



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.     **Lord's Supper**  
 Pastor Reinier Noppers  
 "The Answers Are Knocking"  
 Hebrews 6:13-20, Acts 12:5-17

5:30 p.m.     Pastor Reinier Noppers  
 "No Pain, No Gain"  
 James 1:1-21, 1 Peter 1:3-8

## Meditation

Acts 12 raises an interesting scenario. In it we find the church genuinely seeking the face of God in prayer, joined together in harmony as they earnestly brought Peter and his needs before the Lord, spending not just a few moments but hours and even days in prayer, going long into the darkness of the night – prayer without ceasing – bringing specific requests to the Lord! We might say, what a perfect example of prayer!

Yet the irony is, that even as events unfolded, it becomes clear that the church was praying without believing; asking without expecting; seeking God's intervention without trusting that God could or would set Peter free.

As the answer stood knocking, the church refused to accept this miracle as true! You must be out of your mind, they said to Rhoda. And even when the answer continued knocking, they were astonished, for this possibility seems not to have even entered their minds.

Should we condemn them for this? Is prayer only effective because of our faith, our belief, our expectation – or can and even will God answer when those are lacking? The answer is most obviously "YES!" to the second part. For the answers to prayer lie not in our efforts, faith or expectation, but in the faithfulness of God who continues to provide all His people's needs according to His riches in glory.

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## 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.

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.

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.

## First Offering

For the ministry of the local church

## Second Offerings

16 Aug Christian Education – Rehoboth  
 23 Aug Diaconate  
 30 Aug Crossroad Bible Institute

## 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: Christian Education - Rehoboth)

## Pastoral

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper together, a reminder of the sacrifice of our Saviour and a strengthening of our faith as we look to Him. It also expresses our unity in Christ Jesus our Lord, and a wonderful privilege as we approach the table in faith together. For that reason any visitors who would like to celebrate with us are asked to speak to a member of session before the service.

We continue to remember in prayer our elderly members, especially those struggling with particular health issues. We pray for Ina Eikelboom as she adjusts to living at Manoah, Yvonne Herft as she continues to recuperate at home. We also continue to pray for comfort for Henry Alberts with the passing of his brother in New Zealand recently, and ongoing healing for Illizebel Venter.

We pray that God will provide regular employment for those who are unemployed or seeking more regular work, as the economic downturn continues to hit more and more people.

Let's also encourage and support Klarinda de Jager and Rebekah Oostryck as they seek to raise funds through the 40 hour famine.

The Philippines Mission trip organized each year by Rehoboth College is also drawing closer: we give thanks for these opportunities and pray that those going (including our own Eliza) will be greatly challenged and grow through this experience. Last night was a quiz night at Rehoboth: another opportunity to support their fundraising efforts.

Yesterday Classis WA met again, and we pray this was a fruitful and positive meeting, particularly as part of the agenda was to discuss ways to effectively guide and grow the youth ministries in our midst. Finally, as the CRCA convention gets closer, pray that the preparations may run smoothly and that there is a strong response of young people wanting to attend and be enriched through this event.

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## Announcements

*Catechism* is on tomorrow 17 August 2015 at the Noppers' home, pick up after school as usual.

*Senior Men of Our Churches* plan to meet again this Tuesday, 18 August 2015 at the Peletier home, 26a Bridge Street, Wilson. 10am. Our guest will be Michael Cockram, a retired lawyer and foundation member (1981) of Prison Fellowship in WA. Everyone most welcome. ~Jan P.

*Canning Bible Study* meets again DV this Wednesday 19 August 2015, 7:30 p.m. at the Noppers' home.

## Birthdays this week

Sat 22 Aug Bardi Bester  
Sat 22 Aug Henrietta Hughes

## Yearbook Update

Ina Eikelboom new address: 41/86  
Mills Road, Martin. Phone number:  
9394 0729

## The CRCA Youth Convention: 4-9 Jan 2016



Why do we as Christian's live the way we do? Why are we different? WHY? Registrations for The CRCA National Youth Convention 2016 are now open online.

To register, head to  
[crcayouthconvention.com.au](http://crcayouthconvention.com.au)

## Philippines Mission Trip High Tea fundraiser

Please join us for High Tea on Saturday 17 October 2015, 2-5pm at 196 Bodeman Road, Wandi. Cost is \$30 each (8-10 ladies per table). We would encourage you to invite friends and family to make up tables of between 8-10 persons. Please wear something floral.

All money raised will go towards Joslin, Jasmine and Bethany's Philippines School Mission Trip in November 2015.

