



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

### 29th November 2015

AM: R Noppers

*Psalm 132:11-18*

**Sermon: Luke 1:67-80 “Zechariah’s Song”**

PM: R Noppers

*Psalm 19:7-14, Matthew 7:21-27*

**James 1:22-25 “Looking Into The Mirror”**

### December 6th 2015

A.M R Noppers

P.M R Noppers

## Meditation

Looking in a mirror: it is something we do every day: a quick check to see how we look, a few adjustments to make ourselves presentable: perhaps a longer stint in front of the mirror for a special event or night out! The point of the mirror of course is that we see ourselves clearly: that we see how we look, that there are no blemishes or other things which would detract from us looking our best.

However, James uses this daily routine as a challenge for our Christian life. To look into the Word of God, to simply listen to it, and then do nothing with it, is like looking into a mirror, noticing there are smudges and dirt and grease and all sorts of blemishes on your face, but doing nothing about it. Most of us would immediately see how silly such a practice would be, yet too easily we put aside what we hear from God’s Word and simply ‘get on’ with “real” life. Yet, as James points out, if that is the case we simply deceive ourselves.

The Bible clearly outlines our spiritual condition. As we look into its truth, it reveals the filth of our sin and misery; yet also the purity and cleansing through Christ alone. But unless we act upon that truth, we remain lost and condemned. It is also

## 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.

## 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.: Diaconate)

### First Offering

For the ministry of the local church

### Second Offering

29 Nov Diaconate  
6th Dec Manoah House  
13th Dec  
Reformed Theological College

shows us the way to true blessing: not in living as we see fit, but in living as God ordained and God designed: according to His perfect law; as Christ transforms and renews us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In fact, to “do what it says” suggests a habitual occupation; the main business of our lives, that which penetrates and pervades all aspects of our living, so much so that people look at the believer and exclaims: they are doers of the Word! Does that describe us? RN

## Pastoral

The Rehoboth Team to the Philippines left this week, including Eliza Noppers. They will be working in an orphanage in Manila and regular updates are available as to their activities. It can be quite confronting to be faced with such poverty and need and we pray that God will give them strength. We also pray that God will bless this mission and through it grow the faith of the young people as they take part. Steve Ossevoort returned this week after attending the funeral of his father, Willem Boom. We pray that God's comfort and hope may truly have been declared and seen through this time of sorrow.

Noeline's brother Paul continues to improve, for which we give thanks to God; and ask for ongoing healing. Several of our elderly are not well at this time - we think of Dini Strop, Yvonne Herft, and Ina Eikelboom who are unable to worship with us, and pray that God will continue to surround them with His love and strength.

**Session** met on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at the church. We welcomed our new office bearers, Paul van der Kooij as deacon and Sam Assaad as elder, and expressed our thanks to Raymond van der Kooij, Henry Alberts and Evan de Haan for their faithful service over the past few years. Pastoral matters are always first on the agenda; and again a fruitful time of discussion was held. Proposed elder districts for 2016 were presented and approved. Youth ministries were also discussed, and again thankfulness to Gosnells was expressed for being able to combine with them. The Classical initiative to appoint a State Youth Worker was also seen a very positive step, and Raymond van der Kooij is part of the committee implementing this decision. The website continues to be updated with sermons and the LINK, and also utilised by people seeking to know a little more about our church or wanting to come worship with us. Each month we also review the worship services, with thanks expressed for good biblical food through

## Student Residence House Parents

We're seeking a married couple to join our team in 2016 as House Parents at our Waurin Ponds campus.

Barkley Hall is a residence for 60-70 young people studying at the RTC and other institutions.

The position focuses on extending Pastoral Care to the residents. On-site accommodation is provided.

Applicants must be fully committed to the aims and ethos of a Christian educational institution.

Further information including a Position Description is available on request from the College office.

Expressions of Interest should be addressed to the General Manager - [admin@rtc.edu.au](mailto:admin@rtc.edu.au)  
Closing date: Monday 7 December 2015

## Birthdays this week

29-Nov Keshon Grul

the sermons; and also for those who serve each week at the sound, data and video desk. The recent Classis meeting was also discussed: short minutes of that meeting are printed elsewhere in this LINK. Dates for meetings for 2016 were also set. Pastor Reinier requested some leave from 4<sup>th</sup> April – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016 coinciding with denominational duties, which was approved. Some sundry matters were attended to including correspondence, and the meeting was closed at 9:45 p.m. by Raymond van der Kooij.

### Classis WA – Short Minutes - 21.11.2015

Classis was hosted by Perth CRC. Reinier Noppers opened with a devotion from John 6:25-29 followed by prayer.

**Youth:** Instead of the usual church reports, Classis spent the first part of the meeting discussing the ‘State Youth Pilot Group’ proposal. This enabled both adequate time for this important proposal and also gave opportunity for the youth to attend this part of the meeting. On behalf of the pilot group Ben Murphy presented the report. The Churches then gave their feedback during which they warmly welcomed the report and its recommendations that a ‘State youth council’ be formed and a youth worker be employed for one day per week. The churches believed this would best serve our Churches and their youth despite the extra financial commitment required. So, in relation to this report, Classis made some key decisions which include the following:

- 1) Classis supported the formation of the state youth council and that the churches appoint a representative to that council.” Churches are encouraged to do this as soon as possible.
- 2) “Classis commit in principle to the appointment of a state youth worker for one day per week.”
- 3) “Classis appoint a committee to formulate the job description and oversee the appointment.”
- 4) Classis decided to appoint a committee to
  - a) refine the job description
  - b) facilitate the appointment of a worker
  - c) Supervise the work of the appointee.

Peter van Dam, Ben Murphy, Raymond van der Kooij, and Dave Groenenboom were appointed to the committee.

