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Sunday 5th October 2014 AD
Worship
Services In Perth

TODAY	**9.30 Am**	**Pastor Reinier Noppers.** ***"When I Consider…"*** **Reading: Hebrews 2: 5 – 18; Isaiah 40: 25 – 31. Text: Psalm 8.**
	5.30 Pm	**Pastor Reinier Noppers. "*Worship in Spirit and Truth."*** **Reading: Psalm 24: 1 – 6;Ephesians 4: 1 – 6, 11 - 16 Text: John 4: 21 – 24.**
NEXT SUNDAY	**9.30 Am**	**Rev. David Groenenboom.**
	5.30 Pm	**Rev. Ben Murphy**

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

When I consider the works of God: His awesome majesty, His almighty power, my first reaction is to be totally and completely overwhelmed. Then, when I consider my sinfulness in relation to Hi holiness, it is perfectly natural to be overcome with grief and sorrow. When I consider how great God is, it is natural to wonder how a sinful, finite person like myself can ever find a place in the thoughts of God, let alone live in fellowship with Him!

But it is really a matter of perspective. If someone took your picture from the top of the largest skyscraper in the world while you were walking down the street, you would look like a speck of dust on the lens of the camera. But if you took that picture at street level, as two friends together, your perspective would be completely different.

God wants us to see ourselves from both sides. We are miniscule, weak, nothing! compared to God! We deserve nothing

because of our sinfulness. Yet we are great, because of the God who made us in His image, and because of God who came down among us, walked with us and calls us His friends.

Before a sovereign, almighty Lord we are small: we eat what He provides in His hand, we live each day by His grace. Yet at the same time, through our sovereign, almighty Lord we are kings and queens, more than conquerors, royalty in the palace God has provided. Crowned with glory and honour. All this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

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Each week it is our privilege to worship our God together, to bring glory and praise to Him who made us and saved us.

We also have the opportunity today to fellowship together with a **shared lunch**, to which everyone is invited and welcome! Thank you to those who brought a little to share, as in this way we may strengthen the bonds we have in Jesus Christ.

We continue to seek God's hand on those who are struggling, we think of **Riet Kik** and **John** her husband as they work through Riet's condition together, also **Arie** and **Mary van der Linden** as Arie struggles with ill health and weakness.

Pray also for our elderly members with the frailty that age brings.

These past couple of weeks have been a busy though blessed time for myself, attending first the **RCNZ Synod in Christchurch**. This was a very encouraging Synod, with a strong sense of unity and working together as God's people. The new relationship between our two churches was finally ratified and approved by the RCNZ and the effects of this understanding can already be seen in the harmonious way our discussions have been held, yet recognising the differences between the two denominations.

It was also a privilege to catch up with colleagues from my time in the RCNZ, as well as the joy of preaching in **Hukanui** and **Hamilton** congregations at the conclusion of Synod.

Then it was on the RTC Preaching Conference, built on the theme "***Power through Weakness***". A good look at 2 Corinthians and the variety of experiences in ministry that can both encourage and discourage; yet always reminding the power is from God and not from us; and always directing our focus and attention back to Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.

All in all a encouraging, fruitful time away and my thanks to you as congregation for the freedom to engage in this denominational work and the opportunity to be encouraged through such a conference.

Next Sunday is our regular Classis preaching exchange, with **Dave Groenenboom** and **Ben Murphy** leading the services here, while I will be in Willetton.

School holidays continue this week and I am sure all students as well as teachers will make the most of the time to refresh and relax.

Pastor Reinier.

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Financial Church Update

Weekly income required as per budget: $2,801.00
To date required 13 weeks: $36,413.00
Income received to date: $28,226.25
Budget shortfall as of today: $8,186.75
BoM

2nd Collection Update – September 2014

$352.00 Leprosy Mission
$263.65 Candidacy Comm.
$637.20 G.O.S.P.E.L.
$233.00 Cadets & Gems (local)
$231.70 Diaconate

Total electronic contributions for August $4,520.00

Announcements

- **Nominations for Elder:** the congregation is requested to consider prayerfully those who are suitable gifted to serve as elders within this congregation, and to forward the nominations for two elders to a session member prior to our next Session meeting, which will be held on October 28th.
- **Canning Bible Study:** will have a fellowship meal at the home of Reinier and Trudy Noppers, this Tuesday evening starting at 7:00 p.m. Visitors are always welcome, if you would like to come please speak to Trudy.
- **Ladies Craft Group** meets Wednesday 9.30 Am at the church. We'll be making beaded angles. All ladies welcome. Morning tea: Hetty.
- **Wilson Fellowship Group** meets again DV Wednesday 7.30 Pm at Janny Zuidersma's place to study Chapter 3 "Book of John." Please read for preparation John 3: 1 – 36. All welcome.
- **The sacrament of the Lord's Supper** will be celebrated the Lord willing, in the morning service of Sunday the 19th October. Any visitors wanting to share in the sacrament are kindly requested to contact or be directed to the elders, preferably prior to the Sunday.
- **Gems & Cadets – school holidays.**

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Happy Birthday

Melody Oostryck	**Today 5th October.**
Annette Ossevoort	**Today 5th October.**
James Alberts	**Today 5th October**

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.

