



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. Ross Patterson

5:30 p.m. Ross Patterson

Meditation

On the 6th of September 2015 this local congregation again comes together for its annual AGM. This will be the 63rd consecutive annual AGM since the Christian Reformed Church of Perth was instituted on 6th April 1952. This figure is somewhat sobering when you consider what God has achieved through this particular church through this period of time. There have been a number of different ministers, some of whose photographs are adorned on the youth hall wall (at rear of church). There have been many people attached as members of Christ's body worshipping in this place, serving God within their families and community and some who are still present as members of Christ's body in this place today. There have been times of great rejoicing and times of great sadness yet throughout this time the doors have remained open and God's word continues to be proclaimed with many being blessed through it. Yes the shape and context of worship and liturgy have changed over the years as has the ebb and flow of church life and our faith-less-ness to God and when you look at our own track record throughout those years you wonder how on earth those doors remain open.

In the Bible, we see that the local (or visible) church is nothing more than a gathering of professing believers. In Paul's letters, the word *church* is used in two different ways. There are many examples of the word *church* being used to simply refer to a group of professing believers who meet together on a regular basis (1 Corinthians 16:9, 2 Corinthians 8:1, 11:28). We see Paul's concern, in his letters, for the individual churches in various cities along his missionary journey. But he also refers to a church that is invisible—a spiritual entity that has close fellowship with Christ, as close as a bride to her husband (Ephesians 5:25, 32), and of which He is the spiritual head (Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 3:21). This church is made up of an unnamed, unspecified group of individuals (Philippians 3:6, 1 Timothy 3:5) spread throughout the world that have Christ in common. The bible teaches that you will know them by their love. (Fruits of the spirit)

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

- 2 Aug World Transform
- 9 Aug TEAR Fund
- 16 Aug Christian Education – Rehoboth
- 23 Aug Diaconate
- 30 Aug Crossroad Bible Institute



Today's 2nd offering will be for WORLD TRANSFORM.

Thank you for supporting our denominational ministry of mercy in India. WT is making a positive difference in Jesus' name. Lives and communities are being transformed by God's power. Praise be to God.

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: World Transform)

Members of the true church always enjoy agreement in and fellowship around Jesus Christ, as He is plainly revealed in His Word. This proclamation of Christ through the word is paramount and essential. Without it there is no hope and without it there is no fellowship with Christ or with each other. The fellowship we can enjoy through Christ is what is referred to as Christian unity. Make no mistake, to believe that Christian unity is just a matter of agreeing with one another is incorrect. Simple agreement for the sake of agreement does not speak the truth in love or spur one another on to unity in Christ; rather, it encourages believers to refrain from speaking difficult truths. It sacrifices true understanding of God in favor of a false unity based on disingenuous love that is nothing more than selfish tolerance of sin in oneself and others.

What does this all mean for our coming 63rd AGM as a congregation in this place at this time? It means the true church is the bride of Christ and the body of Christ. It cannot be contained, walled in, or defined by anything other than its love for Christ and its dedication to Him. It means that God continues in His Faithfulness toward us in allowing us to be here at this time in history. It means that this body of Christ in this place bears the wonderful burden of being Christ's ambassadors and stewards of God's grace towards each other and towards those within the community who are desperately seeking a lasting hope that only Christ can bring. It means that we can look to the future in God's strength in discussing where we need to be and what we need to be doing, seeking His wisdom and guidance. Can I encourage each of you to prayerfully consider this gathering of believers in this place as part of the true church of Christ and how God can use you to serve Him in the context of the true church in this local setting, giving thanks for the opportunities that we have to come before Him in worship. Can I encourage you to pray for the Holy Spirit's work within our lives and gatherings to fan into flame a deep desire to serve our Lord and Saviour and to serve each one another? I have made copies of this church's 25th anniversary bulletin as a reminder of God's faithfulness and will leave copies on the table at rear of church. It is an interesting read.

Enjoy God's grace this day.

Raymond

Pastoral

Again we have the opportunity to come together in worship today. A warm welcome to each of you as we come before our God in worship and praise. A special welcome to Ross Patterson who will be leading us in both services today and following on with the series on Revelation. May we all have a blessed time of worship and also fellowship as after this morning's service we are able to share both refreshments and lunch together.

