

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
 "Living Today in the Light of Eternity"
 Genesis 39:1-6a, Luke 16:1-15
- 5:30 p.m. Pastor Reinier Noppers
 "Rich Poor and Poor Rich"
 Matthew 6:19-24, Luke 12:13-31, James 1:9-11

Meditation

After our worship service this morning we will be holding our Annual General Meeting, in which the main point of our discussions is our annual budget. Now some people would claim that this has no place on a Sunday: that financial matters should be dealt with at some other time, and yet the Bible is very clear that there is no part of our life which does not belong to God, and that includes all our money and how we spend it. In fact, we often introduce our giving each Sunday as an act of worship, because it does show where our heart is and whom we trust to provide for us each day!

In one of His parables, Jesus describes a shrewd manager: a man we would dismiss as dishonest and untrustworthy in that he misused his master's possessions, and yet Jesus commends him. We must be clear that Jesus does not commend him for his dishonesty, nor suggest that it is OK to misuse someone else's funds if we can get away with it; but rather commends this manager for his foresight, for using the wealth entrusted to him (even though it was not his) to make friends for himself when he himself would be in need: which would happen soon as he was about to be dismissed.

Jesus comments that the people of this world can be so shrewd with what is insignificant and temporary; surely we as believers ought to determine to use what God has entrusted to us to build friendships which last forever, to use the wealth He has given to us to build first His kingdom, and to understand that everything we have belongs first and foremost to Him! It is with that mind-set that we ought to come to our AGM, seeking to discuss and vote on the budget and other matters before us, showing that we do indeed love God rather than money; that we can be entrusted with the

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

6 Sep Teen Challenge

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: Teen Challenge)

little things of this world and therefore entrusted with the important matters of eternity and salvation of souls as well!

This evening we follow on a similar theme through James: who reminds us that our only reason for boasting is that we belong to Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord: James points out that those who are poor (in this world) can be proud of the high position they have as children of God, and those who are rich (in this world) can be proud of the fact that Jesus loved them enough to show them their need despite having every worldly need met, and still determined to save them. I suspect most of us would fall into the second category; and with this comes also the challenge to not trust in our riches, nor put our hope in them, for neither rich nor poor makes any difference to how God sees us. The only difference is that those who are rich in this world (again, most of us) have a double responsibility to use their God-given wealth wisely, otherwise there is a genuine danger it will lead us astray. ~RN

Pastoral

First of all, Happy Father's Day to all the dads in our midst. Each year we get to celebrate the place that fathers have in their children's lives, and give thanks to God, the eternal, perfect, loving Father, for the blessing that godly fathers can be.

The year rolls on, and our year 12 students, Bethia, Eliza and Klarinda are heading into final papers, as well as the final exams. This is a very busy time, and can also be quite stressful, so keep them in your prayers through this important stage of their educational life. Continue also to pray for those studying at university, as the pressure to conform and compromise faith can be very strong.

Leon Noppers will undergo further surgery on the 16th September, and we pray that this time the doctors are able to work out what is actually going on and find some route to healing. In the meantime Leon is in quite some discomfort.

We look forward to Sunday 25th October, when, Lord willing, Isaak Nieuwkerk will profess his faith before the Lord and this congregation. Praise God for His covenant faithfulness. Lord's Supper will also be celebrated during that service.

Cadet, Gems and Busy Bees will hold a combined service at the Gosnells church on Sunday 20th September to celebrate these wonderful ministries in the life of the congregation and the positive influence that we may have on our younger boys and girls.

Phil Oostryck and Jenny Abetz will speak to the congregation on Sunday 27th September regarding their work in Russia; and a door offering will be held on that day to support the ongoing work there.

As was mentioned above, we hold our AGM this morning after the service, and then join together for coffee and shared lunch: do join us if you are able and enjoy the fellowship together.

Birthdays this week

Mon	7 Sep	Pat Pleysier
Tue	8 Sep	Malachi Grul
Wed	9 Sep	Alika Husselmann

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

Finally, Pastor Reinier will be away again later this year: first to Geelong for the annual Reformed Theological College Preaching Conference from 23rd -26th September, and then in Seoul, Korea, from October 12th – 19th for the Regional Conference of the International Conference of Reformed Churches. This second trip is on behalf of the CRCA Committee For Ecumenical Relations, as part of our ongoing application for membership to the ICRC, and to determine the practical benefits of these regional conferences as we explore ways to work on the ground with other reformed churches in our region. I appreciate session's willingness to allow this synodical work as it does take time away from the work here in CRC Perth. Please pray that both these visits will be fruitful. ~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.

Announcements

Catechism is on tomorrow 7 September 2015 at the Noppers' home, pick up after school as usual.

Wilson Fellowship meets again Wednesday 9 September 2015, 7:30 p.m. at John van der Berg's place. We will be studying Lesson 6 - Book of John. Also read John 16: 5-15. All welcome.

Senior Men of our Churches plan to have our next meeting on Tuesday **20 October** 2015. (Sorry no meeting in September). It will be a joint meeting with the Senior Men of the Westminster Presbyterian Church Bull Creek at their Church building. The guest speaker will be Neville Muir from Deaf Ministries International. Further details in due course. ~Jan P

Financial Update

Date	Church	2nd	Ministry
		Offerings	
	\$	\$	
2 Aug	1,918.85	400.55	World Transform
9 Aug	3,522.35	206.25	TEAR Fund
16 Aug	1,917.00	264.90	Christian Education–Rehoboth
23 Aug	4,394.45	206.15	Diaconate
30 Aug	1,833.30	296.30	Crossroad Bible Institute
Total:	<u>13,585.95</u>		
Total Offerings Budgeted to date:			\$25,596.00
Total Offerings Received to date:			<u>\$21,825.25</u>
Shortfall to date:			<u>\$ 3,770.75</u>

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 "



New LINK Editor Required

If you would like to serve in the church and have computer skills and email, please consider taking up this role. Speak to Reinier or Trudy regarding details of what is required.