5) Classis decided that funding for the position be initially allocated from Classis reserves until funding arrangements are finalised at the February meeting.

**Manoah:** Classis affirmed Tony van Drimmelen’s appointment to the Pastoral care committee. He reported that the work of the committee is going well.

**Preaching Licence renewal:** Classis renewed the preaching licenses for both Br. Craig Verdouw and Br. Ross Patterson.

## Philippines Update

PHILIPPINES mission update  
A copy of what Eliza and the students from Rehoboth College have been doing the past few days is on the entrance table. Please uphold the team in your prayers at home.

## Compassionate Catalogues

COMPASSIONATE CATALOGUES  
The catalogues were placed in your pigeon hole last week. Please take the time to browse through the catalogue and consider how you as an individual or as a family can support the work of "World Transform" overseas. There are many great projects. Donations do not need to be large. Gifts from \$10.00 will provide a bags of goods to a Korku child (GIFT 11). There are many wonderful projects which require substantial support. As an individual or as a family most of us are not able to donate hundreds of dollars for a cow (Gift 23) or money for a well (Gift 15), however if some of us pool our funds together, as a church community we may be able to support such a project. If you wish to donate to a larger project, please put you donation in an envelope marked "COMPASSIONATE LARGE PROJECT" and hand it to either Trudy or Reinier. Once we have tallied donations we will consider which large/project we can support as a church family. Please ensure donations are handed in before Christmas Day. For more information speak to Reinier or Trudy.

**Appointments for 2016:** David Groenenboom (Chairman) and Craig van Echten (vice-chairman) were thanked for their service in 2015. Peter Smit was appointed chairman and Dan Kroon was appointed vice-chairman for 2016.

**Institution of Wilson:** With great thanks and joy Classis approved the institution of the Wilson Christian Church. Peter Smit then gave thanks in prayer and committed their ministry to the Lord.

**National Childsafe administrator:** Classis decided to invite John van Dijk to do some Childsafe training in the new year.

**Kalgoorlie:** Jaco Classen was able to attend the meeting and shared a report on his work in the congregation and also as an area Chaplain. He reported a number of visitors attending Sunday services. He also reported the positive impact that school chaplaincy can have and the bridges it provides into the community.

**Church visitors to Forestdale:** Willetton made a request for advice from the Classis on the matter of providing continuing oversight of the church plant at Forrestdale and what process to follow so that Forrestdale can work towards becoming an instituted church in the CRCA. After some discussion it was decided to appoint Peter Smit and Dave Groenenboom as Church Visitors.

**Classis funds:** Classis continues to follow up via old Classis minutes the intent and purpose behind both the 'Needy Churches Fund' and the 'Future Churches Fund' so that it can review how to best use these in the present.

**Next Meeting:** The next Classis meeting is planned for the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2016.

The meeting closed with prayer at 12:10pm. Craig van Echten (reporter)

## Announcements

**Canning Bible Study** meets this Wednesday **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Hendrik and Mysella Janong,

**Ladies Fellowship** meets DV **Wednesday 2nd December** at **1:30 p.m.** at the Church. Please take some Christmas decorations and some savouries

All ladies very welcome.

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## **Solomon Island sponsorship**

*Sponsoring a Solomon Island Student will provide an essential key to the child's future and benefit their family and community.*

As Geoff Hughes commences his position as the new Director at S.W.I.M, his wife Jan will be seeking out those who need assistance with their school fees, and provide us with a list of children available for school sponsorships – and we hope that you will partner with them in this project.

Please email your details to Ingeborg de Ruyscher (SIW Workgroup committee member) and she will provide you with a Reference number for your direct deposit into the CRCA bank account, for your ongoing support.

Email: [coringde@bigpond.net.au](mailto:coringde@bigpond.net.au)

Phone: 0417 791 097

## **Compassionate Catalogue**

May we again commend CC15 to you as a way to support great international Christian ministries.

We do expect that you now have your catalogue for 2015.

Most were distributed last Sunday.

- You can view the catalogue and "shop now" on FB by simply searching for "compassionate catalogue 2015"
- You can see it on the WT website

<http://worldtransform.org.au/collections/2015-compassionate-catalogue>

- We'll send you a digital version if you would like that: [bkuipers@netspace.net.au](mailto:bkuipers@netspace.net.au)
- This year (for the first time), you can purchase gifts with a Credit Card.

## What's On This Week

Wednesday	2 <sup>th</sup> of December	9:30 a.m.	Bread @ the church
		1.30 p.m.	Ladies Fellowship @ Church
		7.30 p.m.	Canning Bible Study @ Janong's
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> December	7.00 p.m.	CADETS @ Gosnells Church

## Worship Ministry

Date	Duty Elder	Greeters	Data	Sound	Musician	Preacher
29 Nov a.m. p.m.	Henry	Bardi & Jacqueline	Paul Nieuwkerk	Johan Luke		R.Noppers
6 Dec a.m. p.m.	Willem	Henry & Yvonne	Johan Luke	Paul van der Kooij	Elsa Rachel	R.Noppers
13 Dec a.m. p.m.	Raymond	Willem & Jannet	Evan	Johan Isaak	Rebecca	J.de Jongh
20 Dec a.m. p.m.	Steve	Raymond & Eril	Isaak	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
29 Nov	A&M Slooter, Assaad	Vanessa, Rebekah, Beslin	Yvonne & Saara
6-Dec	Oostryck , Morgan	Jacqueline, Isaak, Bethia	Trudy & Rebekah
13-Dec	Nieuwkerk, Knoetze	Melody, Jordan, Klarinda	Yvonne & Saara
20-Dec	P & Y van der Kooij, Janong	Rebecca de H., Saara, Joshua	Trudy & Eliza