Financial Update

Collection to date: \$8,339.30 Shortfall of \$2,864.70

Budget at 4 weeks: \$11,204

Budgeted collection per week: \$2,801.00

Birthdays this week

Thur	6 Aug	Devilliers Venter
Sat	8 Aug	Corinna Grul

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.

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Yearbook Update

Steve Ossevoort new mobile contact 0410526430

Link Editor:

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Forward all material to her by the Thursday prior to the published Sunday date.

We welcome back Henry and Janet after a sojourn overseas. We hope you've had a wonderful time away and settle back in quickly. We look forward to hearing the tales of your travels.

Pastor Reinier returns today after his duties in Geelong as part of the candidacy committee. We trust that all went well and the work undertaken gives due glory to God through Christ as head of the church. After a time of rest and travel Reinier's ministry amongst us will resume this coming week.

Iizebel Venter underwent surgery this past week to have a cyst removed. This has since proven to be benign. We commend both Iizebel and the family to God's care and healing.

Again we commend those amongst the congregation who are in transitional stages in their lives to God and His guidance. To the widows and widowers, to those dealing with long standing illness, those searching for work, or moving house and those struggling spiritually. Be comforted in the Fact that God knows all. He knows each of our frailties, weaknesses and strengths. He is very much concerned and involved in our lives even though we may not know it or feel it at the time. There are over 169 verses in the Bible that refer to the ways God provides for us. Philippians 4:19 puts it most simply: "My God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." In fact He supplies all our needs according to his riches in glory. God is concerned with every part of our being: spirit, soul, and body. As the facets of His character are infinite, so the ways God provides for us are beyond anything we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). We can trust Him because of His goodness, guidance, and shepherding care to do more for us than we could ever achieve on our own. God provides a way for us to develop an intimate, conversational, obedient relationship with Him so that we can lead ourselves and others into a "Psalm23" quality of life. Those whose shepherd is the Lord can say, "I lack nothing" (Psalm 23:1). ~ Raymond

Announcements

Shared Lunch is on today after the morning service. Stay and share a bit to eat even if you have not brought any food. It is a great opportunity to slow down and enjoy some fellowship with others.

Catechism is commencing again tomorrow 3 August 2015. Normal after school service. Parents can pick –up students from the Noppers' home at 4:30 p.m. Please text or phone if your child is unable to attend.

Ladies Fellowship meets DV this Wednesday 5 August 2015, 1:30 p.m. at the Church. Topic: The Creator Enthroned in His Creation. Revelation 4:1-11. Lesson 5. All ladies very welcome!

Canning Bible Study plans to gather at the home of Bardi Bester, Wednesday 5 August 2015, 7:30 p.m. studying Chapter 12, Isaiah 38.

**CRC Women's Convention
11-14 March 2016**



Refer to the brochures on the church table.

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**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 [crcyouthconvention.com.au](http://crcyouthconvention.com.au) to register.

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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. For further information please contact Alastair McEwen amcewen@rtc.edu.au or Mission Travel at info@missiontravel.com.au

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## General Notices

**Rehoboth Christian College (Kenwick) Quiz Night**



A quiz night will be held at Rehoboth Christian College (Kenwick) in support of student participating in the school Mission Trip to the Philippines in November (including our own **Eliza Noppers**) See details below or speak to Trudy.

**Q. What's happening?**

A. Philippines Mission Trip 2015 Quiz Night! Make a table of 10, or partner up with others as we hold our annual fundraiser for the Philippines team.

**Q. When and where?**

A. Saturday, 15 August - 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start at the Rehoboth Centre, Kenwick

**Q. What about the cost?**

A. \$10 per person. A creche will be available for children - \$2 each or \$5 for a family.

**Q. Any other details?**

A. Full canteen available serving food and drinks (alcohol free event though!), silent auction and door prizes.

**Q. Where do I get tickets?**

A. Tickets are available from the Kenwick Secondary Office or at the door, but book early! Call 9459 7700 to reserve your table of 10.

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40 Hour Famine



Klarinda wants to raise money for the 40 hour famine and needs help to reach her goal of \$500.

The 40 hour world famine is an annual charitable event that takes place usually in August and encourages young Australians to raise self-awareness and money for people in third world countries who are struggling to get by. The money that is raised provides food, clothes and much more for these people in third world countries. 1 in 8 people go hungry every night even though we produce enough food to feed most. Hunger and malnutrition is the world's #1 health risk. \$40 dollars can help feed a family of 4 for a month. The 40 hour famine works together with World Vision Australia to also raise money for these people to start a small business and farm to grow their own crops for food.

