



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: Reinier Noppers

Readings: Romans 16:17-20

Sermon: Titus 3:9-15 “Don’t Get Sidetracked”

5:30pm:

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Readings: John 15:18-25, Hebrews 11:32-40

Sermon: James 5:7-11 “Patience: The Lord is Coming”

Meditation

As we conclude our journey through Paul’s letter to Titus, in one sense we come full circle. Titus had been left behind in Crete to straighten out that which was unfinished – a task which included the appointment of godly leadership, which involved the rebuking of false teachers, and the consistent reminder to live a life of good works, both within the community of faith and outside of it – all with the one purpose that God might be glorified, and that every opportunity is utilised to witness of the excellent and profitable gospel in Jesus Christ our Lord. This theme is thus concluded in chapter 3, with the challenge to avoid unprofitable and useless controversies and arguments – as this is not the way of Christ. It does not declare the kindness and love of God, in effect the exact opposite of being devoted to doing good! In that conclusion, Paul in effect is saying: Don’t get side-tracked!

In a similar vein James tackles the fact that we are to be patient as we continue in the Lord’s work. It seems like a long time, sometimes with little results, and often with more suffering than good – but, as with the illustration of farming, the grand cycle of sowing and reaping is as much a waiting game today as it was in the time of James. It is the same in life, as some things are simply beyond our power to rush or control. Throughout it all, God expects us to be patient and remain faithful. God’s way is seldom the quick way, the short-cut, the fast-food approach; but it is always the complete way. RN

Pastoral

This week Rowan and Ashley Woldhuis were united in marriage before the Lord, in glorious sunshine at Yanchep National Park. We wish them God’s blessing in their married life and His constant provision and care throughout each day.

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:

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BSB: 066 153 #: 1002 5589

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First Offering

For the ministry of this church

Second Offering

30-Oct

The Bible League

6-Nov WA Future Churches Fund

13-Nov

Leprosy Mission

Last Sunday was also an encouraging time at Manoah, as we worshipped and sang together.

I leave this Friday as Ecumenical Delegate for the CRCA to attend the NGK Special Synod in Pretoria, South Africa, which has been called to deal with appeals regarding recent decisions on homosexuality. Pray that God's ways may be clearly known, that His Word may be in every conversation, and that His truth may be upheld in each decision. I return late Saturday 12th November, so during this time please forward any pastoral matters to one of the elders.

Session also met this past week, in which the usual matters of pastoral care, worship services and various church activities were discussed. One matter which has been in our discussions regularly, was the question of the second service each Sunday. The second service continues to be poorly attended, with numbers fluctuating, and a low point of some 12 worshippers a couple of weeks ago. This was raised at our AGM, and after ongoing feedback from the congregation, Session has determined that we will cease second services as from Christmas Day, December 25th, through the summer holidays as per usual, but then also into the new year indefinitely. This will be re-evaluated if circumstances change, or events warrant such consideration. This decision has been made with great difficulty, but recognising that we also need to look after those who serve regularly, often every week and every service, in one or another capacity. In the meantime there will opportunity for alternative events as they are organised, if you have an idea or would like to organise something, ie dinner, praise evening, etc, please speak to one of the session, as well as if you have any questions or comments regarding this decision.

Persecuted Church

Next Sunday we will begin partnering with Bible League to make a difference in the lives of persecuted Christians, by taking part in the Bibles For the Persecuted Church 21 day programme. Being involved in this programme will enable us to personally provide encouragement and strength to persecuted believers, through the Bibles provided. Your gifts and prayers will really make a difference. Those who are suffering for their faith don't ask for the persecution to stop – but simply plead "Pray for us, and please send Bibles." Each pigeon hole has a Bibles For the Persecuted prayer resource booklet and a Bible Shaped money box. If you miss out, please ask myself or Trudy.

Catechism: is on today as usual.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Samaritan's Purse: Christmas Box Appeal

Please leave donations or completed gift boxes in the box under the foyer table. Boxes and goods can be donated until TODAY Sunday, 30th October. Cash donations can be given to Trudy.

Next Sunday is again our shared lunch, so do bring some food to share and join with us in good fellowship over a wonderful meal!"

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Friendship is a Christian outreach and care ministry designed for people with an intellectual disability.

Friendship is about making friends with people who are intellectually challenged and introducing them to the best friend they could ever have, Jesus Christ.

Currently, the program is offered to those 18 years and over and is held fortnightly on Wednesday evenings during the school term. This program has been running at Willetton Christian Church for 17 years under the

leadership of Lisa and Yvonne Kossen with the help of many faithful volunteers

who provide friendship and care, one on one, to those in the group.

As Lisa and Yvonne plan to step down from leading this group at the end of the year

they are looking for new leaders to take on their role.

If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry please talk to Lisa 9457 0215

Yvonne 0417944441.



What's on this week

Junior catechism class today after Church
Wednesday 9:00 AM Bread @ Church

Coming up

Shared lunch 6th of November

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Date	Preacher	Duty elder	Greeters	Reader	Data	Sound	Musician
30 October AM	R. Noppers	Bardi	Steve&Rob	Nelson	Paul N	Paul vdK	Rebecca
30 October PM	R. Noppers	Bardi	Steve &Rob		Paul N	Nelson	Elsa
6 November AM		Sam	Bardi & Yvonne	Beslin	Luke	Klarinda	Ralph
6 November PM		Sam	Bardi & Yvonne		Luke	Klarinda	
13 November AM	J.de Jongh	Willem	Sam & Hetty	Nelson	Johan	Paul vdk	Rebecca
13 November PM	C. van Echten	Willem	Sam & Rob		Paul N	Nelson	Elsa

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

HELPING HANDS

Date	Coffee Fellowship	Crèche	Sunday School
30/10/2016	Slooters, Victor	Vanessa, Bethia	Nicolene , Lisa
6/11/2016	Assaad, Jill	Melody , Joshua	Nicolene, Nicola
13/11/2016	R v/d Kooij, Hetty	Jacqueline, Luke	Saara, Bethia



Birthdays This week

5th of November Jordan van der Kooij