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**Welcome**

A warm welcome to all who have come to the service 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 typical service includes a time of singing praise, prayer, Bible reading and a message is given by the Pastor. There is also an opportunity 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. We have two offerings. The first is for the workings of our local church, the second for a specified group usually outside our local church.

**Crèche** is available for children aged 0-3 at the rear of the church building during the service. Most Sundays children (4-9 years old) attend church for the first part of the service and then leave for Sunday school during the offering.

**After the service please join us for refreshments and fellowship either to the side of church or in the hall.**

**Please utilise the church's electronic banking**

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**Christian Reformed Church of Perth**

**BSB: 066 153 #: 1002 5589**

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**First Offering:**

For the ministry of this church

**Second Offering:**

**14<sup>th</sup> May** Church Planting Taskforce

**21<sup>st</sup> May** Ministerial Aid & Mutual Assistance Gift Account

**28<sup>th</sup> May** Manoah House

An outreach of Perth CRC is:

**Christian Wheatbelt Fellowship**

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5 Colombo Street, Victoria Park, W.A. 6100

Weekly Newsletter



**Preacher:** Rev Peter Abetz

**Reading:** Genesis 1:26-31 & Colossians 1: 15-23

**Text:** Genesis 1:27

**Sermon: The Christians self image? The image of God!**

We hear so much about self esteem these days. But is the term "self esteem" a Christian concept? For Christians, the term "self image" is perhaps a better word. Our self image should be shaped by what God has to say about us. We will explore the tension between being lost sinners, yet redeemed in Christ. Which should get the most focus?

**Meditation**

James 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Scripture Reading: Exodus 11 and 12

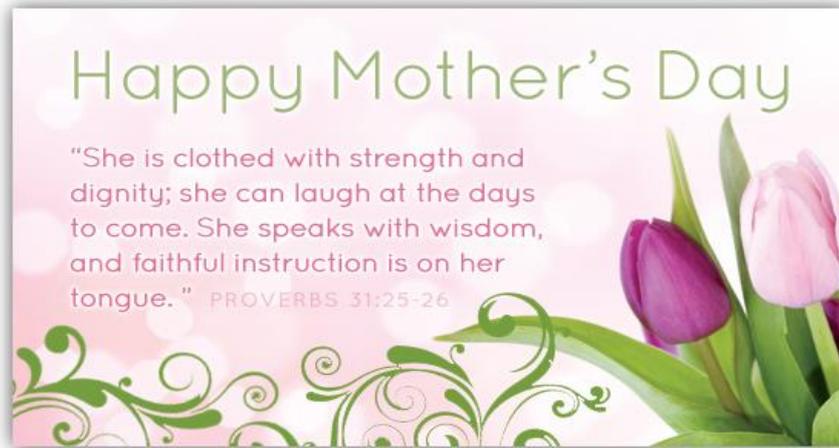
Doors or gates are something through which we go through each day. From one room to another, from one place to another, from one world to another ... A bride walks through the heavy church doors into a new world. Through a cemetery's gate, you enter another world ... Easter is a festival with a gate, a blood gate. Israel had to walk through that gate. With the tenth plague, God hits all the firstborn in Egypt with death.

Israel is under the same judgment and punishment of God because Israel is the firstborn (Ex 4 22). Why? We see it in the feast of passing, Easter. Israel must stay behind the door while the Death Angel is walking. Israel is slave made by the godless Pharaoh, symbolically, Egypt is the prison of sin, Israel is there as a prison of sin! Israel cannot just go away, they have to go through the gate, the Blood Gate! Israel does not deserve Freedom, it is God's.

Now it's not hard to draw the line to us. Christ is our Passover to God who suffered and died for us. It means peace with God, free from the power of sin. Without merit, but by grace alone. Israel may now pass through the Blood Gate, from slaves to free people, from a land devastated and sown from the smells of death, sin and disobedience to a new land, a land of milk and honey ... of one World to another world. Jesus is the door, the gate to the Father ...

Translated from original script written by Dewald Cronje

## Pastoral



- Pray for the Youth camp next weekend. May God bless this gathering of our Youth.
- We also pray for the Victoria Park Community. May the Lord open their hearts to His message of love.
- Let us continue to pray for comfort and strength for Dawn Loos as she adjusts to life without Ken, that God will surround her with His compassion and grace through each of us.