RSVP by 10 October 2015 – Cathryn 0424 902 430 or Tasma 0448 097 861. Book early to avoid disappointment

## News from Gosnells

**Cal van Kastel** saw a specialist this past week regarding health issues that he is suffering. We pray that this will begin to shed more light on his concerns. **Julie Hobers** has been suffering a heavy cold over the last week which has taken its toll on her. **Jesse Graham** is caring for his mother in Busselton, who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. And contrary to expected, **Irene Bosgra** didn't go into hospital for surgery after all due to unforeseen circumstances.

## General Notices

### 40 Hour Famine



The 40 hour famine is an annual charitable event. By giving something up for 40 hours, one can raise awareness and funds to help fight global hunger. One may give up food, technology, talking – anything that matters to oneself.

The 40 hour famine starts officially at 8pm on Friday, 14 August 2015 and ends 12 pm on Sunday 16 August 2015.

Klarinda and Rebekah have signed up for the 40 hour famine and need help to reach their goals of \$500 and \$350 respectively.

**Klarinda and Rebekah** will accept online payments, as well as personal donations. To donate online please go to:  
<https://40hf2015.everydayhero.com/au/klarinda> or  
<https://40hf2015.everydayhero.com/au/rebekaho>

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### *Solomon Island Mission Workgroup* **A Keen Team needs You!**

Towards the end of this year, our new director at the SWIM Mission in Honiara, Solomon Islands- Mr Geoff Hughes- will commence. He'll continue the great work that our two previous directors have done for the past 15 years or so. He'll lead a team of missionaries who teach the Word of God in a variety of forums- churches, colleges, prisons, schools and in the media, and show the love of Jesus in a hundred different practical ways.

This team of missionaries and other staff need another special missionary to complete the team- one who coordinates visiting SWIM teams so that their work is effective, who supervises the care and maintenance of the SWIM base with its houses, workshops, vehicles and conference centre. A man devoted to the Lord, blessed with practical skills or a specific trade, would be just right. **Is that you?**

Get in touch with the Chairman of SWIM, Peter van der Schoor at 03 6229 3331 or [vdschoor@internode.on.net](mailto:vdschoor@internode.on.net) to explore the possibilities!

## What's On This Week

|           |           |            |                                              |
|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Monday    | 17 August | 3:45 p.m.  | Catechism @ Noppers' home                    |
| Tuesday   | 18 August | 10:00 a.m. | Senior Men of Our Churches @ Peletier's home |
| Wednesday | 19 August | 9:30 a.m.  | Bread @ the church                           |
|           |           | 7:30 p.m.  | Canning Bible Study @ Noppers' home          |
| Friday    | 21 August | 7:00 p.m.  | GEMS meet @ CRC Gosnells                     |
|           |           | 7:30 p.m.  | Youth group @ CRC Gosnells                   |

## What's Coming Up

|        |           |           |                            |
|--------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Monday | 24 August | 3:45 p.m. | Catechism @ Noppers' home  |
| Friday | 28 August | 7:00 p.m. | Cadets meet @ CRC Gosnells |
|        |           | 7:30 p.m. | Youth group @ CRC Gosnells |

## Worship Ministry

| Date                   | Duty Elder | Greeters       | Data              | Sound             | Musician       | Preacher                   |
|------------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 16 Aug                 | Henry      | Bardi & Yvonne | Luke              | Isaak             | Rachel         | R. Noppers                 |
| 23 Aug<br>a.m.<br>p.m. | Willem     | Henry & Jannet | Johan<br>Luke     | Luke<br>Isaak     | Elsa           | R. Noppers<br>G. van Schie |
| 30 Aug                 | Raymond    | Willem & Eril  | Isaak             | Paul<br>Nieuwkerk |                | R. Noppers                 |
| 6 Sept<br>a.m.<br>p.m. | Steve      | Raymond        | Paul<br>Nieuwkerk | Paul vdK          | Rachel<br>Elsa | R. Noppers                 |

**Video:** James

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

| Date   | Coffee Fellowship          | Crèche                  | Sunday School   |
|--------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 16 Aug | Venter, Janong, Hetty      | Rebecca, Jordan, Nelson | Mieke & Vanessa |
| 23 Aug | Alberts, de Jager, Johan   | Annette, Saara, Beslin  | Yvonne & Bethia |
| 30 Aug | Pleysier, Oostrycyk, Janny | Ilezebel, Bethia, Emma  | Yvonne & Saara  |
| 6 Sept | Husselmann, Victor         | Vanessa, Luke, Klarinda | Trudy & Eliza   |

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