



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
 "A Sandwich Of Hope"
 Ephesians 1:3-14, Titus 1:2-4

5:30 p.m. Pastor Reinier Noppers
 "Asking God For Wisdom"
 Mark 9:14-29, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, James 1:5-8

Meditation

What keeps you going as a believer? What gives you hope in rough times, impetus and motivation when life gets bogged down, and certainty when you look towards the future when it seems like there is little or no light at the end of the tunnel?

As Paul writes to Titus, he makes the point that God, who does not lie, has promised eternal life from before the beginning of time. He builds upon a foundation that enables every believer to live for God in every situation. This foundation is what I would call a sandwich of hope: a life of all sorts of fillings sandwiched and guaranteed by a promise made before the world began, stretching across eternity, and filled with the presence of God. And He does not lie. Do we need any more?

And James continues on this theme: as we ask: How can we be joyful in every trial? Perfect or complete in faith? Humanly speaking, such a demand is impossible, and so James immediately directs us back to God. If we want (no question that we need it) wisdom to grow in faith and joy, stay strong through trial, we should ask God. That may sound too simple, and too easy: and yes – it is! Because the asking is not about us, but about the God who has every answer, who is every answer, and who holds the whole world in His hands! James does, however, add one small note of challenge: asking means believing God alone can help us, it means requesting such wisdom in faith; not blown about by every wind – or, to use a more contemporary saying – not having a bet each way. He talks about asking without doubt: not the doubt that we face in struggles, but more a doubt that is an insincerity in the asking: a doubt that does not accept God as the only and complete solution to our situation. For God is faithful and He gives His wisdom with generosity and without strings attached. 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.

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

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: Crossroad Bible Institute)

Pastoral

Session met this past Tuesday at the church, the majority of our meeting taken up reflecting on God's work in and through the various members of the congregation. We are thankful that God remains faithful through the trials of age, health and loss; and appreciative of the privilege of serving in His name. We are thankful that Ilizebel Venter is recovering well after her surgery, and that her mum could come and help out through this time. Her mother has now returned to South Africa. Members of session met with Isaak Nieuwkerk who expressed his desire to profess his faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and we are delighted to agree with this request. A date for this celebration will be finalized soon. Session continue to follow up the various needs and ministries within the congregation, and again everything seems to flowing smoothly. It was good to note that on the whole the first couple months of sharing our premises with the Korean church has gone well, and we pray this will continue. A combined Cadets, Gems and Busy Bees service will be held at Gosnells this year, with the date set at this stage for the 20th September.

Next Sunday, 6th September, we will hold our **Annual General Meeting** after the morning service. The paperwork for this meeting was in your pigeon holes last week, so please make sure you grab your copy and familiarize yourself with the material and proposed budget. Any groups wishing to present a report are asked to submit it in writing as soon as possible; and if anyone has questions to discuss to do so as well prior to the meeting. There will also be a **Shared Lunch** after the AGM, so please remember to bring some food to share. RN

Nominations for Elders and Deacon:

the congregation is asked to prayerfully consider whom God might be calling to serve in this congregation as office-bearers. Please submit your nominations in writing to one of the current session members prior to our next meeting which will be held on Tuesday 29 September 2015.

Classis WA – Short Minutes

21 February 2015

Classis was hosted by Grace CRC at the ECU. Rev. Joe Vermeulen opened with a devotion from 1Timothy 1:14-2:7 followed by prayer. Classis then joined in singing "Bless the Lord O my soul."

- **Australind CRC** gave thanks for week to week ministry. A prayer point was for good attendance at the Creation Ministries seminar coming up.
- **Forestdale** reported (by Willeton) that they continue to develop the leadership in Forestdale.
- **Gateway** gave thanks for the homegroups which are strong and that some which are ready to multiply. A prayer point was for

Birthdays this week

Wed 2 Sep Lisa Knoetze
Fri 4 Sep Rae-Tze Tay

Yearbook Update

Jill Vernes' address should be 15A **Paltridge** Avenue, Carisle and not "Partridge" Avenue as stated in the Yearbook.

The CRCA Youth Convention: 4-9 Jan 2016



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.

To register, head to 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

Church involvement to be replenished post the Baldivis Church plant.

