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Sunday 24th August 2014 AD

Worship Services In Perth

TODAY

9.30 Am Dr David Catchpoole (CMI) "Six Days Really?"
5.30 Pastor Geoff van Schie "God's Higher Purposes."
Reading: Romans 8: 18 – 39. Text: Romans 8: 28.

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

Swift to shed blood

Recently there has been a lot of talk in the news about 'IS' which stands for 'Islamic State.' This is a radical group full of militia ready to kill and be killed to establish this Islamic state. Quite extreme to say the least.

Nevertheless, it is a reminder of a deeper problem that all of humanity struggles with. It wasn't long ago that Europeans were ready to kill and be killed to establish the ideal state more commonly known as the 'Third Reich.

Throughout history the words of Romans 3:15-18 continue to describe humanity. We read, "*Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery mark their ways, and the way of*

peace they do not know. There is no fear of God before their eyes." Time and time again the depravity of man rears its ugly head. So what is the solution?

No doubt 'IS' should be stopped from their ruthless endeavours. However, the West should not forget its own problems. We are fast becoming a culture that has no fear of God. And the West has the same sinful heart as 'IS' which means it's just a matter of time before we have our own problems with bloodshed.

What is to stop another WWII? Surely we are no more advanced than those who lived in Germany in the 1930's? or 'IS' today? (Interestingly, prior to WW1 western thinkers actually thought they were more advanced than previous generations that engaged in war!)

So what is the solution? Romans 3 after showing the depravity of man points to the

only real solution which is Christ. Christ brings us both peace on the vertical level and the horizontal level. Romans 5:1 says, "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Let us continue to pray for this peace.
Craig van Echten Australind.

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This morning we have the privilege of hearing **Dr David Catchpoole** speak on the subject of creation with the message entitled "Six Days: Really?" Dr Catchpoole is a biologist, writer and has travelled extensively overseas as well as making significant contributions to creationist literature over the years. We extend a warm welcome to Dr Catchpoole as well as his team as they teach us from God's Word, and pray that together we may be truly be challenged and encouraged by it.

They will also have a display set up in the hall at the back with materials and resources for us to peruse and consider.

Riet Kik had another fall this past week and spent a day in RPH, but is back home again and thankfully is Ok. We just continue to pray for Riet and John as well as he is currently in Holland visiting family and friends there.

Congratulations to **Henry and Jannet Alberts** who celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this week. Praise be to God for His faithfulness and blessings over that time and we know they can look to the future based on that same firm foundation.

I also visited the doctor this week after experiencing severe pain in my leg; a scan was inconclusive but have been advised to rest as much as possible ☺. Not my favourite pastime but we do pray that this will heal swiftly and completely.

A reminder that **next Sunday is our AGM**. If you are unable to be there please extend your apologies and also absentee vote for the budget. However, it would be great if together we are able to consider the budget and commit to working together for the future of Perth church and the ongoing work of God's kingdom in this beautiful city. Financial papers from the Wheatbelt ministry have also come through and will be in your pigeon holes this morning. After the meeting we will have

our fellowship tea and coffee as well as shared lunch: so please do bring something to share and join in the fellowship.

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

Pastor Reinier

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Announcements

- **Wilson Fellowship Group** meets this Wednesday 7.30 Pm at John van den Berg's place. We will be studying lesson 1 on John.
- Please read John 13: 1 – 17. All welcome. Please obtain the study material from John van den Berg.
- 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.
- **Gems** will meet this Friday 7 Pm at the Gosnells church. **Supper: Lea van Dam**.
- **Canning Bible Study** will meet at the home of Bardie Bester on Tuesday **2nd September** starting at 7:30 pm. New members are always welcome as we get closer to completing our study of the Gospel according to John.

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Financial Church Update

Weekly income required as per budget:

\$2,726.00

To date required 7 weeks: **\$19,082.00**

Income received to date: **\$13,525.25**

Budget shortfall as of today: **\$5,556.75**

BoM

Happy Birthday

Wim Slooter

Today 24th 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:

- **Jacqui O'Heir** has undergone a successful knee operation and will be home recovering for a few months.
- **Hennie Melleghers** and **Otto Terstege** have returned from their overseas trips.
- **Anthea Plug** is shifting to Busselton so that she can be closer to work in Dunsborough.

