



Weekly Newsletter of the Christian Reformed Church of Perth Inc.

Welcome

A warm welcome to all 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 that we are encouraged and strengthened in faith. A crèche is available at the back of the building for those who wish to use it for children aged 0-4 years of age. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service.

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Worship Services in Perth

9:30 a.m. Pastor Reinier Noppers
 "My Chains Fell Off"
 1 Peter 5:6-11; Acts 12

5:30 p.m. Pastor Reinier Noppers
 "The Day of The Lord"
 Joel 2:28-32, 2 Peter 3; Malachi 4

Meditation

The Acts of the Apostles is a fast-paced adventure: and the author, Luke, has been busy detailing the story of the rapid growth of the church: 3000 on Pentecost; more each and every day as the gospel spread through Samaria, and then even further through the Ethiopian eunuch and the gentile centurion to the crowds in Antioch. The action was highlighted as Saul the persecutor becomes Paul the believer; and yet through out the strands of persecution also grow: the stoning of Stephen; the harassment of the apostles and now the death of James, with Peter also put in prison.

Herod Agrippa was the tyrant responsible for this attack on the work of God. His grandfather had been the one to murder the babies in Bethlehem when Jesus was born; his uncle the one who had Jesus put to death on a cross! It seems hatred of the Saviour ran in his family's blood!

This was a serious crisis for the church, to lose two significant leaders would have been a serious setback, not to mention the impact on their sense of security and purpose.

Yet more than anything this adventure has a main character, the Lord of His church who, though gently reminding that as the world hated Him, it will also hate His people; yet also declared that not even the gates of Hell will prevail against His own! The real picture here is again how the powers of the world: aka Herod; are contrasted with the powers of God! A situation described as hopeless, an imprisonment totally secure; an outcome seemingly unchangeable; yet the dungeon flamed with light, the chains fell off, and the saving power of God remains invincible even as Herod himself is doomed to an ugly and painful death. This too is our God! RN

Worship Service Snapshot

A typical service includes a time of singing praise to our God, an opportunity for prayer and a message is given by the Pastor. In the morning service, children (4-9 years old) attend church for the first part of the service and leave for Sunday School after a Children's talk. At the end of the evening service there is a time to ask questions pertaining to faith. There is also a time for us to give financially. If you are not a member or regular attendee of CRC Perth, please don't feel obligated to participate in the offering.

First Offering

For the ministry of the local church

Second Offerings

5 Jul	Solomon Islands Work Group
12 Jul	Manoah House
19 Jul	Diaconate
26 Jul	Christian Wheatbelt Ministry

Please utilise the church's electronic banking

Banking details:

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

Mark as tithe or first offering or the name of the second offering (e.g: Solomon Islands Work Group)

Pastoral

Once again we have our monthly shared lunch after this service; all are welcome to stay and join in the fellowship and food as we give thanks to God for all His blessings. We always enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing together, so don't be shy!

Regular reports from the Russia mission shows that everything is going well and we give thanks to God for His wonderful blessings. Do pray for Phil and the teams as they wrap up their activities at the end of this week and also for safe travels home.

We continue to bring our elderly and sick before our gracious God in prayer; a reminder also that when we do enjoy good health it is God's gift for which we ought to be truly thankful. We also pray for those affected by the downturn in the economy, as secure work and employment becomes harder to find.

The Korean Presbyterian church will start using our premises this week and we pray that this collaboration may be a blessing to them as well as us. We look forward to working together in this way in God's kingdom.

Pastor Reinier will be on holidays starting tomorrow for a period of three weeks, and then in Geelong most of the following week for Candidacy Committee meetings. Please speak to a session member with any issues or prayer points. I will be back on deck on the 3rd of August, at which point Catechism class will also recommence.
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Session meeting

Session met last Tuesday in what was a short meeting; Rob Morgan opened with prayer and read from Psalm 92. Pastor Geoff, Henry Alberts and Evan de Haan extended their apologies as they were unable to attend the meeting. Apart from spending a fair bit of time on pastoral visits and activities, we also confirmed that Rob Morgan would be the third seal holder as required by the constitution to replace Arnold Zoethout.

Matters regarding the Korean Presbyterian Church using our premises were finalized: they will hold their worship service on Sunday afternoon from 1:30 pm till approximately 4:30 pm, as well as access during the week on a Wednesday evening. A date for the AGM was set, which will be after the morning service on Sunday 6th September to coincide with our regular shared lunch.

Session noted that with pastor Reinier on leave from Monday 6th July, various duties need to be attended to during his absence, including the preaching roster. We are thankful that Ross Patterson is again willing to fill most of the vacancies. After some general discussion regarding the various ministries of the church, the meeting was closed by Willem at around 8:45 pm.

Birthdays this week

Friday 10 Jul Trudy Noppers

News from Russia

Update of last week's activities are on the table in the entrance.

Save the Date!!

Soup Night
Philippines Mission Fundraiser
Saturday 1st August 2015
At Gozzy Christian Reformed Church

More details to come soon!!



Courses

Trinity Theological College is offering Courses in Term 3 for Certificate Studies or if you just want to learn more to equip yourself as a Christian.

The Church versus the World: Church History 2 starting 28 July (Tues); or Talking About Jesus: Evangelism starting 30 July (Thur).

For more details see the green flyer on the church table regarding courses at Trinity in Terms 3 and 4.

Yearbook Update

– Change of address
Please note the Venters have moved
New Address:
2 Sea Edge
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Announcements

Shared Lunch all are welcome to join us today after the morning service for a lovely time of fellowship of some food and drink. Stay whether you have brought something to share or not. We always have some food to share around.

Wilson Fellowship meets again, Lord willing, Wednesday 8 July 2015, 7:30 p.m. at Mrs Janny Zuidersma's place. We will be Studying Lesson 2 from the Book of John. Please Read John 13:18-38. All Welcome.

Ladies Aid RTC

An envelope has been placed in your pigeon hole. Looking forward once again to a good response to assist the Committee in the wonderful work they do at our college. Any donation large or small helps maintain furnishings and equipment at the Reformed Theological College in Geelong.

Hetty Zoethout.

Other Notices



The CRCA Youth Convention

Why do we as Christians live the way we do? Why are we different? WHY? Registrations for The CRCA

National Youth Convention 2016 are now open online.

Head to crcayouthconvention.com.au to register before the end of July to receive an early bird discount!

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**Bible Lands Tour: 19 March – 8 April 2016**, including biblically significant parts of Jordan, Israel, Turkey and Greece will be run around Easter 2016, Lord willing. [A taster can be found at <https://vimeo.com/40850148> ]

The itinerary can be found at [http://www.missiontravel.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/BROCHURE\\_Bible\\_Lands\\_Tour\\_2016\\_v3.pdf](http://www.missiontravel.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/BROCHURE_Bible_Lands_Tour_2016_v3.pdf). For further information please contact Alastair McEwen [amcewen@rtc.edu.au](mailto:amcewen@rtc.edu.au) or Mission Travel at [info@missiontravel.com.au](mailto:info@missiontravel.com.au)

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