

24th of July 2016

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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9:30am: P. Kossen

Reading: 1 Peter 2.4-12

Sermon: Matthew 19.13-15 To Such as these belongs the Kingdom of Heaven

5:30pm: R. Noppers

Reading: 1 Kings 21:1-14, Romans 7:7-25

Sermon: James 4:1-3 "Desires That Battle Within Us"

Meditation

Belgic Confession Article 34. "We believe and confess that Jesus Christ, in whom the law is fulfilled, has by His shed blood put an end to every other shedding of blood, which anyone might do or wish to do in order to atone or satisfy for sins. Having abolished circumcision, which was done with blood, He established in its place the sacrament of baptism. By it we are received into God's church and set apart from all other people and alien religions, that we may be dedicated entirely to Him, bearing His mark and sign. It also witnesses to us that He will be our God forever, since He is our gracious Father. Therefore He has commanded that all those who belong to Him be baptised with pure water in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

In this way He signifies to us that just as water washes away the dirt of the body when it is poured on us and also is seen on the body of the baptised when it is sprinkled on him, so too the blood of Christ does the same thing internally, in the soul, by the Holy Spirit. It washes and cleanses it from its sins and transforms us from being the children of wrath into the children of God. This does not happen by the physical water but by the sprinkling of the precious blood of the Son of God, who is our Red Sea, through which we must pass to escape the tyranny of Pharaoh, who is the devil, and to enter the spiritual land of Canaan.

So ministers, as far as their work is concerned, give us the sacrament and what is visible, but our Lord gives what the sacrament signifies – namely the invisible gifts and graces; washing, purifying, and cleansing our souls of all filth and unrighteousness; renewing our hearts and filling them with all comfort; giving us true assurance of His fatherly goodness; clothing us with the "new man" and stripping off the "old," with all its works. For this reason we believe that anyone who aspires to reach eternal life ought to be baptised only

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

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First Offering

For the ministry of this church

Second Offering

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7-Aug
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once without ever repeating it ___ for we cannot be born twice. Yet this baptism is profitable not only when the water is on us and when we receive it but throughout our entire lives. ...

We believe our children ought to be baptised and sealed with the sign of the covenant, as little children were circumcised in Israel on the basis of the same promises made to our children.

And truly, Christ has shed His blood no less for washing the little children of believers than He did for adults. Therefore they ought to receive the sign and sacrament of what Christ has done for them, just as the Lord commanded in the law that by offering a lamb for them the sacrament of the suffering and death of Christ would be granted them shortly after their birth. This was the sacrament of Jesus Christ. Furthermore, baptism does for our children what circumcision did for the Jewish people. That is why Paul calls baptism the "circumcision of Christ."

Pastoral

We extend again a warm welcome to Peter Kossen, who will be leading the service this morning, and especially on this special occasion as Joshua de Haan receives the sign and seal of baptism. What a wonderful privilege to celebrate with Evan and Rebecca, and pray that they will receive much wisdom from God as they lead and teach their growing family in His ways. A warm welcome also to Sugi and other friends who have come to join with us on this occasion.

Hetty Zoethout had surgery on Monday to repair a hole in the retina of her eye, and was able to return home on Tuesday, with the surgery a success. We do pray for her ongoing and complete healing.

Luttig and Illizebel Venter and their children Ijanca and Devilliers are in the process of moving to the Northern territory for work. This has all come about rather suddenly, and we do wish them God's blessing and strength in what will be a time of upheaval and resettling for the whole family.

The **Russia Team** has returned safely in what was another exciting and fruitful mission trip. However, recent law changes in Russia means that such trips may become far more difficult to organise and be involved in, as well as creating big problems for churches in Russia. The "Open Doors" website states that "A new law will come into effect on 20 July, described to parliament as an anti-terrorism law. In reality, it's a series of measures that will limit individual freedoms to an extent not seen since the communist era. No longer will Christians be allowed to evangelise outside of churches, hold prayer events, or legally have house churches. In addition, missionaries will be restricted to working for registered organisations with correct documentation..." read more at <https://opendoorsblog.org/2016/07/14/is-persecution-returning-for-russias-christians-new-laws-make-evangelism-illegal/>

Catechism is on as usual today after the morning service, and also tomorrow after school.

