



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 John de Jongh
 Rev 1:9-20, 2:1-7

5:30 p.m. Pastor John de Jongh
 Acts 1:1-8, 11:19-30

Meditation

Contentment is a rare thing these days. To be truly content, whatever the circumstances, is something everyone seems to want and very few seem to find. So when the apostle Paul says: "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation," (Phil 4:11) wouldn't you want to know what that secret is? When you have nothing, are you truly content? When you have plenty, and some of that is taken away, are you still content? And, as is the case for most of us, when we have far more than we will ever need, do we remain content? Or is life simply a big stress of maintaining the level of opulence to which we have become accustomed?

Paul's secret is Christ. Of course, we knew that already. Contentment is found in belonging to Jesus, our Saviour, in doing His will, in living each day with heart and mind and eyes and ears and every part of our being focused upon Him. It is found in the knowledge that whatever happens here and now, whatever we struggle with, whatever pain and sorrow and testing might come our way, it is all insignificant compared to eternity, to the love of God, the "surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord," (Phil 3:8).

But again, we knew that, didn't we? ~RN

Pastoral

Yvonne Herft continues to struggle with her recovery, as her mobility is severely limited at this time. The AGM last Sunday went smoothly ☺ and we can praise God for the unity in our congregation, also the ongoing blessing to the Wheatbelt work with Pastor Geoff. Next Sunday, 20th September, there are a number of things happening:

- We give thanks for the work of Cadet, Gems and Busy Bees as they hold their combined worship service in Gosnells church.

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

13 Sep GOSPEL

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: GOSPEL)

- Our church will lead a short time of worship in Manoah, and members are encouraged to come along to make this a joyous occasion. Starting time is 2:00 pm.
- Unity Australia will hold a rally in the city to highlight the place of traditional marriage within our society, particularly with the current moves toward "marriage equality".

Then the following Sunday, September 27th, Phil Oostryck and Jenny Abetz will tell us a little about the ongoing work in Russia, and a door collection will be held to support that work.

~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

This Monday will be the FINAL *Catechism* Class for the year! Yes, we will have dealt with all the material prepared for these lessons, and with many of the youth facing exams, final papers and the like, it is good to give them the space to focus on these things.

Canning Bible Study will be held at the home of Bardi Bester Wednesday 16 September 2015, 7:30p.m. studying Isaiah 49, lesson 19 from the book.

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 \$ | 2 nd Offering \$ | Ministry |
|--------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 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: \$21,825.25
 Shortfall to date: \$ 3,770.75

No birthdays this week

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

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 Gerard Cozynsen (0402 912 151) for further information.

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## "FEED a FAMILY"

The World Transform Committee of the CRCA is appealing to all churches to hold a special relief appeal for Myanmar.

Extreme weather conditions - have brought great hardship and starvation to many. Heavy monsoon rains and a cyclone have brought floods, erosion and landslides. The result is that there is no harvest now and there won't be for a long time.

Just \$20 will provide rice for a family of 5 or 6 for a month. Please give at your congregation on Sunday 4 October 2015. You can also give on line with a Credit Card or by EFT.

Just visit our new website for details:

<http://worldtransform.org.au/>

More details for the "Feed a Family" Relief Appeal.

<http://worldtransform.org.au/pages/feed-a-family-appeal>

Also, please join the WT Facebook page and like us on FB.

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldTransform>

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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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Reformed Theological College

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 ”



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.

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.

Russia 2015 and Rose Project

After the morning service on Sunday the 27th of September , Jenny Abetz and myself will give a short presentation about our time in Russia and especially on the Rose project (see below)

A special Fundraiser to make life a little more beautiful 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.

The Congregation will have an opportunity to support this important work with a door collection after the presentation please give this your prayerful consideration.

~Phil Oostryck

Reducing Human Trafficking by Prostitution Law Reform

Hear: Peter Abetz Member of State Parliament and a former pastor who has researched prostitution for over 20 years and counselled women leaving prostitution; Simone Watson, current Director of the Nordic Model Australia Coalition and a prostitution survivor and Caitlin Roper, Collective Shout give a resounding YES to that question.

When: Thursday 24th Sept, 6.30 for 7 pm start,

Where: Murdoch University, Economics, Commerce & Law Building, Lecture Room 1 (enter Discovery Dve off Murdoch Dve and follow the signs).

The event is arranged by Adopt Nordic WA Inc.

To ensure a seat, book your FREE ticket at

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-liberation-reducing-human-trafficking-by-prostitution-law-reform-tickets-18414246507?aff=es2>

Enquiries: 0409 076 155

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

This 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!



Gujarat Outreach Support by
Planting churches, Economic
change and Literacy training

Prayer Points for September

1. We thank God for the new cluster (Narmada) in 2015. Kindly pray for financial partners for these church planters.
2. In North Gujarat 15 believers were baptized at Sagota village. Kindly pray for the newly baptized believers to grow in the Lord and witness in their society. Leaders of the Rajasthan cluster are planning for baptism program in the month of September. God has given 70 new souls in this cluster.
3. Please pray for Billwadi village tuition centre (Maharashtra). The villagers are threatening her and want her to stop teaching at the tuition centre.
4. There is to be a training program for the 50+ church planters in September. Rev. Bert Kuipers and Dr Phillip Scheepers from Australia will be the resource persons for this training program.

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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    | 14 September | 3:45 p.m. | Catechism @ Noppers' home                 |
| Wednesday | 16 September | 9:30 a.m. | Bread @ the church                        |
|           |              | 7:30 p.m. | Canning Bible Study @ Bardi Bester's home |
| Friday    | 18 September | 6:00 p.m. | Burger Barn @ Willetton Christian Church  |
|           |              | 7:00 p.m. | GEMS meet @ CRC Gosnells                  |
|           |              | 7:30 p.m. | Youth group @ CRC Gosnells                |

## What's Coming Up

|        |              |           |                                                  |
|--------|--------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday | 20 September | 9:30 a.m. | Combined GEMS, Cadets & Busy Bees @ CRC Gosnells |
|        |              | 2:00 p.m. | Service @ Manoah                                 |
|        |              | 2:00 p.m. | Unity Australia Rally                            |
| Friday | 25 September | 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     |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|----------|--------------|
| 13 Sept<br>a.m.<br>p.m. | Bardi      | Steve & Jill  | Evan          | Johan<br>Isaak    | Rebecca  | J. de Jongh  |
| 20 Sept<br>a.m.<br>p.m. | Henry      | Bardi & Rob   | Johan<br>Luke | Paul<br>Nieuwkerk | Rachel   | R. Noppers   |
| 27 Sept<br>a.m.<br>p.m. | Willem     | Henry & Hetty | Isaak         | Luke              | Elsa     | R. Patterson |

**Video:** James

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

| Date    | Coffee Fellowship                 | Crèche                    | Sunday School   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 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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