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Sunday 7th September 2014 AD

Worship Services In Perth

TODAY

9.30 Am	Pastor Reinier Noppers <i>"Family of the Father."</i> <u>Reading:</u> Ephesians 5: 1 – 21; 3: 14 – 21. <u>Text:</u> Ephesians 3:15.
5.30 Pm	Pastor Reinier Noppers <i>"The Inerrant Word of God,"</i> <u>Reading:</u> John 20: 30 – 31; 1 Peter 1: 12 – 21. <u>Text:</u> 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 17.

NEXT SUNDAY

9.30 Am	Rev. Craig van Echten
5.30 Pm	Rev. Craig van Echten

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

Today is Father's Day.

For some that is a glad and easy celebration and remembrance. For others it is a day mixed with sorrow and regret for a relationship that once was and now is gone or for a desired relationship that was never possessed. That makes worship easy for some and difficult for others.

So whether Father's Day is either glad or sad, we must find the object of our worship to

be greater than our earthly relationships. And that is why I have grown fond of the oft-told story of Jonathan Edwards who wrote the

following to his daughter Lucy shortly before his death:

"Dear Lucy, it seems to me to be the will of God that I must shortly leave you; therefore give my kindest love to my dear wife, and tell her, that the uncommon union, which has so long subsisted between us, has been of such a nature as I trust is spiritual and therefore will continue forever: and I hope she will be supported under so great a trial, and submit cheerfully to the will of God. And as to my children you are now to be left fatherless, which I hope will be an inducement to you all to seek a father who will never fail you."

Who is this Father in heaven that will never fail that a dying man can take great comfort in Him and offer Him as an encouragement to his children?

On one occasion, the disciples heard Jesus praying, and the significance of that prayer so

impressed them that their immediate response was: “Teach us to pray!” [Wouldn’t you like to have heard that prayer!]

So Jesus taught them. What followed was not a formula for us to pray, but a model to teach us *how* to pray. And it begins not with confession, not with a petition for our needs, and not with thanksgiving, but with a recognition of and commitment to our relationship with God — our Father.

Those two little words “our Father” (Mt. 6:9) are so commonly used in prayer today, that the significance of Jesus’ use of them is now lost. But the turn of a few pages in the Bible back to the Old Testament quickly reveals that with this phrase, Jesus was inaugurating a radical understanding of God. In the Old Testament, God is never directly called “Father,” and in fact there are less than seven references to Him as Father!

So to the ears of His listeners, not only did it appear presumptuous that *Jesus* should call God “Father,” but it was preposterous to suggest that *anyone* could have such an intimate relationship with the sovereign Creator and Sustainer of the universe that He could be called “Father.”

Then something even more amazing happened. Following the resurrection of Christ and His appearances, which were delightfully shocking in themselves, He spoke words to Mary in the garden which were equally as shocking as His appearance.

“...go to My brethren and say to them,
‘I ascend to My Father and your Father, and
My God and your God.’”

Throughout the gospel of John, the emphasis had been made that Jesus was singularly unique because of His heavenly authority that had been granted by the Father, and that He had been sent as an emissary of the Father. [Aside: search for the word “Father” in the gospel of John, and see how many times Jesus alludes to the supremacy of His relationship with God the Father.] And then, after the resurrection, He astounded Mary and the disciples with this truth — *they have the same Father!* They have the same eternal security, they have Christ as their brother, they have the same indwelling Spirit. They do — and so do all believers!

Further, by not only being allowed, but encouraged to call Him “Father,” God demonstrates that He has a Son-like love for us. Not only are we *called* His sons, but we *are*

His sons (1 Jn. 3:1). No longer is there a love that needs to be earned, or an angry father to be appeased. As believers in Christ, we are eternally secure in His love for us, content that His wrath has forever been appeased by Christ’s work on the cross.

So on Father’s Day, whether you are sad or glad, let this be your deep satisfaction and joy — God in heaven, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Eternal Father, the Prince of Peace, He is *your* Father! You are completely secure in His unchanging love. He delights in your fellowship and in giving abundantly all that you need (be sure to understand that your great need is for spiritual food not refrigerator food). He is *your* Father.

(Terry Enns; www.wordsofgrace/)



Last Sunday we had a very positive **AGM**, and the budget for this financial year was passed without negative vote. We can be thankful to God for all the blessings He continues to provide and seek to use His gifts in a way that glorifies Him and builds up His Kingdom work, also here in Perth. Let us then commit to meeting this budget and examine our hearts in area so that we too may “excel in this grace of giving.” (2 Corinthians 8:7)

We also had a fabulous shared lunch last Sunday: a special word of thanks to **Yvonne Herft, Dawn Loos** and several other ladies who “conspired” together to organise the curries and other yummy food.

