the reasons we are part of this church family called the body of Christ. We read Scripture and use these stories in worship to recall other important stories of faith. For

example, the feeding of the 5000 was so vital to the early church that it is the only miracle story common to all four of the Gospels.

In chapter 14, Matthew writes that when Jesus heard about the death of John the Baptist he withdrew to a deserted place to be alone. Unfortunately, Jesus was so popular with the people that they followed him, giving him little time to address his own grief over the death of John, his cousin and colleague. When Jesus saw the crowd, he had compassion for them and cured their sick. The healings lasted all day.

Near nightfall, the disciples asked Jesus to send the crowds home. The disciples' motive was an alleged concern for the people's hunger. Jesus, however, instructed the disciples to give them something to eat. With only the meager resources of two fish and five loaves, the disciples seemed flustered. Jesus asked the disciples to bring him the loaves and fish and instructed the crowd to sit on the grass.

Jesus blessed the loaves and fish as he looked toward the heavens. I suppose each time we eat and give thanks over our food we enact this miracle of God's providence. After he broke the loaves, Jesus gave them to the disciples to distribute to the hungry crowd. Despite the disciples' apparent skepticism, Matthew writes that all ate and were filled; and they gathered 12 baskets full of broken pieces.

When we gather around the Lord's table, we hear the story of our faith. One of the great miracles of God is that God could gather us together, as alike or different as we may be, and we would dine together in the name of Jesus. When Jesus presided over the Passover meal with his disciples, he said to them as he says to us, "Do this in remembrance of me."

When we gather together to break the Lord's loaf, we also remember. We remember that God provided manna in the wilderness for the children of Israel. We remember our first Holy Communion, and we remember those intimate moments of communion on Good Friday. Perhaps we even remember how God makes Jesus known in the breaking of bread. Whenever the church gathers to eat, the church

also gathers to remember. We remember God's providence, and we remember that Jesus abides with us.

Memory is one of the most sacred gifts that God has given his human creatures. Certainly, the feeding of 5000 is a wonderful thing. However, what may be even more extraordinary is the memories that this story summons for people of faith. It brings to recollection that God's providence is greater than any human need. God can and will feed all people, and after the feeding, there will be baskets left over.

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This morning we have the privilege to sit around the **Lord's Table** together, a reminder of the sacrifice of Jesus our Saviour for us, as well as the fact that we are one family in Christ united by His blood: a bond stronger than anything here on earth. As we celebrate we are reminded that our filthy rags of sins, terrible as they are, have been completely forgiven and instead we wear the white robes of righteousness given to us by Jesus.

Evert and Rebekah Grul were blessed with the birth of a baby girl, whom they have named **Corina Michelle**. Corina was born on Friday 8th August and the whole family is enjoying this wonderful gift from God. We pray that God will provide Evert and Rebekah the wisdom and strength to raise Corina and the three boys in His ways, and also a true sense of trust and peace that she too is firmly held in His Fatherly hands.

John Kik left last week to spend a few weeks in Holland with family there. We wish him a blessed trip and safekeeping, as well as ongoing strength and peace for Riet.

Next Sunday, we will have **David Catchpole** from Creation Ministries delivering the message and it should be an encouraging and challenging time for us all.

The following Sunday, the 31st August, we will hold our **AGM** after the morning service, and all members and regular visitors are encouraged to attend. At this meeting we will consider a budget for this financial year, and whether we like it or not, the church is dependent upon our giving to continue its work and pay its bills. The paperwork for this meeting should be in your pigeon holes this morning, and if you did not receive one please speak to one of the session members.

We will also hold our **regular shared lunch** after the AGM on the **31st August**, rather than the following Sunday as that is Father's day. Please remember to bring something to share and do stay to enjoy the fellowship.

