



WELCOME

Wonga Park CRC is a church that is committed to helping people grow in their faith, one step at a time. We believe people do this by encountering God in his living word, through prayer, and in community with other believers.

New here? We would love to meet and connect with you, so please fill in your details on the back of this newsletter, place the it in the offering bag and one of our team will contact you. Alternatively send an email to pastor@wpcrc.org.au and we will get in contact with you.

God's Word: We encourage you to take notes in the place provided, to reflect on what God has been saying to you, and to discuss it with your family, friends and children.

Prayer: We have several places in our worship service where we pray. We would also love to pray with you after the service. If you would like someone to pray with you, please remain in the main auditorium and a member of our prayer team will come and pray with you.

Community: We encourage you to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship. If you are a visitor, please grab a free barista made coffee (available most mornings). We would love to meet you and get to know you more. We have a **cry room** off to the side of the church for parents with infants. During school terms we also run a **Sunday School** program before the church service for high school aged children and during the church service for primary school aged children, and we have a **crèche** for ages 1-5 at the end of the main hallway.

Groups: We have a number of growth groups that meet throughout the week to pray for people, gather around God's word, and care for one another. If you would like to join a group, please contact pastor Chris (pastor@wpcrc.org.au).

Loving This Church Like God Does

Ephesians 5:25-27 (CSB) and

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her with the washing of water by the word. 27 He did this to present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and blameless. -- Ephesians 5:24-27 (CSB)

1 Corinthians 3:10-17(CSB)

10 According to God's grace that was given to me, I have laid a foundation as a skilled master builder, and another builds on it. But each one is to be careful how he builds on it. 11 For no one can lay any foundation other than what has been laid down. That foundation is Jesus Christ. 12 If anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, 13 each one's work will become obvious. For the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire; the fire will test the quality of each one's work. 14 If anyone's work that he has built survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will experience loss, but he himself will be saved — but only as through fire.

16 Don't you yourselves know that you are God's temple and that the Spirit of God lives in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and that is what you are. - 1 Corinthians 3:10-17 (CSB)

SERMON NOTES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What sort of things do you normally think about as you walk into church?
2. What do you really love about church at the moment?
3. What do you find hard (if anything) about church at the moment?
4. When the New Testament Christians walked into church, they weren't walking into a purpose-built religious-looking building. Mostly they were walking into someone's home. How do you think this would have affected the way they thought about walking into church?
5. What do you think God is thinking about as you walk into church?
6. Read Ephesians 5:25-27 and 1 Corinthians 3:10-17. What do these passages teach about God's attitude towards the church?
7. What difference would it make, do you think, if you were to pray as you walked into church?
8. Think about the people at your church:
 - a. Who is new in the past 12 months? Do you know why they came to your church?
 - b. What do new people tend to do at the end of your church service?
 - c. Think about your own habits at church:
 - d. Where do you normally sit? Why there?
 - e. Who do you normally speak with?
 - f. What do you tend to do after the meeting finishes?

What would change for you if you prayed about who to talk to and where to sit each Sunday?

GROWTH GROUPS

We have a number of growth groups in our church, please contact the person listed below to connect to one. We have a few specific groups (noted below) as well as some general groups.

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Wednesday Nights
(Young Adults, hybrid in person and online)

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kasha.schubert@hotmail.com

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Thursday Mornings (In person)

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Wednesday Nights (In person)

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BUDGET UPDATE

Funds in: March was a better month in terms of offerings and funds received into our church bank account.

Expenses: Payments for the month were much higher than budget, primarily due to some arrears CRC Australia ministry share contributions that were brought up to date. The year-to-date expenses as reported is now reasonably accurate and mostly in line with budget.

Shortfall: Our year-to-date cash shortfall is about \$25k, marginally better than budget. This means y.t.d. we have drawn down on or depleted our cash resources to the amount of about \$25,000. .

Finance Overview

Mar-21	Budget	Actual
Funds in	19,660	18,725
Expenses	23,608	34,312
Year-to-date		
Funds in	171,520	174,335
Expenses	198,579	199,486

GIVING

In our church we have 2 offerings every Sunday. The first offering goes toward the ministry of this congregation. The second offering goes toward various ministry organisations we support. If you would like to support this work you can do so in a few different ways:

In church giving: Simply add your offering to the offering bag.

Bank Transfer: BSB: 063 167 Acc: 1015 8356.

For the Deacons **BSB: 063167 Acc. 1015 8372**

Via Church App: Online or via our church app: <https://wpcrc.org.au/give>

DIARY

Sunday 6 June

10:00 am Worship Service (Online)

4.00 pm Zoom for Youth (Online)



Luca	Aitken	5 June	Pieter	Viljoen	14 June
Rommie	Chapman	8 June	Annemarie	Van Zyl	15 June
Abby	Remminga	8 June	Martin	Van Zyl	16 June
Thinus	du Plessis	11 June	Rhoda	Barnard	17 June
Mari	Burger	12 June	Abigail	Vanderjagt	17 June
Lynette	Kock	13 June			

Families (particularly with teens) are encouraged to attend the next State Family Equip service on the 18th of July at One Hope Community Church in Scoresby, VIC. 5pm - 7:30pm with a discipleship workshop + FREE dinner follow the service. There are four of these services a year that are hosted by different CRCA churches.

