



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

6th December 2015

9.30 A.M Reinier Noppers

Isaiah 7:10-17, Matthew 1:18-25, text verse 23
“God With Us”

5.30 PM Reinier Noppers

Mark 7:14-23, Luke 18:18-25, James 1:26
“True Religion = Tightly Reined Tongues”

Meditation

Do you consider yourself to be religious? Do you think that a good life, going to church and generally behaving yourself is what God wants? James has news for us – news that we may find quite shocking. Not all that passes as “religion” is acceptable to God. What is true religion? We might expect some high philosophical statement, some grand principle of life, but what James describes as religion pleasing to God begins with the detail: the small, down to earth practical stuff! What James does is take us away from the theology of principle and asks: how does true religion come out in practice! Religion that God accepts includes controlling our tongues (James 1:26) getting our hands dirty in service to those who cannot help themselves, and keeping our hearts clean vs 27. The first one, is controlling, or reining in, our tongues. It is too easy to allow our tongues to express every thought without censorship, but in Christ this aspect of life is a good test of how real our faith is. Many other areas of life can be controlled without too much effort for most people: but the tongue is too easily let loose! Words are always there, and once spoken, cannot be taken back. And, as Jesus pointed out; *“I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgement for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”* 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.

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

DEC 13th Reformed Theological College

DEC 20th Diaconate

CHRISTMAS World Transform

Pastoral

Today is again our monthly shared lunch, and everyone is most welcome to join us. This is a great way to get to know each other better, as well as share in good food. Thank you also to those who have brought food to share.

The team in the Philippines continues to be busy with helping out at the orphanage, feeding children, construction work, delivering medical supplies and many other activities. Keep them in your prayers as they seek to witness to the love of Christ, and also as they are confronted by the poverty that so many people endure.

Please continue to remember one another in prayer, especially our elderly who are not well at this time, like Dini Stroop and Yvonne Herft, as well as Ina Eikelboom who is unable to worship with us.

Last Friday, my father, Peter Noppers was admitted to Armadale Hospital with heart problems. Please uphold him in your prayers at this time of uncertainty.

Finally, pastor Geoff and myself will be flying to South Africa on behalf of our churches to attend the Extraordinary General Synod of the GKSA, who will be discussing some appeals around their decisions on Women in Office; as well as meeting with representatives of the NGK regarding their recent decisions on homosexuality. We will be away from 7th – 17th January; do keep us and these meetings in your prayers that God may be glorified through the outcomes.

Yearbook Photo updates

It is that time of the year when we start preparing for the 2016 Church Directory. Trudy may approach you to take a new photo or alternatively you can forward one to her via email. trudyn@live.com.au A draft copy will be available to check contact details soon.

PHILIPPINES mission update

A copy of what Eliza and the students from Rehoboth College have been doing the past week is on the entrance table, also copies from the previous few days. Please continue to uphold the team in your prayers as they prepare to come home this week.

Birthdays This Week

6-Dec: Helen Van der kooij

7-Dec: John Van den Berg

Angel Tree

To The Congregation.

Please select a Name Tag from the Angel Tree. Purchase a Gift, attach child's Name Tag to the gift, and place on the table next to the Angel Tree.

Please have Gift List completed by 20th December 2015.

We will deliver the gifts.

Many Thanks,

The Deacons

Student Residence House Parents

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

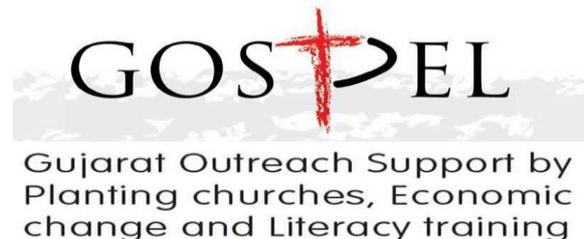
Applicants must be fully committed to the aims and ethos of a Christian educational institution.

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
Closing date: Monday 7 December 2015

COMPASSION PROJECT

By now you should have all received your "COMPASSIONATE CATALOGUE." Hopefully you have taken five minutes to browse through the catalogue and consider how you as an individual or as a family can support the work of "World Transform" overseas. As suggested last week, you can purchase a gift as an individual or donate any amount to a CRC Perth pool fund. The pool fund will be used to purchase one or two larger gifts. As a church community we will pool donated funds for a project like a well (GIFT 15). This is not compulsory but an alternative choice to a smaller gift. Even a donation of \$2.00 helps. There are many great projects to consider. If you wish to donate to a larger project, please put your 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.



Prayer Points for December

1. Praise God for **302 new believers** who added to church through baptism in the month of Nov 2015. Kindly pray for these believers to grow in Christian faith and become a powerful witness for Christ in their communities.
2. Ask God to **supply the finances** to maintain all the missionaries. (We don't want to see this great harvesting ministry curtailed due to lack of funds.)
3. We thank God for funds for **4 bore wells** drilled in November in our mission field. One of our workers was injured at one site recently. Our Lord protected him.
4. **Elders' training** was conducted for Narmada cluster elders from 5th to 7th Nov. Church leadership is an important focus for us.
5. Capacity building workshops were conducted for all the 24 **tuition centre** teachers. New ideas and methods were introduced to the teachers.

There will be **Christmas programs** conducted in all the clusters. Kindly pray for the evangelists and believers as they share GOOD NEWS with different Hindu communities.

What's On This Week

Sunday	6 th of December	9.30 a.m.	Worship followed by Shared Lunch
Wednesday	9 th of December	9:30 a.m.	Bread @ the church

Worship Ministry

Date	Duty Elder	Greeters	Data	Sound	Musician	Preacher
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
Christmas	Bardi	Steve & Jacqueline	Johan	Luke	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
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
Christmas	Husselmann, Noppers, Hetty	Mieke, Emma, Eliza	HOLIDAYS

Lost Bible

Someone is looking for a lost Bible. It was left in the old Brunswick Junction Church quite some years ago. It has some sentimental value because it was given as a gift in 1911. It is a King James Bible and on the inside cover a message reads, 'From Syd' the year '1911.'
If you have seen this Bible, or if it has fallen into your possession, please contact Kaye van Kuyl (08) 9390 8937 or 0407 194506. Thank you, it would mean a lot.