Catechism: as usual this Monday afternoon and evening: please let me know if you are unable to make it. *Pastor Reinier*

Announcements

- Today the sacrament of the **Lord's Supper** will be celebrated. We remind visitors that in this part of God's family we believe the elders ought to guard the sacred things of God. This means that along with our own members we invite to the Lord's Table those who make themselves known to our elders as Christian people sharing a common faith with us.
- **Canning Bible Study** meets this Tuesday evening at the home of Bardie Bester, continuing our study through the gospel of John. All welcome, we commence around 7:30 p.m.
- The **Annual General Meeting** of the Christian Reformed Church of Perth Inc. will be held the Lord willing after the morning service of **Sunday 31st August**. All documentation has been placed in your pigeonholes.
- **Cadets** will meet Friday 7 Pm at the Gosnells church. **Supper: Terpstra.**

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Financial Church Update

Weekly income required as per budget:
\$2,726.00
 To date required 6 weeks: **\$16,356.00**
 Income received to date: **\$11640.30**
 Budget shortfall as of today: **\$4,715.70**
BoM

Happy Birthday

<i>Event Grul</i>	Wednesday 20 th August
<i>Henrietta Hughes</i>	Friday 22 nd August
<i>Bardi Bester</i>	Friday 22 nd August
<i>Cayden Grul</i>	Saturday 23 rd 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.

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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NEWS FROM OTHER CHURCHES

AUSTRALIND:

- The operation on little Jude Deighton went well.

- Expecting mothers in the congregation are **Cassie Eikelboom, Belinda Plug** and **Annette van Echten.**

GOSNELLS:

- Travelling overseas are **Bill & Willy Louw** returning early October and **Jack Bylsma** planning to return towards the end of this month.

WILLETTON:

- **Liz Meyerink** is travelling to Ireland to visit family.
- **Peter Versteeg** underwent urgent heart surgery last Sunday.



- **Ben Murphy's Dad** is making good process in a Sydney hospital following the removal of a tumour on his brain.

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

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Special Prayer Point

Last Sunday **Peter Versteeg** (Bluey) of the Willetton Church underwent an 8 hour open heart surgery in Charles Gardner Hospital. He was admitted to ICU and it wasn't till today (Thursday) he responded to treatment.

Peter has to undergo another urgent and serious heart operation this coming week.

Rene and the family are very appreciative of all the prayers offered by the many people of our Church families, and please keep Peter in your prayers.

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Church Parking (during the week)

There are some changes happening with the parking around the church. There are 16 parking permits for Finlease and the motorcycle shop; there is an agreement that we use their parking on Sundays and they use our parking during the week.

Finlease is helping to eliminate all the illegal parking on church property. Just give Maria and Kylie a 'good day' and call at Finlease(next door) so you do not get a paper under your wiper blade, if there are any questions, feel free to contact **Peter**.

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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. *Az.*

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SENIOR MEN OF OUR CHURCHES

We will meet again, Lord willing, on TUESDAY 19th AUGUST.

This month we have a joint meeting with the Senior Men of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bull Creek and will meet at the **WPC Bull Creek Church, 32 Bull Creek Drive, BULL CREEK.**

As they start their meeting a little earlier, please arrive by 9.30am.

Also, we have invited CARL CARMODY from CHALLENGE NEWSPAPER to be our guest speaker.

Should be a great meeting again.

Everyone very welcome!

Jan Peletier

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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.cowa.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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Creation Meeting

with Dr David Catchpoole and Prof. Stuart Burgess @ Gosnells CRC. Thurs 21st August, 7:30pm.

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Evening of Prayer for Iraq

On Saturday 23rd August, Open Doors Australia is inviting and encouraging Christians around the country to join with them in a Day of Prayer for Iraq. Christians in Iraq are facing severe persecution, with a mass exodus from cities and towns as the extremist group IS (Islamic State – formerly known as ISIS) are increasingly taking control of areas in the north and north-west of the country.

We want to invite you to join with them to pray for our brothers and sister being persecuted in Iraq and around the world. We have a Sovereign God who holds all these things in His hands and as His children we able to bring these needs to Him. A public prayer service will be held at Willetton Christian Church on the 23rd August. During this time we will also be taking donations for the work that Open Doors is doing in Iraq.

WHEN: Saturday 23rd August 2014, 7pm-9.30pm

WHERE: Willetton Christian Church (Crn of Gloucester Ct & Portcullis Dr)

Contact Jayden (0432 983 293) or Samara (0435 295 094) for any further information

For more information on Open Doors Australia: <http://opendoorsblog.org.au>

Find the event on Facebook: Evening of Prayer for Iraq in WA

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SALT SHAKERS

is a Christian Ethics Action Group based in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. It was started in 1994 by a Baptist couple who fought to stop pokies.

Now today, **SALT SHAKERS** cover a range of moral, political, religious and social issues as well as encouraging Christians to stay true to Christ and the Bible in the whole of their lives.