## Announcements

**Pastor Reinier is away on Long Service Leave and Ecumenical duties:** please refer all pastoral and other matters to one of the elders. Lord willing, he will return refreshed on Monday 24th July.

**Senior Men of Our Churches:** We plan to meet again this week Tuesday 16th May, at the Peletier home, 26 Bridge St, Wilson – 10am. Our guest will be Mr. Michael Cockram, a retired lawyer. All very welcome. – Jan

**Canning Bible Study:** Meets this Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Noppers' home 7:30 p.m. We will be continuing our look at the Gospel of John. Join us for fellowship and encouragement from God's Word.

**Wilson Fellowship:** Meets again, Lord willing, Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm at Mrs. Zuidersma's home. We will be studying Lesson 7, Book of Isaiah. Also read Isaiah 11:1 – 12:6. All welcome.

**Anniversary of the Reformed Church of Box Hill:** On 21 May 2017 the Reformed Church in Box Hill will celebrate God's goodness and blessing in their 60th anniversary. This will be followed by a light lunch. Past members and Ministers of the Box Hill Reformed Church congregation are warmly invited to join in the celebrations. The Worship Service will commence at 10.00 a.m.

### **Australind Youth Weekend 20 -21st May:**

We plan to have a weekend full of fellowship, food, and fun.

All meals are provided at no cost. Activities include games, sports, and a bonfire on the Saturday night. There will also be a talk on Saturday night about how being created in God's image impacts our relationships.

We plan to kick the weekend off on Saturday morning. Registration will be from 9am-11am

We plan to officially end the weekend after our closing service following lunch.

**Who can come?** Anyone aged 13 years or older.

**RSVP:** We need a rough idea of numbers, so please send us a text! Text Barbara: 0429817013

**Sleeping Arrangements:** As usual the boys will be sleeping in the Sunday school rooms supervised by another older male. And the girls will be sleeping in the Church supervised by another older female.

**Supervision:** The local youth committee including Brendon ten Brinke, Jarred Plug, Barbara ten Brinke, Clare Vink, and Craig van Echten will be supervising the event. All have a current working with children's card.

**What to bring:** Bible, notebook and pen, Sleeping gear (sleeping bag, pillow, mattress), Clothing and footwear, Toiletries, Torch, Snacks

**Enrolment forms on entrance table.** Under 18's must have enrolment/participation form signed by parent.

**CRCA Youth Convention 2018 is open for registrations:** For more details see flyer on entrance table.

**Bibles for Russia:** Once again we as a congregation will have the opportunity to contribute to "Bibles for Russia". A Door Offering will be held on Sunday 28th May. Jenny Abetz will also give a short presentation of the continuing work of this ministry and the blessing they are to Russian children. Please give this your prayerful consideration and support this as we have always done with generosity and thanksgiving to the Lord.

### **News from Other Churches.**

The Reformed Church of Blacktown Retirement Home Limited

### **EUROKA HOMES** **A PROJECT OF THE NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Euroka Homes, Blacktown, are seeking to employ a caring Christian couple, who are committed to care for the elderly. The couple will be required to live on site in a comfortable cottage and will be employed on a full time basis Duties will include garden and grounds maintenance, cleaning of common facilities, minor repairs, security and emergencies. Appropriate salary, accommodation, holidays, superannuation etc. is offered.

To express your interest in this job opportunity, then please contact: The Secretary Euroka Homes, Theo Hudson, Unit 17, 51 Sunnyholt Road, Blacktown, N.S.W. Email - [thudson@ozemail.com.au](mailto:thudson@ozemail.com.au)

### **Gosnells:**

- John de Jong recently had a fall and is now in Fremantle hospital.
- Anne Howard is now recovering in Armadale hospital.
- Len Aarnoudse began his chemotherapy on Friday. We pray that he responds well to the treatment.
- Reminder, Thursday (May 25) is Ascension Day. There will be a commemorative service here (Gosnells CRC) starting at 7.30pm.



SWIM - SOLOMON ISLANDS Supporting Work In Missions - A Mission of the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia  
<http://swim.crca.org.au/>

## SWIM monthly NEWS (MAY)

Let us not be weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Galatians 6: 9,10.

### THE BASE

Much ado around the base with the painting of the inside of the Deed house and the outside of Eric’s house has now been finished. Termites seem to be under control now, and we are now praying for rain ☺ as our tanks are now low. Life is very interesting on the base from one month to the next.