Session Notes

- Session met at the church on Tuesday night, beginning at 7:30 with a reading from 2 Timothy 3 and prayer.
- A number of pastoral visits were reported, and the deacons confirmed that the **Angel Tree ministry** is being organized again for this Christmas.
- **The Town of Victoria Park** Celebration of Christmas is also set for Sunday 30th November, with planning meetings commencing tomorrow at the Vic Park Leisure Centre.
- With joy we also accepted the membership of **Barend, Nicolene, Nicola** and **Lisa Knoetze**, who have been worshipping with us for some time.
- With sadness we accepted the resignation of **Evert Grul** as an elder due to confessional differences.
- We closed this pastoral section of the meeting in prayer for the congregation.
- Several items of correspondence were noted, as well as general discussion regarding youth ministries.
- We are thankful for the opportunities our youth have to fellowship with other youth through the **Gosnells CRC** activities as well as learn through the Catechism Classes we provide.
- The meeting was closed in prayer at 9:15 p.m.

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NEWS FROM OTHER CHURCHES

AUSTRALIND:

GOSNELLS:

- Congratulation to **Mark & Ineke Scholma** on becoming grandparents with the birth of **Thomas** new born son of **Peter & Tina Batchelor**.
- **Jordan Rees** has returned from Cambodia last Thursday. **Sara van Dam** returned yesterday from a mission trip to Leonora.
- **Rochelle** and **Heidy Hondema** are in Sydney playing soccer as part of the WA Christian Football Association.

WILLETTON:

- This morning **Sofia Perkins** and **Lucienne Van Der Veen** receive the sign and seal of baptism.
- **Mr. O'Hara** is going through a difficult time adjusting to life in the hostel at the Howard Solomon Aged Care Facility.
- **Esther Baggerman** received news that she will need surgery to her right ankle.
- **Jeremiah van Houwelingen** and **Izzy Pleysier** have announced their engagement.

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

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Love's little triumphs

Little things count and the lowly can accomplish much

We habitually look for the remarkable

events in life, which we are convinced make a difference. Hence there are many things that we view as rather trivial. God is no moral nit-picker (Mt. 23:23), so He does regard some things as relatively unimportant. Yet He is also the God who uses the lowly person (1 Cor. 1:26-28) and often lowly means.

Even the ardently moralistic anti-Christian novelist George Eliot glimpsed something of this when she wrote of Dorothea Casaubon in *Middlemarch:* '[The] effect of her being on those around her was incalculably diffusive: for the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs."

The Bible has a way of turning our assumptions upside down. It is true that there are significant figures in history who seem to make a greater impact than others, and there are, to cite Mark Noll, turning points in history. Yet Jesus puts with the prophets those who give even a cup of cold water to little ones (Mt. 10:42). He also went out of His way to commend a poor widow who gave two copper lepta ~ worth a few minutes' work for a farm labourer – to the temple offering box. Her giving was sacrificial; that of the wealthy was not (Luke 21:1-4). When Mary of Bethany poured expensive ointment over Jesus before His arrest, some of those present, including Judas, were critical about the waste. Not so Jesus who defends her simply: "She has done what she could" (Mark 14:8). J. C. Ryle writes that "the praise of Christ, at the last day, will more than compensate for all we suffer in this world from unkind tongues".

The principle behind all this is found in the parable of the 10 minas. Here Jesus says to one servant: "Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you shall have authority over 10 cities" (Luke 19: 17). Little things can be used by the Lord to do greater things. A cloud as small as a man's hand can be the herald of drought breaking rain (1 Kings 18:41-46).

It is the same with people. Charles Spurgeon's conversion in 1850 came through a Primitive Methodist tailor or shoemaker who only spoke because a snowstorm had kept the assigned preacher from being there. The man was ill-prepared and all he could do was repeat and apply Isaiah 45:22. Spurgeon was convicted and convinced, and put his faith in Christ. Again, it was enough.

The contrast between the captured Israelite slave girl and Naaman, the Syrian commander who contracted leprosy, drives this home. God used a humble believer, in this case a servant girl who knew of Elisha, the man of God (2 Kings 5). While the physicians of Syria could do nothing for Naaman, God used a little girl to humble him. What could this little girl do? A stranger in a strange land, she seems more helpless than most:

The fields are all white,
And the reapers are few;
We children are willing
But what can we do
To work for our Lord in His harvest?

What can little lips, little eyes, and little hearts accomplish? Much, if God be present. Take out the little girl, and nothing happens. Her role is lowly but vital.

When Naaman finally comes to Elisha's place, the prophet does not even come to the door to see him, and does not make a fuss of this great man at all. At first, Naaman is furious when he is told to wash seven times in the dirty Jordan River. His pride is hurt; this is too demeaning. Alexander Maclaren says that Naaman wanted to be treated like a great man who happened to be a leper, but Elisha treats him like a leper who happened to be a great man. We find that God's ways are simple, unexpected, and offensive. Only when Naaman believes like a child can he be healed (Matt. 18:3).