Klarinda will accept online payments, as well as personal donations. To donate online please follow this link: <https://40hf2015.everydayhero.com/au/klarinda>

**Manoah Retirement Village
Independent Living Unit Vacancy**



A two bedroom unit is now available at Manoah for immediate occupation. The Unit has recently been renovated and is one of the most attractive at Manoah.

It boasts a spacious ensuite/laundry as well as an attractive lounge/living room and back patio area. The unit is air conditioned throughout and would suit either a couple or a single person.

Facilities at the Village include a large reception/meeting hall, a craft and hobby room plus a regular program of social activities organised by the Village Residents' Committee.

A moderate fortnightly levy pays for all of these services.

Please direct your inquiries to Gerard Goiran on telephone 9398 5031, mobile 0433 583 430 or email ceo@manoah.org.au

Solomon Island Mission Workgroup

Mr Geoff Hughes has been appointed as Director of SWIM, and you can imagine that the Mission Workgroup is very thankful to the Lord for that provision. And another new missionary is ready to take up the important role of Bursar at our Bethesda School. Praise God!

We still have a vacancy for a Deed Missionary, as our faithful friend Jair Duinkerke is in his last year with SWIM.

Mission Work Calling-Yes, it is a call, when the Lord lays it on your heart to serve Him by serving others in a new situation.

Our denomination has an exciting mission opportunity in the Solomon Islands, where for more than fifteen years we've been able to help local Christians and churches, in building, teaching, medicine, practical aid, outreach, training, school sponsorship etc.

This is centred around the SWIM base in Honiara (three hours flight from Brisbane)

Our base with buildings, homes, power generators, vehicles, workshops, offices etc. needs a **Manager**, to ensure these facilities are maintained, that SWIM teams can come through on their way to making a real difference in local or distant villages etc. It's very much a practical job, and in the past has been performed well by men who have been carpenters, handymen, plumbers and mechanics.

You may be a carpenter in Canberra or Cobden or Casey or Campbelltown Church, a handyman in Hobart, Hope in the Hills, Hawkesbury or Hallett Cove congregation, a plumber in Penguin, Perth or Port Sorell, an electrician in Elizabeth, or a mechanic in Macarthur, Mansfield or Mount Evelyn... your skills, your faith in Jesus, your love for his people are needed in the Solomons!

Think about it! Pray about it! Talk to your friends about it! Then get in touch with me- I'd love to hear from you.

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What's On This Week

Monday	3 August	3:45 p.m.	Catechism @ Noppers' home
Wednesday	5 August	9:30 a.m.	Bread @ the church
		1:30 p.m.	Ladies Fellowship @ the church
		7:30 p.m.	Canning Bible Study @ home of Bardi Bester
Friday	7 August	7:00 p.m.	GEMS meet @ CRC Gosnells

What's Coming Up

Monday	10 August	3:45 p.m.	Catechism @ Noppers' home
Friday	14 August	7:00 p.m.	Cadets meet @ CRC Gosnells
Sunday	16 August		Lord's Supper

Worship Ministry

Date	Duty Elder	Greeters	Data	Sound	Musician	Preacher
2 Aug a.m. p.m.	Steve	Raymond & Hetty	Isaak	Paul van der Kooij	Elsa Rachel	R. Patterson
9 Aug a.m. p.m.	Bardi	Steve & Jacqueline	Evan	Johan Paul Nieuwkerk	Rebecca	C. Van Echten J. de Jongh
16 Aug	Henry	Bardi & Yvonne	Luke	Isaak	Rachel	R. Noppers
23 Aug						
a.m.	Willem	Henry & Jannet	Johan	Luke	Elsa	R. Noppers
p.m.			Luke	Isaak		G. van Schie

Video: James

Helping Hands Please arrange your own swap if you are unable to do your duty.

Date	Coffee Fellowship	Crèche	Sunday School
2 Aug	Noppers, Tay, Bill	Jacqueline, Isaak	Mieke & Rebekah
9 Aug	Ossevoort, Everix, Jill	Melody, Rebekah, Joshua	Yvonne & Bethia
16 Aug	Venter, Janong, Hetty	Rebecca, Jordan, Nelson	Mieke & Vanessa
23 Aug	Alberts, de Jager, Johan	Annette, Saara, Beslin	Yvonne & Bethia