A team from Kingston (Tasmania) are forming nicely and we look forward to their arrival at the end of August to build of the new Deed House. We have decided to locate the house on the western boundary, adjacent to the current Deed House. We look forward to meeting them and watching them work ☺

The Ladies continue to keep the Transit House in good order and work very hard when there are back to back groups. We need a replacement washing machine for the Transit House, and we are also looking at new solar batteries for the office/director’s house/leaf house as the ones that are on providing power (or not!) now keep trying to die.

### WORD MINISTRY

Eric & Jemima spent a week in Australia at the Pastor’s Conference, then a week over Easter in their home village on Malaita where Eric ministered at their Easter program (6 sermons over 5 days!). The Bible study series, ‘Raising a Christian family in today’s world’ went into recess over Easter, but has commenced again. With 300-400 attendees sitting under Eric’s teaching, the potential impact is great. Jemima also contracted malaria but is now recovering and getting better each day.

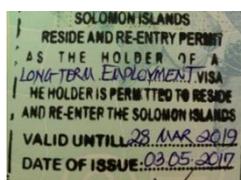
### DEED MINISTRY

It’s been a busy month for Transit bookings, with teams from NZ and Australia passing through, three groups from Internal Revenue Department (local) for team building, and various church groups for Easter and other events. Also, a truckload of goods was taken to the wharf for shipping to One Pusu Bible College.

Ron and Tanya are at present waiting in Brisbane for their work permits and visas to be approved. At the time of writing this, the work permits should be approved by the end of this week, with the long-term employment visas hopefully approved by the end of next week. Then it’s WELCOME TO RON AND TANYA!! This means that the SWIM base will have full staff for the first time in a little while.

### DIRECTORS

For our first Easter in the Solomon Islands we attended a dawn service at the American war memorial with the church we attend here (Kukum Campus Church). It was a ‘heavenly setting’ located high on a ridge overlooking Honiara and out to Iron Bottom Sound. A breath taking way to celebrate the resurrection of our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ. Easter is a big deal over here with most of the country attending church on Thursday night (Good Friday eve) through till Monday morning.



Our visas are finally approved and have the required stamp! We thank God for the quickness of it all, when all said and done, from the time we had the required paper-work put in, it was only three weeks. The hold-ups normally come when you are only told one week at a time that you need another form, or another piece of information before the forms can all be lodged. Both of us have been a bit sick, Scott with some random bug trying to imitate mild malaria, but testing negative to both malaria and



dengue. Whereas Heather tested positive to FP malaria and had to take two courses of medication to kick it out! YUK!

Well that’s all from us for now, talk again next month. Thanks so much for your support and prayers.

## What's Happening This Week

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May: 10 a.m. – Senior Men of our Churches, Peletier home.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May: 8:30 a.m. - Bread @ the Church

7:30 p.m. – Canning Bible Study, Nopper's home.

7:30 p.m. - Wilson Fellowship, Mrs. Zuiderma's home.

Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>: Australind Youth Event

Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> May: Box Hill 60th Anniversary Celebration



### BIRDAYS THIS WEEK

May 16<sup>th</sup> – Corne de Jager

## Coming Up...

May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Rally for Life

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Door offering for “Bibles for Russia”

## Service Rosters

Date	Preacher	Duty elder	Greeters	Reader	Musician	Data	Sound
21 <sup>st</sup> May	T. van Drimmelen	Sam	Willem & Jannet	Jacqueline	Rebecca	Paul N.	Nelson
28 <sup>th</sup> May	P. Abetz	Bardi	Sam & Eril	Nelson	Elsa	Johan	Paul vdk
4 <sup>th</sup> June	D. Kroon	Willem	Bardi & Yvonne	Raymond	Rebecca	Luke	Klarinda
11 <sup>th</sup> June	B. Murphy	Sam	Willem & Hetty	Beslin	Elsa	Johan	Nelson

## Helping Hands

Date	Coffee	Crèche	Sunday School
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Morgan, Elsa	Annette, Nicola	Nicolene
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Ossevoort, de Haan	Vanessa, Luke	Saara
4 <sup>th</sup> June	De Jager, Janny	Jacqueline, Joshua	Saara
11th	Oostryck, Assaad	Rebecca, Bethia	Yvonne