VICTORIAN CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES YOUTH

EQUIP NIGHT

SUNDAY 18th JULY

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM @ ONE HOPE

SCORESBY SECONDARY COLLEGE CAVELL ST, SCORESBY

DINNER INCLUDED

"WHO ARE YOU, REALLY?"

WORKSHOPS FOR YOUTH & PARENTS TO FOLLOW AFTER DINNER



Our Sunday School program is flourishing, and we'd love others in the congregation to be a part of it.

Who are we looking for?

Anyone! The kids learn in many different ways and what is very clear is that they benefit from having a variety of role-models who all have the same beliefs and all teach them the same message!

What is the time commitment?

A typical commitment is for a period of 2 consecutive weeks at a time. At the start of each Term, you choose which 2-week block you would like to help out with, and then you prepare ONE lesson only, which you will deliver once to the older kids in the first week and again to the younger kids the next week. You can also sign up for 2 x 2 weeks per term too!

How do I know what and how to teach?

There is generally a specific theme/story for each term. The main resource we use is excellent in telling you what the story is about, what message to teach the kids, and even give you lots of ideas on how to deliver the message in a fun and creative way. You can use any method you like and we have a reasonable budget to purchase what you need. Over the last few years we've had arts and crafts, games, drama, music, movies, science, magic shows, cooking and LEGO, just to name a few.

What else do I need to do?

You will need a working with children check and complete the "Childsafe" course for volunteers.

Great, I'm interested – after all, 2 weeks is not a huge commitment, and kids are awesome!!!!

Please speak to/text/email Nicky. 0439 084 987 or nicheyer@yahoo.co.uk

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

As required by Victoria Health we need to keep a record of who has been attending the church service. We have set up a QR code that you can scan when you arrive at church on which your basic information will be captured securely onto a form in Elvanto.

We will only use or disclose your check-in information for coronavirus (COVID-19) contact tracing. Your data will then be deleted after 28 days. Your details won't be used for marketing or other purposes.

We will also have some volunteers with iPads to assist people who are unable to check in using their phones. It may take a bit of time to get everyone through the process so please try to be a bit earlier at church than what you would normally be.

NEXT PRAYER MEETING: via zoom

Thursday the 10th of June at 7.30pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5625807703>

Meeting ID: 562 580 7703



PRAYER POINTS

“Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do. Expect unexpected things ‘above all that we ask or think.’” – Andrew Murray

As we go into the coming week let us daily pray;

That we are ever mindful of where our strength, our wisdom, our ability to bear the fruit our God desires comes from.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5 NRSV)

Give praise and thanks to our Lord Jesus for being the source of our spiritual life and for his promise to never let us go.

Please continue to pray for our brother Thinus du Plessis, pray that he will have the strength he needs to do the things he needs to do.

Please continue to pray for Johanna Rademan as she recovers from the effects of her fall, pray that there won't be any lasting difficulties.

Please continue to pray for Suzanne and Phillip Nel, pray that the Lord will bring comfort and peace especially to Suzanne and give patience to Phillip.

Pray for the churches in our neighbourhood that we will continue to uphold the good name of our Lord Jesus and be lights shining in the darkness.

Pray for our nation that the corona virus with all its negative consequences will be used by our Lord God to bring great benefit for his kingdom here on earth.

Please pray for our young people that they will not be fooled into believing that dabbling in the occult is just a bit of fun and that demons are either harmless or don't exist.

Jenny Weaver thought dabbling in the occult as a teenage witch would be “fun”. Instead, the torment that followed throughout her life became so unbearable that Jenny wanted to die. For Jenny, it all started as a supernatural game. “Things were happening. I was moving things,” says Jenny. “I would go up to a drawer to open it and before my hand would even touch it, the drawer would open.” “Lights would break when we would start talking about the demonic realm, glass would fall all over us,” says Jenny. But eventually, it turned into some

thing much more sinister. Jenny grew up in Florida with seven siblings. Her home was dominated by abusive parents, who handed out punishment for the slightest offense. It wasn't much better at their church that didn't teach about a loving father, but a vengeful, angry God ready to condemn sinners to hell.

"I was always thinking God's disappointed in me. God's upset," says Jenny. "So, I was really filled with shame and condemnation." Then her father walked out, leaving 13-year-old Jenny, her siblings, and their mom destitute. "So, I must not even be worthy enough to be loved, to be thought of, to be cared for," says Jenny. "You shouldn't even be alive. Why are you even here?" she thought. "It would be better off if you just killed yourself." Feeling powerless and unloved, Jenny started cutting herself and smoking pot. Then she saw a movie about teen witches that showed her a way to take charge of her life. Soon, she was pouring over books about witchcraft, Wicca, and the occult, and trying spells with her friends.