Their website says, "**SALT SHAKERS** is dedicated to helping Christians understand the times (1 Chronicles 12: 32) and equipping them to be **SALT** and **LIGHT** in the community (Matthew 5: 13-16) by upholding Biblical values and by being

more aware of the ethical issues affecting today's society."

On their website you can be informed about ethical issues such as Abortion, Bill of Rights, Drugs, Euthanasia, Cloning and stem cells, Gender identity, Global warming and a whole range of other issues. For more information see their website: <http://saltshakers.org.au/>

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Why that Odd Facebook Symbol Is So Important

Maybe you have seen this little wine-cup looking symbol on your friend's Facebook page and wondered what it means. It means Christians are being targeted for death in Mosul, Iraq. Someone came up with the idea to use this symbol through Social Media to call attention to the plight of Christians suffering genocide in Iraq.

The symbol apparently started circulating in Lebanon and has caught on around the world. The symbol is actually an Arabic "n," which is what ISIS soldiers in Mosul have used to abbreviate Nazara, a term for Christians in the Middle East. Basically, those whose homes are thus marked are subject to death, unless they (a) convert to Islam or (b) pay an oppressive tax to stay alive.

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Why is there death and suffering in the world?

Many reject God on the basis that he must be a cruel god to allow the terrible events and suffering that we see in the world today. Could you answer this? Find out how you can use this question, and more, as a powerful tool to reach others for Christ. Remember to bring a friend when you hear **Dr David Catchpoole** giving one of his dynamic messages **Six Days? Really!** at 9.30am on Sunday 24 August 2014.

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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Warburton 2015

If you're interested in going on the mission trip to Warburton in January 2015, we have a quick expression of interest form, please fill it in as we'll be sending out application forms and information in the next month. You can access the form here <http://goo.gl/dm3UJl>

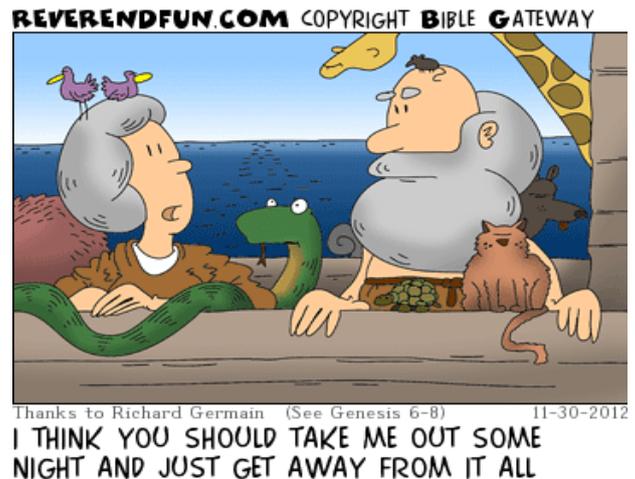
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To place your orders, please ring: Corrie 9398 8340, Gerrie 9394 0494, or Keemie 9398 3658

All funds raised go to Electric Bed Number 4 – Manoah Hostel.

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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 – Bardi Bester's abode
FRIDAY	7.00 Pm	Cadets – Gosnells Church.
SATURDAY	7.00 Pm	Evening of Prayer for Iraq – Willetton 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: Reformed Theological College
 August 24th: Teen Challenge
 August 31st: Solomon Island Workgroup

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WORSHIP MINISTRY

DATE	GREETERS	DATA Am / Pm.	SOUND Am / Pm	Musician/s	VIDEO Am Pm
<i>Today</i>	Jill & Evert	Steve	Isaak	Rachel & Mp3	Henry
24th August	Rob & Raymond	Isaak	Luke	Rachel	Henry
31st August	Hetty & Steve	Luke	Isaak	??	James

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<i>Today</i>	Jacqueline, Luke & Beslin
24th August	Vanessa, Saara & Joshua
31st August	Jasmine, Emma & Melissa

SUNDAY SCHOOL

<i>Today</i>	Mieke & Rebekah
24th August	Mieke & Emma
31st August	Jessica & Vanessa

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

<i>Today</i>	Fams Oostrick & O'Sullivan
24th August	Fams P v/d Kooij, Morgan & Vanessa
31st August	Fams. Noppers & Zoethout

YOUTH COFFEE

<i>Today</i>	Ossevoort's Thornlie
24th August	Van Dam's Kelmscott.
31st August	tba

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

Tithing is giving back to God

*Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power.
 Have guided missiles and misguided men.*

Martin Luther King Jr.



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