- **Gosnells CRC** gave thanks for those who are about to do profession of faith. A prayer point was for the ongoing implementation of small groups.
- **Grace CRC** gave thanks for many who are actively serving in Church life. A prayer point was that visitors who come along will commit long term to the life of the church and not drift off.
- **Hope CRC** gave thanks for many new visitors to Hope. A prayer point is that the toddler jam ministry will be an even greater bridge into the community.
- **Kalgoorlie** reported that budget is being met and that Grace is taking greater responsibility for both the budget and Jaco.
- **Perth CRC** gave thanks for new visitors and for the bread ministry which is proving a real bridge into the community. Perth also gave thanks for nearly meeting budget. A continuing prayer point is the Lord's provision.
- **Willeton CRC** gave thanks for a number of marriages coming up and the opportunity for pre-marital counselling. A prayer point is their desire to encourage hospitality and be intentional about growing community within the congregation.
- **Wilson CRC** gave thanks that God has brought them to the point of thinking about institution as a church. Praise the Lord! They request prayer for their youth program. They also mentioned and which . The challenge is to maintain enthusiasm with reaching out to the community.

Youth: Dan and Ben reported back to Classis about their oversight and involvement with the 2016 Youth convention planning committee. Classis supported their recommendation to endorse the Pastors chosen to speak at the 2016 convention. Classis endorsed Pastor K.J Tromp from CRCA Nerang and Pastor Nick Coombs from City on a Hill church in Melbourne.

With regards to state youth, a pilot group was formed to come up with a strategy for the future of state youth. This group will formulate something for possibly a special Classis meeting in September.

CSR: Both David Groenenboom and Raymond van der Kooij worked with the CSR committee to refine their mandate. As a result, CSR is now more focused on being a 'clearing house' and informing the churches regarding social matters through a number of different mediums.

Ordination of Jaco Classen: Currently Jaco Classen (home missionary to Kalgoorlie) is going through the process of ordination.

Preaching Licence renewal: Rev. Dan Kroon and the Gosnells Church council were charged with reviewing the preaching licence of Br. Ross Patterson. Rev. Peter Smit and Rev. Ben Murphy were charged with reviewing the preaching licence of Br. Craig Verdouw.

Ladies Aid

Thank you to all the ladies who contributed. A Cheque for \$250 has been sent to the REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE in Geelong.
~ Hetty Zoethout.

Croquettes

You haven't heard from us for a while, but that does not mean that we sat still doing nothing.

Croquettes were made for the Manoah Market Day, parties, celebrations etc. An order has been received recently for the upcoming Rehoboth School fete and we're now thinking of FATHERS DAY: the day to give the man in your life a special treat! There is still time to get some in the house for this occasion. Price is \$1.20 per croquet.
Please ring Gerrie van Es, 9394 0494
Corrie Hemelaar or 9398 8340
Keemie van den Bor 9398 3658
We are now close to finalising donation towards electrical bed nr. 4 at the Hostel.

Burger Barn

Busy Bees, GEMS & CADETS invite you to come for dinner at the Burger Barn on Friday 18 September 2015 (6.00 – 8.30pm) at the Willetton Christian Church. All proceeds go to "MYANMAR –New Life Trust"



Finances: Classis received the latest financial report and budget for the year ahead. A number of questions were asked about the purpose and function of the 'Needy Church fund.' The Gosnells Church Council were appointed to follow this up and report back to the next meeting.

Manoah: Classis gave thanks for the healthy state of Manoah's finances. Also, Classis will followup Manoah's request for a Pastor to join their Pastoral Care Committee which is overseeing the work of Pastoral Counsellor, Irene Bentink.

Other:

-Australind CRC raised the issue of who will take over the funding of the orphans as part of the India Mission. Willetton will follow this up and report back.

-Dave Groenenboom requested one month long service for December and January.

The meeting closed with prayer at 11:50am. Craig van Echten (reporter)

Announcements

Catechism is on tomorrow 31 August 2015 at the Noppers' home, pick up after school as usual.

Ladies Fellowship meets again DV this Wednesday 2 September 2015, 1:30 p.m. at the Church. Topic: A Scroll given to a Lamb. Revelations 5:1-14. Lesson 6. All ladies very welcome.

Canning Bible Study meets this Wednesday 2 September 2015, evening at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Bardi Bester studying Isaiah 45 (Chapter 15 in the study guide).

Spring Time is almost here, so if you were waiting for an excuse to clean out your cupboards, shed or declutter, you can start now. Your unwanted saleable goods would be gratefully accepted by Eliza for her Philippines Trip Fundraising Garage Sale. Anything from books, kitchenware, children's clothing, toys, tools, furniture, etc. Her Garage sale is planned for Saturday, 12 September. Contact Reinier or Trudy at 9356 7490 for more details.

General Notices

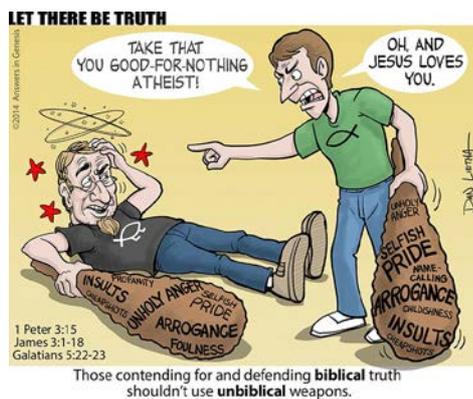
Reformation Day

Gosnells CRC is hosting a Reformation Day meeting for 31 October 2015, and would like to extend an invitation to attend a combined gathering.