"Wiccan religion is, 'Do what you want, but do no one any harm. I felt like I had power,'" says Jenny. But that power was only an illusion because the turmoil in Jenny's home, and within herself, remained. At 17, after a fight with her mum, Jenny ran away and dropped out of school. Bouncing between friends' homes and drug houses over the coming years, she got into harder drugs, sometimes blacking out for days. "And I was so broken and so hurting all the time, that I engaged in just the craziest things you could imagine, and just gave myself away to whoever, whenever, whatever," says Jenny. "It didn't matter." Then she moved in with a girl who came from a family of witches. Her new friend showed her the things she thought were harmless and fun opened the door to a dark, sinister, and very frightening world Jenny only thought existed in books and movies.

"You would feel demon spirits literally walking by you like a human being" says Jenny. "Touching you. Scraping the wall. It went from, 'Oh, this is gonna be really fun, into, 'I'm gonna choke you until you die.' All the time. Terrified, she stopped practicing witchcraft, but the demon of addiction would continue to haunt and torment her for years to come. Jenny said "I would just lay there and go, 'I hope I just die. I hope these drugs take me out this time.'" At 26, she was living with her boyfriend, Stephen, hopelessly addicted to meth. Then she got pregnant. One day, seeing no hope for her or her baby's future "I just fell on my knees and I screamed out as loud as I possibly could, 'God, help me!!'" says Jenny. "It was the loudest, longest scream. 'Ohhhh, please.' And I didn't see lightning, I didn't see any of that, but I felt a peace," says Jenny.

"That was the first time I felt the Lord saying to me, 'I'm gonna help you.'" Jenny says that help came in an unexpected way: two days later she was arrested, sent to jail, and ordered to complete a drug treatment program. There, she began to hear about a different God, a father who was loving, merciful, and ready to forgive through his son, Jesus Christ. One night, Jenny whispered a prayer. I said, 'God, I just want You to help me. I really want to love people, but there was such a hardness. And I just asked the Lord to take it. And I said, 'God, I'm just gonna give You my life today,'" says Jenny. "And I surrendered to the Lord." "And I knew that everything that I had gone through, everything that I had done, had been forgiven," says Jenny. "And when Jesus did that for me, it changed everything. Everybody that threw me away, He came, and He healed that."

On the day of her release, Jenny gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Cameron. Later, Stephen also got clean and accepted Christ, and the couple married in 2013. For a few years, Jenny still sensed a dark presence in her life. Then at a deliverance service at church, a woman led her in prayer to renounce witchcraft. "I would say, 'I renounce,' and I would try to say "witchcraft" but the demons wouldn't let me," says Jenny. "It was like my mouth was frozen, I couldn't even get the words out, and they would say, 'we're not leaving, no' says Jenny. Finally, "I knew there was a release, I could tell, I could feel it. I knew. And I was just, 'Thank you, Jesus.'" Jenny said. With the past far behind her, Jenny went on to develop a close relationship with her mum. She was also able to reconcile with her dad a few months before he passed away. Today, Jenny is a home-school mum, entrepreneur, and worship leader, sharing her music and her passion for the Lord.

Source: *CBNNews*

EMERGENCY RELIEF APPEAL FOOD AND MEDS FOR A FAMILY

Severe lockdowns in India. Means another FOOD CRISIS !

The second wave of the pandemic in India has again brought huge suffering. Not only is there a public health emergency across the globe because of the pandemic, but acute hunger continues to affect the poorest of the poor. Again, because of the pandemic day labourers have no work, no pay and no means of feeding the family. Last week, in anticipation of your support, World Transform started a response in many villages, providing food essentials & basic medicines.



World Transform is prioritizing hundreds of marginalized people living in poverty in Central Western India. We will again be giving **food but also medicines** for many with fever, diarrhoea, pain or congestion. (Paracetamol for pain. Antihistamine for allergies & colds. Antibiotics for infections and diarrhoea.)

World Transform is appealing again for help to: "Feed a Family" for at least a week.
\$20 will truly help one family!

1. PRAY.

At your home, please pray for hungry families.

2. Feed a Family. Can you feed just one familv?

Christians and non Christians will be helped in the precious name of Jesus.

What can be done?

Make a donation by EFT to the WT account below!

World Transform.
BSB 037 608 A/c No: 131745
Write: "**FOOD**" in message.

Just \$15 will buy enough rice, veg, dhal & oil for a family of 2 adults and 3 children for a whole week.

&

\$5 more will help hungry sick kids get a bit stronger again.

According to God's grace that was given to me, I have laid a foundation as a skilled master builder, and another builds on it. But each one is to be careful how he builds on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than what has been laid down. That foundation is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:10-11(CSB)

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CONNECT WITH US

If you would like someone from church to connect with you, please fill in this page, tear it off and put it in the offering bag.

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