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## WELCOME

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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 it in the offering bag and one of our team will contact you. Alternatively send an email to [pastor@wpcrc.org.au](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@wpcrc.org.au)).

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## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

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### EXODUS CHAPTER 20

#### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Then God spoke all these words:

2 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery.

3 Do not have other gods besides me.

4 Do not make an idol for yourself, whether in the shape of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. 5 Do not bow in worship to them, and do not serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, bringing the consequences of the fathers' iniquity on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me, 6 but showing faithful love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commands.

7 Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God, because the Lord will not leave anyone unpunished who misuses his name.

8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy: 9 You are to labor six days and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. You must not do any work — you, your son or daughter, your male or female servant, your livestock, or the resident alien who is within your city gates. 11 For the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and everything in them in six days; then he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and declared it holy.

12 Honor your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

13 Do not murder.

14 Do not commit adultery.

15 Do not steal.

16 Do not give false testimony against your neighbor.

17 Do not covet your neighbor's house. Do not covet your neighbor's wife, his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

#### THE PEOPLE'S REACTION

18 All the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the ram's horn, and the mountain surrounded by smoke. When the people saw it they trembled and stood at a distance. 19 "You speak to us, and we will listen," they said to Moses, "but don't let God speak to us, or we will die."

20 Moses responded to the people, "Don't be afraid, for God has come to test you, so that you will fear him and will not sin." 21 And the people remained standing at a distance as Moses approached the total darkness where God was.

#### MOSES RECEIVES ADDITIONAL LAWS

22 Then the Lord told Moses, "This is what you are to say to the Israelites: You have seen that I have spoken to you from heaven. 23 Do not make gods of silver to rival me; do not make gods of gold for yourselves.

24 "Make an earthen altar for me, and sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, your flocks and herds. I will come to you and bless you in every place where I cause my name to be remembered. 25 If you make a stone altar for me, do not build it out of cut stones. If you use your chisel on it, you will defile it. 26 Do not go up to my altar on steps, so that your nakedness is not exposed on it. -- Exodus 20:1-26 (CSB)

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### SERMON NOTES

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. How many of the Ten Commandments do you know? Beyond memorizing them, how else can they be made profitable?
2. How are God's holiness and grace demonstrated in His giving Israel the Ten Words? Why is it important to remember that God delivered Israel from slavery first, then gave the Ten Words?
3. What is the connection between God saying, "All the earth is Mine," and our status as a "kingdom of priests"? What is our mandate?
4. How does obedience to the four "vertical" commands cause a person to obey the six "horizontal" commands? That is, how does the first "greatest command" give rise to the second?
5. How does the first command address atheism, agnosticism, and idolatry? What do people in your culture tend to worship, and how do they express that worship?
6. How is jealousy a virtue in God but generally a vice in humans? Why is it good for God to demand His own worship and defend His own glory?
7. How does human pride subvert each of the commands? How are coveting and stealing related to the first command?
8. How do you observe your Sabbath? Which receives more time and emphasis: rest or worship?
9. Why is it not always helpful to distinguish moral law, civil law, and ceremonial law? Which category does each of the Ten Words fall in?
10. Why does the perfect righteousness incorporated in the Ten Words cause people to lose hope? What restores that hope?[\[1\]](#)

[\[1\]](#) Tony Merida, *Exalting Jesus in Exodus* (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2014), Ex 19:1–20:21.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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# DIARY

**Sunday 14 November**

**10:00 am** Online and in person Worship Service

**4.00 pm** Zoom for Youth (Online)

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## GIVING

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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. Today it is to the work of the Diaconate. 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.

*If using bank transfer:* BSB: 063 167 Acc: 1015 8356.

If the offering is for the first collection please add your name and SUN 1 in the description line and if the offering is for the second collection add SUN 2

Any additional gifts for the Deacons are always appreciated and will go towards supporting people within and outside of our congregation.

For the Deacons BSB: 063167 Acc. 1015 8372

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

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## 2ND OFFERING—14/11/21— CHURCH PLANTING TASK FORCE

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Church Planting Task Force: The mandate given to the CPT is to promote the mission of Christ throughout our denomination with a particular focus on church planting. These funds are used by the church planting taskforce to fund new church plants. Our denomination makes grants of ~\$30000 available to each church plant, to fund staff and building expenses in order to help start new churches.

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Jedd	Reed	8 November	Andrew	Remminga	9 November
Eveline	Van Dortland	8 November	Annie	Huang	11 November
James	Van Veen	8 November	Esmeralda	Bakkes	13 November
Will	Oppermann	9 November	Izelle	Steenkamp	14 November
			Berndt	Burger	20 November

*On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.*  
*2 Corinthians 1:10-11*



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# Enrolments Welcome!

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILD?  
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 CALL 9756 7244**

*A CHRIST-CENTRED SCHOOL COMMUNITY, DEVELOPING THE GOD  
 GIVEN GIFTS OF EACH CHILD IN A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT.*



## EDUCATION FOR LIFE





Congratulations to Elmie and Jon who got engaged on the 27/10/21. They are looking forward to their wedding next year!

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Janette and Roger give thanks to God for the arrival of their precious granddaughter Zoe Judith Fernando, weighing 2.1kg. She was born a month early to Tim and Lisle and will be in hospital (Alice Springs) for at least another week or two, so we would value your prayers for the family.