Lord willing, **Bill and Pat Pleysier** should just about be back from their extended holiday in Europe; we hope and pray that they had a great time and are looking forward to hearing some of the stories.

John Kik also returned safely from Holland last Sunday after spending three weeks visiting family and friends. We continue to remember **John and Riet** in our prayers.

Arie and Mary van der Linden are moving this weekend to the Faulkner Park Retirement Estate, further details of their new address will be published soon. **Arie** continues to struggle with his health and general weakness, and we continue to remember him and **Mary** before the Lord in prayer.

This coming week I will be leaving to attend the Reformed Churches Synod in **Christchurch** on behalf of our churches: we pray that this Synod will be a fruitful time for the ongoing relationships between our churches.

Shortly after the Synod I will be attending the Preaching Conference at the **RTC** in Geelong, and returning late on the 27th September.

As a result, this Monday will be last Catechism Classes for this term.

Catechism: Final lesson for this term; usual time this Monday afternoon and evening: please let me know if you are unable to make it

Pastor Reinier

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Financial Church Update

Weekly income required as per budget:
\$2,801.00
To date required 9 weeks: \$25,209.00
Income received to date: \$17,008.15
Budget shortfall as of today: \$8,200.85
BoM

2nd Collection Update – August 2014

\$119.35 Tear fund
\$545.90 WD & R
\$234.75 RTC
\$210.40 Creation Ministries
\$363.65 Solomon Is. W/G

Total electronic contributions for August
\$2,437.00

Happy Birthday

Pat Pleysier Today 7th September
Malachi Grul Tomorrow 8th September
Alika Husselmann Tuesday 9th September

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.

Announcements

• **Pastor Reinier** will be away attending to Synodical duties and the RTC Preaching Conference. During his absence please refer all urgent pastoral matters to one of the Elders.

- **Ladies Craft Group** meets this Wednesday 9.30 Am at the church. We'll do some more embroidery on paper. Morning Tea: Jill. All ladies welcome.
- **Wilson Fellowship Group** meets Wednesday 7.30 Pm at the Oostryck's. We will study lesson 1 of the Gospel According to John. All welcome.
- **Gems:** will meet 7 Pm on Friday at the Gosnells church. **Supper:** Arigore

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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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Classis Short Minutes

Classis opened with a reading from 1 John 3:1-4 in which we were reminded about the way God has lavished his love on us in Christ, and in making us his children.

The Reports were then given on the ministry in the different churches with a special emphasis on outreach. Some of the highlights were,

- **Hope CC** has been greatly encouraged by how its Toddler Jam ministry has been received and seems to be having a real impact in the local area.
- **Grace CRC** gave thanks for the way its children's ministry has really been growing numerically and for the way it appears to be impacting on the faith of the children involved.
- **Gosnells CRC** updated Classis on the process of their transition to a small- group based pastoral care model. They reported that the process has seen positive outcomes with an increased involvement in small groups, but that it has not been entirely without pain, particularly at a church council level.
- **Gateway CC** reported that they are planning to run a parenting course, which will be advertised in the local community. Their hope is to strengthen parenting skills, raise the profile of the church, and, Lord willing, to open up opportunities to share the gospel.

GOSPEL

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

- **Australind** gave thanks for the increasing awareness within the congregation for reaching the lost and also for their mother's group which recently got under way.

Classis again expressed its thanks for the many years of faithful service given by **Gerard Cozynsen** as classis clerk and it was reported that he had been given a gift of appreciation.

Classis discussed the work and the mandate of **Committee for Social Responsibility**. Classis expressed thanks for the dedication of the members of the committee but also recognized that they wanted direction for their future work. It was decided that each council would discuss what role they saw for the committee, if any, to be discussed at the next meeting.

Classis considered the report back from the meeting held with **Ross Paterson** to consider his desire for a preaching license. Classis was pleased to be able to affirm Ross in his preaching and approve his request for a preaching license.

Classis discussed the issue of members moving between churches and how we as churches communicate with one another. It was acknowledge that this hasn't always been done well in the past. Church councils agreed to be more proactive in communicating with one another when we have members from other churches visiting us.

The role of 'Heads of Churches' was discussed. It was questioned whether **Peter Abetz**, who currently fills the role, was the most suitable person given his current involvement in politics. It was agreed that Peter should be contacted and his future involvement discussed with a report given at the next meeting.

The situation of **persecuted Christians** in Iraq was discussed. It was questioned whether our churches are being proactive in voicing our concern for them. Classis spent time in prayer, for not only Iraq, but for our persecuted brothers and sisters throughout the Middle East. Classis also agreed to write to **Prime Minister Abbot** urging him to remember the plight of Christians in Iraq. Classis encouraged the churches to bring this situation to the Lord in public prayer and to encourage their members to also pray for the situation.

