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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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First Offering:

For the ministry of this church

Second Offering:

28th May Manoah House

4th June Sonshine Radio

11th June Solomon Islands Workgroup

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Preacher: Rev. P. Abetz

Reading: 2 Cor 5: 11-21; Luke 18: 9-14

Text: 2 Cor 5:21

SERMON: The Christian Self Image (2) the Problem of Sin and Guilt.

Today's sermon builds on the previous one of self image.

Christians often feel guilty, which leads to a less than Biblical self-image. We will explore the difference between false guilt, and how God offers a permanent solution to all feelings of guilt through the saving work of Jesus Christ.

Meditation

"But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish"

Jonah 1: 3

Where does the compass point, or do we determine the direction?

The Lord commands Jonah to get ready. Jonah got ready but Jonah was disobedient. There is a word that we know and use so well - but. We often use it to reflect on excuses and excuses, just as Jonah resisted the Lord's command. This word is used so often to 'secure' ourselves against God's orders. As with Jonah, God calls his church, his congregation, to serve in obedience in His kingdom. In order to follow another path, to turn in another direction, there is human sorrow.

The deep question in human heart comes forward every day: which is the direction in which I should go?

We are traveling, just like Jonah. We are also on a ship. The pilot of such a ship has only one direction indicator, a compass. If the needle shows north, then the opposite direction is south, so also east and west. The ship left for Tarshish, west. God sends Jonah east. Jonah knew he was disobedient, because God gave him a direct direction to where. As already asked which direction today?

Our compass on our journey to eternal life is God's Word. The compass's needle always points to the cross, to Jesus Christ. The fruit of deliberate sin is very expensive...

Pastoral

- We 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.

Canning Bible Study: Meets Wednesday May 31st at the Alberts home at 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: Will meet again, God willing, on Wednesday 31st 7:30 p.m. at Mrs. Zoethout's home. We will be studying lesson 8, Book of Isaiah. Also read Isaiah 24: 1-23. All Welcome!

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.

Shared Lunch: Next Sunday 4th June, we will be having our monthly shared lunch. Bring along a plate to share and join us for some great food and fellowship after Church.

CRCA Perth Women's Retreat 2018: Registration for next year's Women Retreat, 9 – 12 March, is now open. Please find the registration pamphlet with more info of the event on the entrance table.



Mother's Day High Tea

Saturday 13th of May will be remembered by many ladies (120 in all!). We had a scrumptious High Tea in beautiful surroundings at The Kossen's. Amongst much chatter and laughter all seemed to be having a great time.

All this to raise money to go towards travel expenses for our speaker, Sherry Harney, from the USA who will be speaking at the upcoming CRCA Perth Women's Retreat. A fantastic amount of \$3400 was raised!

Thank you to all who attended and for supporting the craft Table also.

Thank you to all who supplied the food, helped set up and Serve, as well as clean up afterwards.

Special thanks to Cathy and Helen van der Kooij and their daughters!

Huge thanks to Yvonne and Eddie Kossen for letting us use their wonderful venue! The registration forms are now out and you can start planning and saving for the Retreat in March (9th - 12th) next year!



From the CRCA Perth Women's Retreat Committee



Bible League is looking for a new CEO to fulfil the leadership and management role of the organisation at its Penrith office (NSW). If you believe you have the right skills, qualifications and calling, please refer to the full advertisement on christianjobs.com.au and apply. For further info please email info@bl.org.au

Classis WA May 2017 Short Minutes

Pastor Joe Vermeulen of Grace Church opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, and leading us in a devotion on Lk 1:1-4, singing 'Abba Father', and prayer.

The meeting was chaired by Pastor Dan Kroon, with Vice-Chair Pastor John de Jongh and Clerk Ross Patterson. Delegates stood to signify their agreement with the doctrinal standards.

Churches Reports were received from the churches, highlighting a praise point, prayer point and helpful resource. Time was spent covering these matters in prayer.

Jayden Swarts (State Youth Work Coordinator) reported on Classis Youth Work. A rough start of the year led into a great camp which is planned to be annual. Youth leadership training has begun fortnightly. And youth services should begin in third term. The national Youth Convention planning is coming together well, with WA state fundraising being organised to help those who need the help. Funding for this position for another year was approved.

General Business: The institution of Hope Community Church was approved, with Classis very thankful to God for the way He has blessed and grown that work and worked through them. The institution of Forrestdale Church was deferred until a later date, with more information requested.

Grace Church reported that Jaco Classen has been installed as pastor of Kalgoorlie church plant. He will be registered with the government so as to be able to perform marriages, and also with the CRCA administrator.

A request from Manoah Homes that funding for their Pastoral Counsellor for another year be continued was approved.

A recommendation from Willetton regarding combined evening worship services was approved. The first will be held at Gosnells CRC on Sunday Oct 29th with a 500th anniversary Reformation theme. A proposed Church Order Overture change was approved, that 'The sessions shall see to it that the congregations assemble for public worship at least once a Sunday'. This will now be forwarded to be addressed at next year's Synod.

The meeting was closed in group prayer, and next meeting will be held on Aug 19 at Gosnells.

What's Happening This Week

Sunday 28th May: Bibles for Russia, door offering.

Wednesday 31st May: 8:30 a.m. - Bread @ the Church

7:30 p.m. – Canning Bible Study, Albert's Home

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





BIRDAYS THIS WEEK

May 31st – Ina Eikelboom

June 4th – Riet Kik

Coming Up...

June 4th – Shared Lunch after Church

Service Rosters

Date	Preacher	Duty elder	Greeters	Reader	Musician	Data	Sound
4 th June	D. Kroon	Willem	Bardi & Yvonne	Raymond	Rebecca	Luke	Klarinda
11 th June	B. Murphy	Sam	Willem & Hetty	Beslin	Elsa	Johan	Nelson
18 th June	R. Patterson	Bardi	Sam & Jill	Nelson	Rebecca	Paul N.	Paul vdK
25 th June	R. Patterson	Willem	Bardi & Jannet	Jacqueline	Elsa	Luke	Klarinda

Helping Hands

Date	Coffee	Crèche	Sunday School
4 th June	De Jager, Janny	Jacqueline, Joshua	Saara
11 th June	Oostryck, Assaad	Rebecca, Bethia	Yvonne
18 th June	Pleysier, Victor	Melody, Beslin	Yvonne
25 th June	Nieuwkerk, Johan	Annette, Nicola	Nicolene

