



Weekly Newsletter of the  
Christian Reformed Church of  
Perth Inc.

18<sup>th</sup> of September

## 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 Reinier Noppers  
Readings: **James 3:1-16, Phil 2:1-11**  
Sermon: **Titus 3:2 “Humility to All”**

**5:30pm:** Pastor Reinier Noppers  
Readings: **Proverbs 16:1-19, Luke 12:15-34**  
Sermon: **James 4:13-17 “Practical Atheism or Genuine Christianity?”**

## Meditation

The apostle Paul, with his ever present concern about the impact our living will have on the message of the gospel, shifts in Titus 3 from submission and obedience to those in authority, to our day to day relationships with friends and neighbours in verse 2-3. His point is simple: make as few waves as possible, break down as many barriers as we can, keep open the possibility of communication in every way possible, so that we might build good relationships with those whose lives we touch, even in seemingly the most insignificant way! After all, the impact we have may far outweigh the actual words we spoke or the little things we did. This is in fact our obligation as ambassadors for Christ. It shows who is Lord of our life, as instead of simply talking about the life changing effects of the gospel we reveal the gospel in all its power as it works in and through us.

A theme that James also continues to build in our sermon this evening – the showing of faith in the way we live. And there is but one way: one way that is pleasing to God. In chapter 4:13-17 James brings a challenge – prompting us to search our hearts and ask whether we commit everything to God in prayer, as we seek to follow His Word and will in our homes, our marriage, and our work. Is our life, with all its dreams and hopes and plans built solidly with God at the centre, and God providing the guidance as well as having the last say? As such this sermon could easily be entitled “DV”, - Deo Volente”, or just as easily “The best-laid plans of mice and men”. ☺ It is only a life lived daily in the presence of God, one which entrusts both the present and the future to Him, that truly displays our genuine faith as Christians. The other option, to cut God out of the picture, regardless in what area of life we do it, is simply a form of practical atheism.

## **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**

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

**25-Sep** Candidacy Committee

**2-Oct** Cadets & Gems (Local)

### **Pastoral**

Bardi Bester leaves tomorrow for two weeks in South Africa, catching up with family. We pray for safe keeping on the journey, and a rich blessing on your time with your family. It is already the last week of school term 3, and as another term draws to a close we may give thanks to God for the blessings of education and the freedoms we have to learn about Him. We can also pray that students and teachers will be given strength for this last week and be refreshed as they look forward to another break.

Pastor Reinier will be leaving this week Tuesday for Ecumenical meetings in Geelong, followed by the RTC Preaching Leongatha, with a special service celebrating the profession of faith of three young people there. Please speak to your elder with any pastoral needs during this time.

**Catechism** continues as usual today after the morning service and tomorrow with the young people being picked up from school.

### **Second Offering: RTC**

At the RTC we have the privilege of preparing people to minister the gospel to others. We live at a time when the church scene is changing rapidly as the culture around us changes drastically. In this state of flux there is a huge need for godly leadership and for the multiplication of rock-solid, biblical, culturally relevant gospel ministries. That's what we want to equip people for.

We firmly believe that if people are to lead churches and minister the gospel they need to know the gospel well. The gospel needs to be a part of them - in their DNA. That means they need to know God deeply, personally and thoroughly because, as the title of one of John Piper's books put it, God is the Gospel. They also need to know the Bible well and be able to exegete and interpret it accurately, because that is where God has revealed himself and the good news of salvation for lost sinners. They need to know the times, and have an ability to think clearly and biblically about how to advance the gospel in our culture. They need to know how to minister the gospel with skill, using the particular gifts that God has given them. And they need in their own lives to know the difference the gospel makes as they are changed by it and increasingly transformed into the very likeness of Jesus Christ.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings from the Candidacy Committee (formerly Vicariate Committee). The Candidacy Committee is made up of the Victorian Executive along with the State Representatives. As a Synodically appointed committee, it is our privilege to track CRCA students preparing for ministry within the CRCA and particularly those sent by the churches preparing for ordination. We are pleased that we are able to do this on your behalf and are thankful for the opportunity to interact with the faculty at the RTC and the students.

As you are aware, the CRCA's preferred theological college is the RTC in Geelong. Over several months now the RTC has been exploring and developing ways to make its courses more readily available for students throughout Australia as well as overseas by way of distance learning.

Along with the RTC, the Candidacy Committee, are excited that this change will commence as from the beginning of next year, 2017. This new mode of learning will hopefully be less disruptive to students and will enable them to study from home for many of the courses. They will be able to do this by accessing lectures that are available online, attending lectures via Skype, and attending intensives for some of the units.

As a Candidacy Committee we are encouraged by these changes, which are exciting albeit somewhat challenging for faculty and staff. We would like to encourage the churches to also be very supportive of these changes and to please pray for the Board, faculty and support staff as these changes take place.

At a Candidacy Committee meeting earlier in the year we were able to meet with a number of men who are currently preparing for ordained ministry. We were greatly encouraged by the way in which they are progressing in their studies. Currently we have two men undergoing vicariates, Ben Peletier in Redlands, and Phil Popping in South Barwon. There are an additional 6 men who are in the candidacy process throughout the CRCA

Finally, we would also ask you to pray that the Lord would continue to raise up gifted men and women to be trained for various ministries and especially for men to be trained for ordination within our churches. The harvest is great, but the reapers are few, so please join us in prayer. May the Lord continue to bless your work also as you witness for Him wherever you may be.

On behalf of the Candidacy Committee.

### **News from Other Churches:**

#### ***Gosnells:***

Today is **Gems and Cadets Sunday**. We look forward to having the Gems and Cadets join us for the service, and focussing on their theme for the year, '*The secret to a holy and joy-filled life*'.

And we look forward to the **baptism of Myrna Belgrove's daughters, Astrid and Claudia**, the following Sunday (25<sup>th</sup> Sept).

#### ***Grace:***

On Sunday we will again be witnesses to a family committing their baby daughter to the Lord through the sacrament of holy **baptism**. We pray God's blessing on **Kristen Jennifer Cilliers** being presented to the Lord by her parents Andre & Marlize Cilliers

### **Birthdays this week**

24<sup>th</sup> of September Nelson Nieuwkerk

### **WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK**

- Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Bread @ Church
- Senior Men of our Churches 10 AM, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of September at the Peletier home

## Announcements

### SENIOR MEN OF OUR CHURCHES

We plan to meet this Tuesday 20th September at the Peletier home, 26 Bridge Street, Wilson 10am. Our guest will be John Murphy, from York. Also joining us will be Marcus, a Representative from The Bible Society, who will introduce John. All very welcome.

### MEN's Breakfast

There will be a men's Breakfast on Saturday 24 September. This is a chance for the Men of this church to have a time of fellowship. It will commence at 7:00 AM at Dome Vic Park, 293 Albany Highway. Booking non essential, but please contact Sam on 0467768959 for information or if you need transport

### WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Date	Preacher	Duty elder	Greeters	Reader	Data	Sound	Video	Musician
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	Elsa
25 September AM	: Henry Alberts	Steve	Willem	Jacqueline	Luke	Klarinda	James	
25 Septmber PM	Geoff Van Schie	Steve	Willem		Luke	Klarinda	James	

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

### HELPING HANDS

Date	Coffee Fellowship	Crèche	Sunday School
18/09/2016	Morgan, Johan	Annette, Emma	Trudy, Eliza
25/09.2016	de Haan, Venter	Mieke, Klarinda	Holidays
2/10/2016	Pleysier, Mary	Vanessa, Beslin	Holidays

