



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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 Next LINK February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

9.30 AM: R Noppers  
 Habakkuk 1:5-11, Acts 13:13-52  
 “A Message Of Encouragement”

## Pastoral

Welcome to the first LINK of 2016! I hope you all enjoyed a bit of a break and are refreshed and ready for this new year which God has given us. Let's give thanks also for safe travels throughout the holiday period. The Youth Convention early January was enjoyed by most who attended, despite the warm weather and the bushfires nearby. Good spiritual food and fellowship is always hard to beat!

A big thankyou to Ross Patterson for leading services while I was in South Africa. The Synod of the GKSA dealt with several appeals against the decisions to not have women elders and ministers. All these appeals were rejected which means they continue to hold the same position on this matter as the CRCA. While we were in Pretoria, Pastor Geoff and I also had a frank and open discussion with representatives from the NGK regarding their recent decisions on homosexuality, and we pray that this discussion may play some part in a re-examination of the Scriptural truths being challenged here. In the meantime the decisions to allow homosexual ministers and elders etc. has been put on hold while objections are dealt with. On our way to the airport to return home we also had opportunity to meet with a pastor who is considering a move to Australia, and again it was a blessing to be able to discuss God's word and its truth in an open and brotherly manner. We also spent a day at Pilanesberg National Park, and what a wonder it is to see some of God's majestic creatures up close! Zebra, giraffe, wildebeest, elephant, rhinoceros, warthog! just to name a few. Also a big thankyou once again for allowing me the privilege of serving the denomination in this way.

Dini Stroop is currently in Carinya of Bicton as she continues to receive care. The address for this facility is 41 Bristol Avenue, Bicton. I am sure she would love to have visitors, so if you have the opportunity do pop in to see her.

## 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 during the offering.

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

**Jan 31st** Diaconate

**Feb 7th** TRAIN Workgroup

**Feb 14th** Solomon Islands WorkGroup

**Feb 21st** WA Needy Churches Fund

**Feb 28th** Christian Wheatbelt

Fellowship

### Year book updates

Please check your family details in the draft copy on the entrance table. A new draft has been printed. Please see Trudy regarding photos or email an update to her

[trudyn@live.com.au](mailto:trudyn@live.com.au)

Ken Loos has recovered well after his minor surgery last year, and we are thankful for God's healing hand at this time. We praise God that Ken's son who also had surgery the same week as Ken is home and recovering well. Yvonne Herft continues to struggle with her health and mobility but on the whole remains positive.

We received a card from Tai Ming, Hwei and Rae, which reads, "Greetings to you from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Thank you for the prayers, concern and help given to us whilst we were in Perth. We are now settled in our new home, here in KL, after living out of suitcases for 2 weeks. We are currently attending a Mandarin reformed church here called KL Reformed Evangelical Church. It is a church of around 200 attendees. We are still getting used to the pace of the service and getting to know the members here. We wish all at CRC Perth a blessed Christmas. May you continue the good works and expand God's kingdom in the community..."

As we worship our God in this new year, let us be thankful for the gift of each new day, the opportunities He provides for us to serve, and as we share our building with the Korean church, let us also pray for their work and ministry that the Lord will also bless them. A reminder that next Sunday we have our monthly shared lunch, and also that we once again begin evening services with the usual start time of 5:30 p.m.

## SWIM Solomon Islands

### Deed Missionary

The Christian Reformed Churches of Australia through the Solomon Islands Workgroup are looking for applicants for the position of Deed Missionary for our SWIM base located in Honiara in the Solomon Islands. The position is open to either a single or married couple with trade skills (carpentry, plumbing or electrical) or a general mechanical aptitude. People relationship and management skills plus a driver's license are essential, as is your desire to serve God in this exciting venture. We also ask for everyone's prayers that God will fill this position quickly.

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### MANOAH MARKET DAY

Please keep Saturday April 30th 2016 free for our annual Market Day. Your junk is someone else's treasure. Please start collecting. You may drop anything you have off at Manoah House office or speak to Willy. 9398 1902



## Worship Ministrys

Date	Preacher	Duty elder	Greeters	Data	Sound	Video	Musician
January 31 <sup>st</sup> a.m.	R. Noppers	Willem	Sam & Yvonne	Johan	Isaak	James	Rachel
February 7 <sup>th</sup> a.m.	R. Noppers	Steve	Willem & Hetty	Paul N	Nelson	James	Elsa
	R. Noppers		Willem & Rob	Luke	Klarinda		??
February 14 <sup>th</sup> a.m.		Bardi	Steve &	Evan	Paul vdK	James	Rebecca
			Jacqueline	Paul N	Nelson		??
February 21 <sup>st</sup> a.m.	R. Noppers	Sam	Bardi & Eril	Johan	Paul N	James	Rachel
	R. Noppers		Bardi & Rob	Luke	Klarinda		??
February 28 <sup>th</sup> a.m.	R. Noppers	Willem	Sam &	Isaak	Paul vdK	James	Elsa
	G. Van Schie		Jannet	Paul N	Nelson		??

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

## Helping Hands

Date	Coffee Fellowship	Crèche	Sunday School
31st Jan	Assaad, Elsa	Jacqueline, Nelson	n/a

## Coming up

February 7<sup>th</sup> Shared LUNCH

February 21<sup>st</sup> Lord's Supper

## What's On This Week

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 9:00 a.m. **BREAD MINISTRY** at the church

## Rosters

A copy of the duty rosters from January to March 2016 can be found in your pigeon hole or on the foyer table.