Today, in many churches, there is a focus on experience, on consumerism, on individuality and our Church Council aims to make Reformation Day a time of celebration of God and proclaim our total dependence on Him for our salvation. We ought to

New LINK Editor Required

Due to unforeseen circumstances Hwei and the family will be moving overseas sooner than expected. Alas, that leaves us with a vacancy. If you have computer skills and email, please consider taking up this role. Speak to Reinier or Trudy regarding details of what is required. It would be great to have someone take over the role before the Tay family need to start packing.



observe Reformation Day because our churches also need to remember the work of the Lord throughout the ages. Traditionally, we commemorate the life and work of Martin Luther on Reformation Day. However, on this occasion Rev. Stuart Bonnington of the Scots Presbyterian Church will lead us to the other side of the English Channel by speaking on the topic “John Knox, the most famous Scottish Reformer”.

The venue will be at the Christian Reformed Church of Gosnells, 55 Mills Road, Gosnells at 7.30pm

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information. Gerard Cozynsen - Mob. 0402 912 151

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**Cadets** will be holding an indoor Soccer Night with Willetton Cadets on 4 September which is **not** our normal Cadet Night.

Where: Fitzpatricks Sports Centre Maddington - 1860 Albany Hwy, Maddington WA 6109, Australia

When: 7 PM - 9PM, 4 September - We will all meet at Fitzpatricks and leave when finished. (no meeting or going back to Gosnells Church unless pre-arranged to suit with a GEMS pickup etc etc)

What to bring: Runner/Sneakers/Indoor soccer boots and something to sweat in - No cadet uniforms for this night.

Who: Cadets are welcome to bring their Dad or close male relative

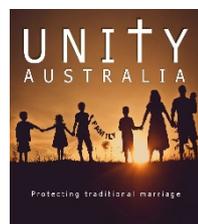
Cost: \$5 per person

Drinks and snacks will be provided.

This is always a fantastic night so please ensure that you come along to this great night.

This also means that we will not have CADETS on the Friday 11 September (this will be cancelled...).

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Celebration of Marriage and Children

20 September 2015 @ 2pm

West End—Langley Park— Perth

Join us to express opposition to moves to legalise same-sex marriage

Purpose of the Rally:

To provide Christians and family minded people with an opportunity to demonstrate their support for marriage, and to inform the general public of the unseen implications of changing the marriage act. We must bring to the public's notice the unforeseen and unacknowledged consequences of redefining marriage. The implications are extremely serious for children, for freedom of speech, and for the Christian faith in particular.

Contact : email@unityaustralia.org Phone: 1300 551629

What's On This Week

Monday	31 August	3:45 p.m.	Catechism @ Noppers' home
Wednesday	2 September	9:30 a.m.	Bread @ the church
		1:30 p.m.	Ladies Fellowship @ the church
		7:30 p.m.	Canning Bible Study @ Bardi Bester's home
Friday	4 September	7:00 p.m.	GEMS meet @ CRC Gosnells
		7:00 p.m.	Cadets meet @ Fitzpatrick's Sports Centre
		7:30 p.m.	Youth group @ CRC Gosnells

What's Coming Up

Sunday	6 September		AGM followed by Shared lunch
Monday	7 September	3:45 p.m.	Catechism @ Noppers' home
Friday	11 September	7:30 p.m.	Youth group @ CRC Gosnells

Worship Ministry

Date	Duty Elder	Greeters	Data	Sound	Musician	Preacher
30 Aug a.m. p.m.	Raymond	Willem & Eril	Isaak	Paul Nieuwkerk	Elsa Rachel	R. Noppers
6 Sept a.m. p.m.	Steve	Raymond	Paul Nieuwkerk	Paul vdK	Rachel Elsa	R. Noppers
13 Sept a.m. p.m.	Bardi	Steve & Jill	Evan	Johan Isaak	Rebecca	J. de Jongh
20 Sept a.m. p.m.	Henry	Bardi & Rob	Johan Luke	Paul Nieuwkerk	Rachel	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
30 Aug	Pleysier, Oostcryk, Janny	Ilezebel, Bethia, Emma	Yvonne & Saara
6 Sept	Husselmann, Victor	Vanessa, Luke, Klarinda	Trudy & Eliza
13 Sept	Loos, Morgan, Mary	Jacqueline, Leon, Joshua,	Mieke & Emma
20 Sept	A&M Slooter, de Haan, John vdBerg	Melody, Eliza, Nelson	Trudy & Leon

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