



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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7<sup>th</sup> of August 2016

**9:30am:** R. Noppers

Readings: **John 1:14-18, 1 Peter 2:4-10**

Sermon: **Titus 2:11-14 “Grace: No Strings Attached”**

**5:30pm:** R. Noppers

Readings: **Ephesians 6:10-18, 1 Peter 5:6-11**

Sermon: **James 4:7 “Submit to God, Resist the Devil”**

## Meditation

For much of this letter that Paul wrote to Titus, the focus has been on the ethical and moral implications that come from following Jesus Christ as Lord. He has spelled out in some detail what making the gospel of our Lord and Saviour attractive looks like: elders who are above reproach, rebellious people that are to be silenced, proper teaching and life for old and young alike, families and workers.

The reasons and motivation for such living are obvious: to renounce evil and live godly, disciplined lives in this present age comes from the gospel of grace: the grace that brings salvation; the grace that restores and empowers believers; the grace that looks forward to the return of our Saviour and the vindication of all that is true: in fact, the true outworking of a people that belong to Jesus, eager to do what is good. Such living is part of God’s plan of redemption, a life that is lived for Christ in sheer joy and gratitude for all He has done for us and given to us. RN

## Pastoral

This morning after the service we will be holding our AGM, an opportunity to consider our budget, as well as discuss any other questions or considerations that impact our congregation as a whole. We do so in trust upon the Lord, knowing He is the one who is faithful and the One who so far has supplied all our needs according to His riches in glory.

Let us not forget those who struggle constantly with weakness, health and age; especially those who are unable to attend regularly – if you have the opportunity give them a call or pop in for a visit, and remember them in your prayers.

## **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 this church

#### **Second Offering**

**7-Aug**

TEAR Fund

**14-Aug**

Christian Education – Rehoboth

**21-Aug-**

Diaconate

Let us also remember several in our midst who do not have regular or full-time work at the moment – that God may also provide employment opportunities for them.

After the AGM we will have our monthly shared lunch, remember everyone is most welcome to stay and join us: it doesn't matter if you have brought something or not: there is always more than enough. It is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and encouragement.

There will be no Catechism this Sunday due to the AGM, nor next Sunday as I will be in Australind as part of our regular Classis swap. Catechism will be as normal each Monday afternoon.

### **CSR -Committee for Social Responsibility-**

#### **Thursday 11 August at 7.30pm 7 Matthew Way Thornlie.**

Several updates and current issues will be discussed and prayed for

- election results: being thankful for positives and highlighting some concerns;
- SSM and LGBT agenda: various reports;
- advances in the pro-life movement in WA (celebrations at PPH, CDHL update, Emily's Voice);
- justice issue (preparing for visit of Ken Wytsma in January - *Pursuing Justice*- visit to WA)

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **2016 Census**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> August this year every Australian household will be required to again complete a Census. One of the questions you will need to answer is “What is the person's religion”. The options given will be “No Religion” then a number of Christian denominations and other religions. They are listed in the expected order of ‘popularity’. There is no option for “Reformed” or similar.

Members of the CRCA are therefore encouraged to choose “**Other**” as their religion then “specify “**Christian Reformed**” as the specific denomination.

On behalf of the Synodical Interim Committee

Tony Deenick

## Announcements

### CRCA 2016/17 Yearbook

There are some copies of the new denominational yearbook available for sale @ \$17.05 ea. including postage.

If you would like a copy please contact Maria Jobse – [Email: admin@crca.org.au](mailto:admin@crca.org.au) or Mobile: 0423 309 930.

### SENIOR MEN OF OUR CHURCHES

We plan to meet again on Tuesday 16th August, at the Peletier home, 26 Bridge Street, Wilson, 10 am.

A guest speaker is being arranged.

All very welcome.

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### Financial Update:

Date	Amount	Second Offering	
3rd July 2016	\$3241.60	\$269.35	Solomon Islands Work Group
10th July 2016	\$1498.00	\$107.90	Manoah House
17th July 2016	\$2139.00	\$186.20	Diaconate
24th July 2016	\$2136.50	\$293.95	Christian Wheatbelt Fellowship

Budgeted Offerings to date: 4 weeks @ \$2832.00 = \$11,328.00

Actual Offerings to Date: \$9015.10

Shortfall after 4 weeks: \$2312.90

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

- Shared Lunch today after Church
- Senior Catechism class Monday Afternoon at Family Noppers Place
- Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Bread @ Church

## WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Date	Preacher	Duty elder	Greeters	Reader	Data	Sound	Video	Musician
7 August AM	R. Noppers	Bardi	Steve & Yvonne	Jacqueline	Johan	Paul vdK	James	Rebecca
7 August PM	R. Noppers	Bardi	Steve & Rob		Paul N.	Nelson	James	Elsa
14 August AM	J.de Jongh	Sam	Bardi & Eril	Raymond	Luke	Klarinda	James	
14 August PM	B. Murphy	Sam	Bardi & Eril		Luke	Klarinda	James	

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

## HELPING HANDS

Date	Coffee Fellowship	Crèche	Sunday School
7/08/2016	Assaad, P v/d Kooij	Annette, Nicola	Saara, Bethia
14/08/2016	Nieuwkerk, Victor	Vanessa, Joshua	Nicolene, Lisa
21/08/2016	Knoetze, Elsa	Trudy, Luke	Yvonne, Bethia

## Birthdays this week

13<sup>th</sup> of August Yvonne Herft

## Wilson Bible Study

Meets again DV Wednesday 10-08-2016 7:30 PM at J Zudersma's Place  
We will be studying Lesson 17 on Mark .Also read Mark 13 1-37,  
All Welcome