



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

7th February 2016

AM: R Noppers

Reading: 1 Timothy 3:1-11 Text: Titus 1:10-16

“Truth And Lies”

PM: R Noppers

Reading: Deuteronomy 10:12-22 Text: James 2:1-7

“Favouritism Forbidden”

14th February 2016

AM: C Van Echten

PM: C Van Echten

Meditation

As disciples who want to become more like Christ, we make worship a regular spiritual discipline. Worship changes us – and not merely because we hear messages that teach us about the gospel. The very act of worship changes us. Worship transforms us deep down. In real worship of the one true God we get beyond a focus on ourselves. Walker Percy, a philosophical novelist, once properly described boredom as “the self stuffed with self”. Many of us are preoccupied and stuffed with our selves. And we are bored. Worship gets us beyond our fatal attraction with self to focus on the One who alone deserves our praise. Worship expresses our highest calling in life – to ascribe worth to God.

Something powerful happens as we worship. Christ’s Spirit is knit to our spirits. Our hearts become a sanctuary for the indwelling Christ. We get out of ourselves – and into God! Little by little, worship shapes us into the image of our Saviour. (Today, May 18, 2005)

Part of that shaping is in how we perceive other people. To put it into perspective, it is a fact of life that almost everything we purchase or see has a label attached. Every article in the supermarket has a label describing the contents, who it was made by, where it was made, and how to prepare or use it. We all have our favourites, from the coffee we really like to 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 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

7th Feb TRAIN Workgroup
14th Feb Solomon Islands Workgroup
21st Feb W.A. Needy Churches Fund

one we utterly detest ☹️ and everything in between. At times we will even try a new product simply because we find the label attractive or intriguing. We choose according to our personal tastes.

However, it is not just with objects that we look first at the labels. Sadly, this often happens in the way we look at one another as well. We look at people, and determine by the way they dress, the language they speak, the colour of their skin, the habits of their life, whether they are worthy of our time and effort or not. We choose to mix based on our personal preferences rather than seeing each person as equally valuable in the eyes of God. We find our status in being with those who have status in the world rather than finding our worth in our relationship in Jesus Christ. This is not to be, says James – Favouritism is Forbidden!

Pastoral

John Hughes underwent triple bypass surgery this past Monday and was looking well a couple days later. We give thanks to God for the surgery and pray for his ongoing healing. John is currently in Mount Hospital if you wish to visit him.

Leon Noppers had another procedure done this week as he is still not healing properly after more than two years since the original surgery. He will visit another specialist tomorrow to see if anything else can be done. We also pray for healing for Leon as well as patience through this protracted illness.

Several of our elderly members continue to struggle with health and mobility, such as Els Baayens, Yvonne Herft, Dini Stroop, and also Ken and Dawn Loos. Remember also John and Riet Kik, Ina Eikelboom and others who have been unable to worship with us for some time.

School is on again for our students, and we wish them every blessing in their studies.

Today we enjoy again a shared lunch – everyone is welcome, so please stay and enjoy the fellowship and wonderful food. There is always plenty for all! A reminder that our second service starts again today: we gather for worship at 5:30 p.m. this evening.

We rejoice with the Wilson congregation as they celebrate their institution this Sunday afternoon at 3:00 pm. God has blessed this church plant and we praise Him for that. Continue to pray for the other church plants around this country, particularly for those here in W.A., in Forrestdale, Baldivis, Kalgoorlie, and our own work with pastor Geoff in the Wheatbelt and regional areas through the Aviation Ministry.

In two weeks time, on Sunday 21st February, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper – for those visitors wishing to attend please speak to a member of session prior to that date.

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.

For initial enquiries please contact:

Jack De Vries –

ministryformation@gmail.com or

phone **07 3285 3678**

Jack Visser - jackntrudi@gmail.com

or phone **0451 458 436**

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 it off at Manoah House office or speak to Willy Louw on 9398 1902. Thank you!

Birthdays this week

7-Feb Eliza Noppers

7-Feb Bethia van der Kooij

9-Feb Anneli Assaad

10-Feb Bella Kik

10-Feb Philip Oostryck

10-Feb Ijanca Venter

11-Feb John Hughes

Session will meet for the first time this year on Tuesday 16th February at 7:30 p.m – session members, please note this in your diary!

Classis will also meet in two weeks time on Saturday the 20th February at the Willetton Church, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Catechism Classes will start again soon, an email was sent to all parents involved. If you have any questions, or you did not receive such an email, please speak to me (RN) after the service.

A Childsafe Training day will be held at Gateway on Saturday 27th February starting at 9 a.m. It is important that all people involved in children's ministry complete this training – further details elsewhere in this Link.

Announcements

SENIOR MEN OF OUR CHURCHES

We will commence meeting again on **TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY** at the Peletier home, 26a Bridge Street **WILSON 10am**.

Our guest speaker will be John STEENHOF

Looking forward to catching up again as we begin another New Year, by the grace of God.

All very welcome.

Ladies Aid RTC

An envelope has been placed in your pigeon hole. Looking forward to a good response to assist the committee in the great work they do at our college.

Any donation small or large helps maintain furnishing and equipment at the Reformed Theological College in Geelong .

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GEMS-CADETS 2016

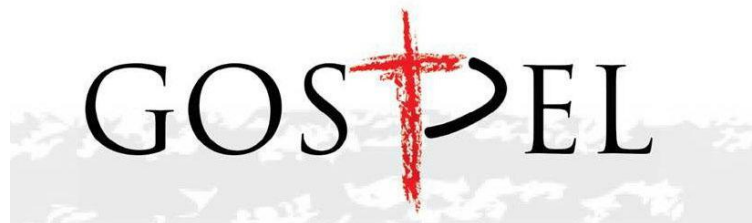
We look forward to starting our club year with a **combined** Cadets-Gems outing on Friday the 12th of February .