General Notices

Reformation Day

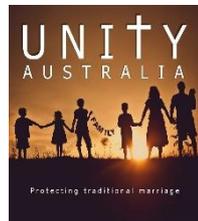
Gosnells CRC is hosting a Reformation Day meeting for 31 October 2015, and would like to extend an invitation to attend a combined gathering.

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 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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### 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

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Garage Sale on 12 September 2015

Eliza will hold her fund raising Garage Sale, coming Saturday 12 September 2015. Donations still greatly appreciated. Many thanks to those who have helped. Any queries regarding donations contact Reinier or Trudy 9356 7490.

Offering for G.O.S.P.E.L.

Next Sunday there is to be an offering for CRCA's international mission partnership called G.O.S.P.E.L.

We hope you've had a chance to read the G.O.S.P.E.L. mid year report. Please use it to keep praying.

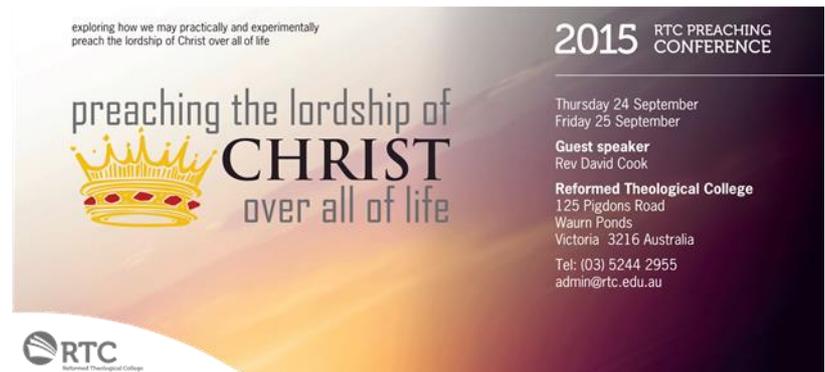
Maybe you don't carry cash and would like to make a gift. You can give electronically into our ANZ a/c:
BSB: 017042 Account: 482218669
Description: Sept.2015

God is building his Church and your gifts will be a means that God will use to grow his Kingdom in India!

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## GEMS & Cadet Sunday 20 September 2015

After serving a morning tea to the congregation, the Gems and Cadets and their families are warmly invited to a BBQ and walk at Ellis Brook at 12pm (weather permitting). Notes were handed out at the club meetings with more details but don't hesitate to contact Marianne van Dam 0448 000626 for further information.



exploring how we may practically and experimentally preach the lordship of Christ over all of life

2015 RTC PREACHING CONFERENCE

Thursday 24 September  
Friday 25 September

Guest speaker  
Rev David Cook

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Special Fundraiser for rescued victims of human trafficking! -

The Rose Project in Finland is an organization which is working with the Finnish authorities to provide a safe place of healing for rescued victims of Human trafficking. Many of these are African and Russian women and some even have little children. A large house with 12 bedrooms has been found in a "secret location" and this will open early October. The Rose Home has undergone extensive renovations as it previously housed homeless alcoholic men. It looks clean and fresh, but is very bare and Katriina, the lady behind the project, would love to furnish it with some beautiful items for these women who have suffered much.

While in Helsinki before the 2015 trip to Russia Jenny Abetz and the team were able to visit the home and meet with Katriina. They were all moved by her dedication and vision for this work and decided they would like to help this project as an encouragement to Katriina and as there is a real need here to give these ladies hope and healing in Christ.

On Tuesday, 22 September 2015 there will be a luncheon at the Willetton CRC in Portcullis Drive.

At 11.30 am there will be an opportunity to hear Jenny Abetz speak about the Rose Project as well as her last trip to Horizont Camp in Russia. This will be followed by a lunch. There will be some items for sale (handmade greeting cards, button jewellery etc) and there will be an old fashioned trading table... bring an item to sell and see if there is an item you can buy. All proceeds will go to the Rose Project!

Cost is \$25 a person for lunch. This is mainly for the ladies, but if there are any men who would like to join us, you are most welcome as well. Please see Alice van Bommel for tickets.

For catering purposes we need to know numbers by 20 September 2015. If you have any questions or would like to book tickets by phone, please contact Jenny Abetz on 0415267874.

What's On This Week

Monday	7 September	3:45 p.m.	Catechism @ Noppers' home
Wednesday	9 September	9:30 a.m.	Bread @ the church
		7:30 p.m.	Wilson Fellowship @ John vdBerg's home
Friday	11 September	7:30 p.m.	Youth group @ CRC Gosnells
Saturday	12 September		Garage sale @ Noppers' home

What's Coming Up

Monday	14 September	3:45 p.m.	Catechism @ Noppers' home
Wednesday	16 September	7:30 p.m.	Canning Bible Study @ Bardi Bester's home
Friday	18 September	7:00 p.m.	GEMS meet @ CRC Gosnells
		7:30 p.m.	Youth group @ CRC Gosnells
Sunday	20 September		Combined GEMS, Cadets & Busy Bees @ CRC Gosnells

Worship Ministry

Date	Duty Elder	Greeters	Data	Sound	Musician	Preacher
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
27 Sept a.m. p.m.	Willem	Henry & Hety	Isaak	Luke	Elsa	R. Noppers 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
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
27 Sept	Nieuwkerk, Assaad	Rebecca, Isaak, Bethia	School holidays

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