



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:** Pastor Craig Van Echten.

Readings: **Ephesians 6:10-20**

Sermon: **Our Spiritual battle**

**5:30pm:** Pastor Craig Van Echten

Readings: **Ephesians. 6:16-17**

Sermon: **Put on the Armour of God**

## Meditation

### **A Prophet Like Moses:**

One of humankind's most ardent desires is to discover the will of God. But how? Broadly speaking, Israel was faced with two options. On the one hand, the Canaanite practised witchcraft, sorcery and divination of different kinds, but God forbade his people to copy them. On the other hand, they could pay attention to the voice of God as it came to them through the prophets. It was a question of listening. They must not "listen to those who practise sorcery ... but as for you, ... the Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me ... you must listen to Him." (Deut 18:14-15)

This divine promise seems to have referred originally to the succession of prophets God gave Israel. But when the voice of prophecy fell silent in the intertestamental period, "the Prophet" became a recognisable messianic title. So when Jesus came, the crowds said "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." (John 6:14) And in one of Peter's early sermons he plainly applied the promise to Jesus. (Acts 3:22) Although Jesus was not one more prophet in the long succession of the centuries, but rather the fulfilment of all prophecy, in whom all God's promises find their "yes" (2 Cor 1:20) we still hail him as "the Prophet" who like Moses knows God "face to face" (Deut 34:10) and in whom God's revelation has reached its culmination.

It is moving that on the Mount of Transfiguration the voice of God the Father quoted his own command in Deuteronomy 18:15 and applied it to Jesus. His command to all of us is the same: "Listen to Him!" (Mark 9:7) John Stott, Through The Bible, Through The Year: p136

## Pastoral

A warm welcome to Craig Van Echten who will lead both services today, while I will be in Gosnells for both services. Do continue to remember one another in prayer, especially those with ongoing issues – health, employment, or other things.

## 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

**11-Sep** Gujarat Outreach Support Economic Literacy

**18-Sep** Reformed Theological College (RTC)

**25-Sep** Candidacy Committee

**Catechism** there will be **NO Catechism** today or tomorrow due to the preaching swap this Sunday and other commitments tomorrow.

**Canning Bible Study** will meet this Wednesday at the home of Bardi Bester at 7:30 pm... almost at the end of the prophecy of Isaiah.

**Second Offering: G.O.S.P.E.L.** from the website: "God has richly blessed us in the CRCA with a clear Gospel heritage and Biblical foundations. In recent years the CRCA has adopted the Fourfold Task, one of which is to multiply ministries locally and oversees to reach more people with the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The G.O.S.P.E.L. subcommittee seeks to make a strong contribution to this. God has given us a wonderful opportunity to partner with Indian evangelists who are planting churches in Gujarat and surrounding regions in central India.

Christ's mandate to go into the whole world is urgent. That mandate includes our own nation as well as those who live in Asia. India is still open to Gospel proclamation. India is in great spiritual darkness. India is densely populated. A large part of India's population is very poor. G.O.S.P.E.L. will identify, train and support gifted local, indigenous, Indian Christians to be missionaries to their own people. **The acronym G.O.S.P.E.L. stands for Gujarat (and surrounds) Outreach Support; Planting churches; Economic development and Literacy training.** As the acronym suggests, the preaching of the "Word" is foremost, but the work also involves the "Deed". G.O.S.P.E.L. evaluates the training provided and continues to look at ways to improve this.

G.O.S.P.E.L. functions in the CRCA as a mission partnership organisation for local congregations.

The G.O.S.P.E.L. subcommittee will receive and administer the offerings and contributions from CRCA and non CRCA churches individuals and corporations.

- In the field in India, G.O.S.P.E.L. partners with Christian Reformed Fellowship of India (CRFI). CRFI functions as a "reformed" mission organisation in India. CRFI seeks to foster true Gospel unity and cooperation in India.

- In the field, G.O.S.P.E.L.'s support and partnership seeks to assist the newly planted churches to become independent, self governing churches as soon as possible.

G.O.S.P.E.L. will continue to investigate, evaluate and suggest projects where further partnerships can be fruitful.

**CHURCH CAMP: 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**Church Camp – Enrolments close TODAY!!!! The 11th of September** – If you still wish to attend the Church Camp please let me know ASAP! (RN)

Day visitors are welcome to attend during the weekend, but you will need to fill this out on a registration form so you can be catered for by the kitchen staff. For those wanting to make payment by direct bank transfer, **the camp account details are: Gosnells Church Camp; BSB: 036032 - Account No: 490993**

**News from Other Churches:**

***Australind:*** Hugo de Ridder has been struggling with a virus lately, possibly Ross River virus.

## Announcements

### **SENIOR MEN OF OUR CHURCHES**

We plan to meet again on TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> of September (next week) at the Peletier home, 26 Bridge Street, Wilson 10am.

A guest has been invited. He is John Murphy (90yo) who lives in York and will be joined by a Rep from the Bible Society (Marcus)

Also an advance notice. We have arranged with the WPC Bull Creek Senior men to have a joint meeting in October at their Church

A guest is also being arranged.

All very welcome,

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### **G.O.S.P.E.L**

G.O.S.P.E.L. has a new website Please have a browse through all the material we've posted on the new website <http://gospel.net.au/>

This month in India, we are remembering 10 years of a wonderful partnership with CRFI that God has been pleased to bless.

God willing, Phillip Scheepers, Craig van Echten and Bert Kuipers will join those celebrations after the annual teaching seminar.

We will join 50+ church planters and 500+ believers in the town of Saputara, Gujarat on 29th September to call on God's holy name.

### **Wilson Fellowship**

Wilson Fellowship meets again Wednesday 14/09/2016 7:30 PM at John van den Berg's place . We will be studying lesson 19 on the book of Mark. All Welcome !

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

- Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Bread @ Church
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2016, Wilson Fellowship 7:30 PM at John van den Bergs
- Canning Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 pm @ Bardi Bester home
- Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 7:00 PM GEMS at Gosnells Church

## Coming up

18<sup>th</sup> of September Cadets and GEMS Sunday @ Gosnells Reformed Church

## WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Date	Preacher	Duty elder	Greeters	Reader	Data	Sound	Video	Musician
11 September AM	Craig van Echten	Sam	Bardi & Jill	Raymond	Luke	Klarinda	James	Elsa
11 September PM	Craig van Echten	Sam	Bardi & Jill		Luke	Klarinda	James	Elsa
18 September AM	Reinier Noppers	Willem	Sam & Yvonne	Nelson	Johan	Paul vdK	James	Rebecca
18 September PM	Reinier Noppers	Willem	Sam & Yvonne		Paul N	Nelson	James	

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

## HELPING HANDS

Date	Coffee Fellowship	Crèche	Sunday School
11/09/2016	Husselmann, Hetty	Rebecca, Bethia	Nicolene, Nicola
18/09/2016	Morgan, Johan	Annette, Emma	Trudy, Eliza
25/09.2016	de Haan, Venter	Mieke, Klarinda	Holidays

## Birthdays this week

None this Week