Parents will receive an email/text soon with details of time and place. Cadets will lead off the year with their first official meeting on Friday the 19th of February .

Any questions please contact Paul Nieuwkerk Ph:08 9346 0432

Mob :0417 174 041

Employment Opportunity –
 Youth Work Coordinator (Part Time) ...re-advertised... Classis WA seeks the services of a State Youth Ministry Worker to convene and lead the State Youth Council, and to develop and resource collaborative youth ministry among the churches. This position is a new and exciting step for CRCA youth ministry in WA. The successful applicant will work with a team of passionate people committed to encouraging sound youth ministry goals in local churches. This is a one day per week (.2 FTE) position. Interested parties can request more information from David Groenenboom
 djgroenenboom@gmail.com
 0418 383 055
 Applications must be received by February 18, 2016.



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

GOSPEL Prayer Points for February

1. The Church Planting teams in C/W India **thank and praise** God for his blessings last year. We thank God for using us to harvest souls for the King.
2. God enabled them to conduct five **medical camps** in the month of Dec 2015. About 800 folk were blessed by these free medical camps.
3. About 8,000 people participated in and were blessed by **Christmas programs**. The evangelists used these opportunities to share the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ. Almost 2,000 non-believers came to hear about the God of grace through these evangelistic programs.
4. Thank God for 45 new believers who were added to the church through the **baptism** from Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh regions.
5. The **Narmada cluster** leader Prakash and his team organised two Gospel rallies. At the first, nearly 1500 non-Christians attended and came to hear about Jesus Christ. At the second, there were 800 Hindu people who came along. There will be follow up by our evangelists to show God's way more clearly to these image bearers. God has given an open door among Vasava tribes in Narmada cluster. Please pray for the follow up meetings.
6. The new **Community Health Program** has got off to a good start. It is being welcomed by the most of the villages. This program is helping tribal people to come out of superstition and trusting witchcraft. Please pray that the Church planting program will not need to be scaled back because of a lack of funds. For some months we have been in **deficit**.



Gateway Community Church
ChildSafe Training Event
with ***ChildSafe Administer John Van Dijk***

Saturday 27th February 9am - 4pm

Member Training Session 9 am - 12pm
For all Members of children's ministries
M1 - Keeping People Safe
M2 - Child Protection

Team Leader Training Sessions 1pm - 4pm

For all Leaders of children's ministries
L1 - The ChildSafe Team Leader
L2 - Safety Management and Permission to Proceed

\$20 per person - Training material & lunch provided

**Register now at gatewaycc.com.au or
RSVP to
admin@gatewaycc.com.au by Friday 12th
February**

Gateway Community Church
63 Spencer Street,
Cockburn Central 6164
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Child Safe Training

Venue: Gateway Community Church,
63 Spencer St, Cockburn Central

Date: Feb 27, 2016

Time: 9am -12pm (helpers, ministry workers, all leaders); 1pm - 4pm (team leaders only). (All leaders of children's ministries also need to complete the first two modules, so they do need to be present for the morning session as well)

Cost: \$20 (includes booklet, lunch and refreshments).

All attendees must Pre Register at <http://gatewaycc.com.au/childsafetraining-registration/>

Why this is being provided:

Classis WA asked Gateway Community Church to organise a ChildSafe Training Day for people in WA's CRCA congregations.

ChildSafe training is required for all people involved in children and youth ministries in CRCA congregations. It also makes sense that all leaders, pastors, deacons and elders also undertake this training. Leaders at all levels need to know the expectations and responsibilities placed on the leaders under their care.

All who attend will leave having completed their training in full.

Weekly events

Wednesday	10 th Feb	9:30 a.m.	Bread @ the church
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Worship Ministry

Date	Duty Elder	Greeters	Data	Sound	Musician	Preacher
7 th Feb	Steve	Hetty,Rob	Paul N. Luke	Nelson Klarinda	Elsa Rebecca	R.Noppers
14 th Feb	Bardi	Jacqueline	Evan Paul N.	Paul vdK Nelson		C Van Echten
21 st Feb	Sam	Eril ,Rob	Johan, Luke	Paul N Klarinda	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
7th Feb	Slooter, Oostryck	Annette, Jordan	Trudy, Leon
14th Feb	Morgan, Loos	Ilizebel, Luke	Saara, Bethia
21st Feb	Venter, Janong	Vanessa, Rebekah	Trudy, Eliza

Financial Update:

Date	Amount	Second Offering
6 th December	\$2777.05	\$326.30 Manoah House
13 th December	\$2191.70	\$304.25 Reformed Theological College
20 th December	\$2404.80	\$165.80 Diaconate
25 th December		\$1249.40 World Transform
27 th December	\$2031.50	\$216.25 Manoah House
3 rd January 2016	\$3890.40	\$185.10 International Justice Mission
10 th January	\$1177.85	\$150.55 Committee For Social Responsibility
17 th January	\$3553.40	\$141.15 Target 21
24 th January	\$1762.95	\$167.85 Reformed Theological College
31 st January	\$ 802.50	\$179.80 Diaconate

Budgeted Offerings to date: 31 weeks @ \$2845 \$88195.00

Actual Offerings to Date: \$81039.40

Shortfall to date: \$ 7155.60