The next Classis Meeting will be held on the **15th November** and will be hosted by the Gateway Community Church.

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G.O.S.P.E.L. PRAYER POINTS for September

1. Madhya Pradesh mission field workers are grateful to God for blessing their labours and for the expansion of his Kingdom in their respective villages. Pray for **three** new prayer groups, so that there may be strong witnesses in these villages.
2. Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra mission field workers praise God for 160 new believers who are ready for baptism this September. Please pray that they continue to

grow in the knowledge of our Lord. Pray that they do understand the Gospel foundations.

3. Maharashtra evangelists and church planters have been praying to expand ministry in new villages in the Trambakeshwar area (Near Nasik), where people have not heard about the Lord Jesus and his offer of salvation for all who trust in him alone. Please, pray that our Lord will open hearts in these new villages.
4. **Revs Bert Kuipers and Dawie van Vuuren** are visiting at the end of September. Do pray for their safety and God's blessing on their visit and the seminars.

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NEWS FROM OTHER CHURCHES



AUSTRALIND:

- **Jacqui O'Heir's** is recovering after her knee operation.
- Little **Jude Deighton** was scheduled for a second operation last week.

GATEWAY:

- **Steve & Suzi** Dikkenberg were blessed with the birth of a daughter named **Madison Hope**.

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Thanks to Mikel Rice

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SLOW DOWN ... WATCH OUT FOR THAT OASIS ... CAREFUL FOR THE DUNE ... CAN'T YOU SEE THAT PALM TREE?

GOSNELLS:

- The following have returned from holidays: **Garry & Teresa Simons, Jack Bylsma** and **Len & Connie Aarnoudse**.
- **Eppie Pelicaan** is having a cyst behind her knee treated.
- **Gilbert & Jenny** Hein have left for the Northern Territory. Also **Jack & Alice van Bommel** will leave for another couple of months away.

WILLETTON:

- Doctors were happy with excellent progress following Pieter's Versteeg's heart operations.
- **Chris & Anushka Van der Veen** were blessed with the birth of a baby girl named **Lucienne Valentina**.
- **Esther Baggerman** had CT scans on both ankles which were still swollen and painful. It has come to light that both ankles have fractures and bone fragments floating in her feet. **Esther** will need to undergo surgery followed by lengthy recovery period.

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 TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER at the Peletier home, 26a Bridge Street, Wilson . 10am. All very welcome. **Jan.P**

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India Team 2015

Anyone interested in going on the next mission trip to India in Feb 2015 or would like to know a little more about what is involved, please be at Bill and Hilary Hober's home on Sunday 14th September at 1pm.

Purpose of trip: Building houses for leprosy sufferers, assist in medical clinic, support work of the orphanage, outreach to homeless, widows and villages.

Address: 151 Nicolas Drive, Casuarina
Phone 9439 4559. Mob: 0409 080018 (Hilary)
Mob: 0419 928360 (Bill)

Help needed to find accommodation for 3-4 days a week.

Room / Granny flat or place to put a caravan for an extended time.

Close or within 15 minutes of Fremantle.

Please call John Hughes 9756 7653 / 0428 927 141

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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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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 9.30 Am Ladies Craft Group – Church
 7.30 Pm Wilson Fellowship Group – Oostryck's.
FRIDAY 7.00 Pm Gems – 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: Leprosy Mission
 September 14th: Candidacy Committee &
Door Offering for G.O.S.P.E.L
 September 21st: Cadets & Gems (local)
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WORSHIP MINISTRY

DATE	GREETERS	DATA Am / Pm.	SOUND Am / Pm	Musician/s	VIDEO Am Pm
Today	Jacqueline & Henry	Steve	Paul v/d K	Rachel	James
14th Sept.	Eril & Raymond	Isaak	Evan	Rebecca	Henry
21st Sept.	Jannet & Steve	Luke	Isaak	Rachel	James

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Today	Ilezebel, Jordan & Rebekah	Today	Jessica & Mitchell
14th Sept.	Melody, Isaak & Bethia	14th Sept.	Yvonne & Saara
21st Sept.	Mieke, Leon & Mitchell	21st Sept.	Yvonne & Bethia

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE		YOUTH COFFEE	
Today	Fams Nieuwkerk & R v/d Kooij	Today	tba
14th Sept.	Fams Victor, Slooter & Wim	14th Sept.	tba
21st Sept.	Fams Husselmann, M. Kik & Janny Z	21st Sept.	tba

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Tithing is giving back to God

*By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right,
 he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.*

Charles Wadworth



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