Our **AGM** is planned for Sunday 7th August, after the morning service. All paperwork should be in your pigeonholes today: if you have missed out or would like an extra copy, see myself or Sam Assaad.

CHURCH CAMP:

Gosnells congregation have once again extended an invitation to us to join with them in their Family Camp, which will be held from 14th -16th October. Organising is well underway, and the Camp Committee wishes to provide advance notice of the cost so we are able to start planning financially towards this. Camp Fees are Adult \$80; Youth \$40; Family \$200 (2 adults and any children at or under school age or at full time tertiary studies); Day Visitors – Single \$40; Family \$100. If the cost is a problem for you, please note that assistance is available to enable you to attend the camp: for such assistance or to register your interest in attending, please speak to Reinier Noppers.

The Protection of Marriage and the Safe School Program (Is it Safe?)

Come and hear an important and informative presentation on Thursday July 28th, at 7pm at the Church of Saints John & Paul parish hall, 5 Ingham Ct, Willetton, by James Parker. This talk comes highly recommended by Peter Abetz, who has heard James present this material, who urges everyone to attend, especially parents of school age children, so as to be aware of what is being foisted on children by the Safe Schools program. This event is organised by the Australian Family Association. Enquiries: Gillian Gonzalez (08) 9332 1803 M: 0415 678 005

This presentation is strictly reserved to those over 18

News From Other Churches**GOSNELLS**

Christina Verbrugge has had a knee replacement operation, which she has been anticipating for some time. **Mark Scholma** continues to recover well and should return home soon, if he hasn't already.

Sophie van Dam has departed for Los Angeles having received a scholarship with the University of California (UCLA) to attend the Leadership. Excellence. Accelerating Potential (LEAP) program there in the last week of July.

Perth Men's Convention

Saturday August 27th

8.30am – 3pm

At Woodvale Baptist Church.

With Martin Foord



World Transform - Giving!

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PRAYER POINTS.

We know: Revelation 12:9 "And the great dragon was hurled down--the ancient serpent called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him."

So **we pray** that more and more God in mercy would establish his just Kingdom in the world.

- That we who know the Kingdom has come will let God rule in our lives so that we submit to doing his will.
- That we keep pleading for justice in the world. Why are so many – so poor? Why so little done? Why so much spiritual darkness?
- That God's name is glorified and that he would bless the work of WT's "**Heart Project**" as it deals with issues such as:
 - In pre and post-natal childcare,
 - Quality education for all.
 - Gender equality,
 - Ending the caste system
 - Dealing with injustice,
 - Overcoming malnutrition,
 - Good quality and quantity of water for drinking and crops,
 - Knowledge of God's grace in Christ.

In him,

Bert Kuipers - WT Publicity

Announcements

Wilson Fellowship group meets again DV Wednesday 27-7-2016 ,7:30 PM at Family Oostryck's place. Please Study lesson 16 study on Mark , Also read Mark 12:13-44.

All welcome !

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

- Junior Catechism class today after church
- Senior Catechism class at Family Noppers Place
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Bread @ Church
- Wilson fellowship Wednesday 27th 7:30 PM @ Family Oostryck place

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Date	Preacher	Duty elder	Greeters	Reader	Data	Sound	Video	Musician
24 July AM	P. Kossen	Willem	Sam & Jill	Raymond	Johan	Paul N	James	Rachel
24 July PM	R. Noppers	Willem	Sam & Jill		Paul N.	Nelson	James	
31 July AM	R. Noppers	Steve	Willem & Jannet	Nelson	Luke	Klarinda	James	Ralph
31 July PM	R. Noppers	Steve	Willem & Jannet		Luke	Klarinda	James	Ralph

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

HELPING HANDS

Date	Coffee Fellowship	Crèche	Sunday School
24/07/2016	Oostryck, Slooter	Jacqueline, Nelson	Yvonne, Bethia
31/07/2016	Alberts, Jill	Rebecca, Beslin	Emma, Rebekah
7/08/2016	Assaad, P v/d Kooij	Annette, Nicola	Saara, Bethia

Birthdays this week

24th July Sarien De Beer

28th Ma Nieuwkerk