GATEWAY:

- **Frank & Fiona van den Bos** were blessed with the birth of a baby boy named **Benjamin Piet**.
- **Nathaniel & Chantal Vandenwal** were blessed with the birth of a baby boy named **Isaac John**.

GOSNELLS:

- **Br. Tony Stolp of Manoah House** was taken to be with his Lord last Tuesday morning. A thanksgiving service will be held for him at Gosnells CRC this coming Tuesday commencing 12 noon.
- **Levi Kleinjan** will receive the seal & sign of baptism DV next Sunday.

WILLETTON:

- Last Wednesday **Peter Versteeg** had a stent inserted into his aorta to help reduce the chance of heart attack.
- **Dave & Kim Green** are moving to Mandurah.

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

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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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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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Come celebrate 50 years of Calvinettes & GEMS

On September 21st, 2014 starting at 1:30pm for lunch, memories and meeting friends at Wonga Park CRC (251 Yarra road, Wonga Park 3115) finishing with afternoon tea around 3:30pm. We would be grateful if you could bring a small plate to share for afternoon tea.

If you have photos or other memorabilia which you would like to share please bring them (clearly labelled) to display or email them to 50yearscalvinettesgems@gmail.com
RSVP by September 15th, 2014

To RSVP and for more information please see your GEMS leaders or Email; 50yearscalvinettesgems@gmail.com, Facebook; GEMS/Calvinettes Australia – 50th anniversary celebration! or Phone;(03) 9726 8602 (Jess)

We look forward to meeting lots of you and hope you will pass the information on to as many current & past Calvinettes and GEMS as possible as we really would not want anyone to miss out on this wonderful celebration of a Club which the Lord has so greatly blessed over so many years.

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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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God's healing hand Australind

Over the last several weeks I have had requests to pray for family members and others for up-coming operations. No doubt this is important and good to do for we acknowledge that our lives are under the sovereignty of God. However, once surgery has been completed and everything has gone well, these same people will write you expressing their thanks to "Jesus" or to "God" that all things have gone well, without mention of anyone else's involvement, and then they end by saying, "God is good."

Now this gets me thinking. First, keeping in mind and understanding the sovereignty of

God, how do these sometimes extremely delicate and very complicated surgeries occur? Are patients just brought into a room and then 'magically' something happens and it's all fixed?

Of course not! Does surgery take thirty minutes or three hours or perhaps even ten hours? Yes it can. Then why don't Christians also thank the skilled nursing staff, specialist surgeons, doctors, and many others who were instrumental in their surgery?

Oh, I understand that they are probably thinking it when they say, "thanks to Jesus" and "all praise to God" but why not say it. Many of these specialist medical staff (everyone included) have probably spent several years studying and practicing these procedures and become very skilled in their task.

This just doesn't happen by 'accident.' They may not even acknowledge God's sovereignty over their lives and hands as they do their work, but that doesn't mean we should not publicly thank them and make known that they are a great blessing from God to our society.

Second, what do people mean by adding, "God is good?" What if the surgery had not gone well and you died on the operating table? Or it took months and months to recover, because you were troubled by an infection and you spent weeks in hospital instead of just the few days that were expected? Does that mean God is no longer good?

Of course not. God is good all the time, not just when things go well on a surgery table or with a job application, or a piano recital.

Thirdly, I mention this for I wish people to be 'winsome' for Christ. I once was privileged enough to be present when a Christian man who survived a quadruple bypass thanked his specialists. It went something like this, "Doctor, as you know, I am a Christian and I thank God that I am well again. But I also thank you and your team for the many hours you dedicated to learn this great skill. May the Lord continue to bless you in your work."

The specialist replied very graciously, "I thank you for your kind words of encouragement. I will pass it on to the team. It was our pleasure." The specialist didn't say he was a Christian but just appreciated the word of thanks and encouragement. It seems to me that is a 'winsome' way to give expression to God for his healing hand, for our God is good all the time, and especially so since we are safe in His hands because of His Son!