Nothing is too simple, too lowly, too unimportant for God. When the roll is called up yonder, it may well be that not only will the first be last and the last be first, but also that many small acts will have greatly enhanced the work of the kingdom and many acts acclaimed in both church and society may in fact have

achieved little. Publicity distorts; the celebrity cult degrades; but the little things done with faith and love are momentous.

Peter Barnes Editor of the AP magazine

Taken from Autumn 2014 edition.

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Global Views on Morality

The Pew Research Centre has published the following results of interviews from 40,117 people in 40 countries:

Extramarital affairs were deemed unacceptable by 78%, homosexual behavior by 59%, abortion by 56%, premarital sex by 40% and divorce by 24%. In no country was abortion considered morally acceptable.

The Australian Family Ass Newsletter Sep 2014.
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Women and Men

- In 1920 women lived on average one year longer than men. Today women live seven years longer. The male-female life-span gap has increased 600 per cent.
- Feminists focus on the fact that women as a whole earn less without focusing on any of the thirteen major reasons why women earn less. For example, full-time working men work nine hours per week more in the workplace than full-time working women, men are more willing to relocate to undesirable locations and to work less desirable hours.
- Men are almost twice as likely as women to be victims of violent crime (even when rape is included). Men are three times as likely to be victims of murder.
- In 1975, the largest nationwide sampling of households found that when all child care, all housework, all work outside the home, commuting and gardening were added together, husbands did 53 per cent of the total work, wives 47 per cent.
- A University of Michigan study (reported in the *Journal of Economic Literature* in 1991) found that the average man worked sixty-one hours per week, the average woman fifty-six.

The Australian Family Ass Newsletter Sep 2014. (Copy on church table.)

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"Dad, did you go to Sunday school when you were a boy?"

"Yes, my son, I was always sent to Sunday school!"

"Well, I think I'm going to quit; it's not doing me any good either!"

ooOoo

Sunday school teacher: "What does the story of David and Goliath teach us?"

Tommy: "Please, Miss, to duck!"

ooOoo

A small boy returned from Sunday school in tears. When questioned by his mother about his distressed state, he replied tearfully, "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, but I want to be an engine driver."

ooOoo

Endeavouring to impress the children with the joyous exultation of Hallelujah, the Sunday school teacher asked, "What word do church members shout with joy?"

"Bingo!" replied one youngster.

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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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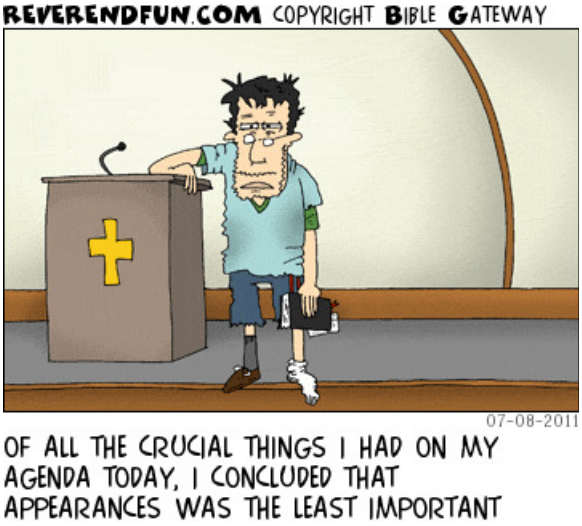

Please remember the '4 Ps'...

- **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

TUESDAY	**7.30 Pm**	**Canning Bible Study –** Noppers.
WEDNESDAY	**9.30 Am**	**Ladies Craft Group** – Church.
	7.30 Pm	**Wilson Fellowship Group** – Janny Zuidersma

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SHARE & CARE About One Another in Christ

Eril Morgan **9258 4566**

Mary van der Linden **9478 1394**

Second Offerings

Today: G.O.S.P.E.L.

October 12th: Manoah Hostel

October 19th: The Bible League

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WORSHIP MINISTRY

DATE	GREETERS	DATA Am / Pm.	SOUND Am / Pm	Musician/s	VIDEO Am Pm
Today	Jill & Steve	Luke	Paul v/d K	Rachel	Henry
12th Oct.	Evert & Rob	Evan	Isaak	Rebecca	James
19th Oct.	Hetty & Raymond	Isaak	Luke	Rachel	Henry

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Today	**Annette**, Saara & Joshua
12th Oct.	**Vanessa**, Emma & Beslin
19th Oct.	**Jasmine**, Jordan & Melissa

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today	School Holidays
12th Oct.	School Holidays
19th Oct.	**Trudy** & Eliza

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE

Today	Fams de Haan & de Jager
12th Oct.	Fams Alberts & Venter.
19th Oct.	Fams P. v/d Kooij, Morgan & Vanessa

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"I play the notes as they are written,
but it is God who makes the music"

Johann Sebastian Bach.

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