John Zuidema
CRC Dee Why

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*There's a fight to be fought
And a race to be run.
There are dangers to meet by the way.
But the Lord is my light
And the Lord is my life
And the Lord is my strength and stay.
On His Word I depend.
He's my Saviour and friend.
And He tells me: "Trust and obey".
For the Lord is my light
And the Lord is my life
And the Lord is my strength and stay.*
(Author unknown)

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Idolatry is the practice of ascribing absolute value to things of relative worth. Under certain circumstances money, patriotism, sexual freedom, moral principles, family loyalty, physical health, social or intellectual preeminence, and so on are fine things to have around, but to make them the standard by which all other values are measured, to make them your masters, to look to them to justify your life and save your soul is sheerest folly.

Frederick Buechner, Wishful Thinking

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Facts about Left-handedness

- Between 10-12 percent of people on earth are "lefties." Women are about 4 percent more likely to be right-handed than men.
- August 13 is "Left-Hander 's Day." Launched in 1996, this yearly event celebrates left-handedness and raises awareness of the difficulties and frustrations left-handers experience every day in a world designed for right-handers.
- At various times in history, left-handedness has been seen as many things: a nasty habit, a mark of the devil, a sign of neurosis, rebellion, criminality, and homosexuality. It has also been

seen as a trait indicating creativity and musical abilities.

- Some scholars note that left-handers may be one of the last unorganized minorities in society because they have no collective power and no real sense of common identity. Additionally, left-handers are often discriminated against by social, educational, and religious institutions. Social customs and even language set the left-hander apart as "different" and even "bad."

facts.randomhistory.com

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In 2006, the United Nations Food Program estimated that it would cost an additional 13 billion dollars a year to provide basic health care and nutrition to meet the needs of the world's poorest people. This is approximately the amount of money spent each year by Americans and Europeans for pet food.

Bread for the World

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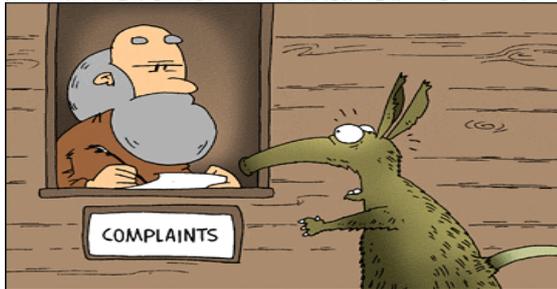
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(See Genesis 6-8) 07-02-2010
TWO ANTS? YOU HAVE ONLY TWO ANTS??
MY WIFE AND I EAT LIKE 100,000 PER
DAY EACH!

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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
WEDNESDAY 7.30 Pm Wilson Fellowship Group – John v/d Berg's.
FRIDAY 7.00 Pm Gems – Gosnells Church.
SUNDAY Following Am worship service **AGM & Shared Lunch** – 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: Creation Ministries
 August 31st: Solomon Island Workgroup
 September 7th: Leprosy Mission
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WORSHIP MINISTRY

DATE	GREETERS	DATA Am / Pm.	SOUND Am / Pm	Musician/s	VIDEO Am Pm
Today	Rob & Raymond	Isaak	Luke	Rachel	Henry
31st August	Hetty & Steve	Luke	Isaak	??	James
7th Sept.	Jacqueline & Henry	Steve	Paul v/d K	Rachel	James

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Today	Vanessa, Saara & Joshua
31st August	Jasmine, Emma & Melissa
7th Sept.	Ilezebel, Jordan & Rebekah

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today	Mieke & Emma
31st August	Jessica & Vanessa
7th Sept.	Jessica & Mitchell

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

Today	Fams P v/d Kooij, Morgan & Vanessa
31st August	Fams. Noppers & Zoethout
7th Sept.	Fams Nieuwkerk & R v/d Kooij

YOUTH COFFEE

Today	Van Dam's Kelmscott
31st August	tba
7th Sept.	tba

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Tithing is giving back to God

*"... to call somebody a "born-again Christian"
 is like saying that such a person is a Christian Christian."*

R.C. Sproul



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