Janette and Roger



# MONTHLY

*November 2021 Issue #147*



## COLLEGE NEWS

Like 2020, this has been an unusual year. We had to run the second semester entirely online as the lockdown was in force from July until very recently. Thankfully, the situation in Melbourne has improved significantly as the vaccination rates increased, and most people can move around with a higher degree of freedom. We are thankful for this, and we pray that other locked-down areas (such as Auckland) may be able to open soon and that many of you will be able to enjoy more normal patterns of life very soon.

Students have finished their lectures for the year. They now have a week of preparation for the exams, but due to the complications regarding space use in the higher education sector they will have to do exams in their homes and churches with supervisors. Please pray for them. Some of them will be completing their degrees, and some will be completing their first semester. It is our prayer that they will finish the race well despite this unusual situation and we would like to encourage you to remember them during this time.



<https://mailchi.mp/4f3d19ed1563/rtc-monthly-april-2021-issue-4977782?>



## Prison Fellowship Angel Tree

Prison fellowship brings together volunteer criminal, victim and donor, family and church member, sinner and saint all under the one tent.

Prison fellowship has been running the Angel Tree program for over 30 years. This program offers parents in prison a gift to be sent to their child, on their behalf at Christmas time.

This is an article taken from, The Prison Fellowship Prayer Diary for Monday 18 October. Used with permission.

Last week we received this letter from a person in prison here in Victoria.

*I have been informed about a program that your organisation runs called 'Angel Tree' whereby you can help the children of prisoners receive a present at Christmas time. Having experienced my first Christmas in prison last year I found it the most difficult, upsetting and challenging time of my life as I couldn't be there with my children or even provide them a gift to celebrate this time of the year.*

*I was raised in a home where Christmas was valued as the most special and magical time of the year. To be absent from my family and unable to even send my children a Christmas gift last year ripped my heart out. When I heard about this program that you provide, I thought that I would write and see if you could include me so I may be able to give something to my kids this Christmas. I love and miss my family so much that it hurts and it broke my heart to see the sadness in their eyes during the video visit and hear the disappointment in their voices on the telephone calls, when I couldn't share Christmas with them last year. I think that being part of this program would go some way towards alleviating a little of that.*

*I thank you and your organisation for the support that you provide to prisoners and their families.*

How can you help?

By donating as you are able too, to the Angel Tree appeal. \$30.00 is for the gift and \$10.00 for wrapping and postage. In past years gifts have been delivered in person.

You can do this by EFT using the Church's bank account, BSB: 063 167 Acc: 1015 8356 or by placing your donation in a sealed envelope in the collection bag. In either instance please mark your gift 'Angel Tree'.

Donations can be made up to and including 21st November 2021. After which time my volunteers and I will need to buy the presents and package them ready to be posted on or after the 1st December 2021, up until the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

I am calling for volunteers to help me buy pack and post the gifts.

Please remember Angel tree in prayer that the families and prisoners will know the love of God shown through the gifts given, and bring His message of light and hope to each one.

I can be contacted on 0410079847 or the email address above.



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## PRAYER POINTS

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

For his strength so that what ever the day brings forth we will be able to meet it head on trusting in Him.

*Search for the LORD and for His strength; seek His face always. (Psalm 105:4 HCSB)*

Give praise and thanks to God for his constant presence even when it feels like we're all alone.

Please pray for those among us who are struggling with various forms of cancer and their after effects, Martie Schachtner, Gretchen Fourie, Joke van der Veen as well as others who want to remain private.

Please continue to pray for our elderly folk, Ina de Graaf, Eveline van Dortland, Johanna Rademan, Corrie van der Walt, Henk and Maria Knol, Phillip and Suzanne Nel, Johann and Hanna van der Walt as well as loved ones of our congregation outside our church community.

Please pray for our church as we slowly come back to some form of normality after the many lockdowns, pray that they Lord will use this experience for the benefit of his people and the glory and honour of his holy name.

Victoria's Equal Opportunity (Religious Exceptions) Amendment Bill 2021 will be debated in the Legislative Assembly next week. Under this bill, if a non-ordained church staff member or a teacher in a Christian school has an extramarital affair or lives in a relationship which is considered by law to be "lawful sexual behaviour" there can be no discipline or refusal to hire such people to work in Churches or Christian Schools. This means that biblical principles would no longer be able to be applied to people applying for or engaged in employment with a Christian employee. Please pray for the defeat of this bill in both Houses of the Victorian Parliament.

Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in North Korea. North Korea's communist dictatorship has been deploying factions within the regime to carry out wrongful arrests, torture, executions and the denial of fundamental religious freedom rights as it seeks to "exterminate all Christian adherents and institutions," the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) says in a report. In its report, USCIRF says the violations it documented "are seemingly designed to remove all traces of Christianity." "The campaign to exterminate all Christian adherents and institutions in North Korea has been brutally effective and continues through the work of the Ministry of State Security, networks of informants that stretch into China, the presence of political prison camps, executions, and an educational system that deters adherence through schools, workplaces, and neighbourhoods," says the report.

The freedoms in North Korea are "subordinate to and overruled by a document known as the Ten Principles for Establishing a Monolithic Leadership System," which has as its purpose to bring each North Korean individual's thoughts and acts in line with the teachings of Kim Il Sung, Kim Jong Il, and Kim Jong Un, it says. USCIRF also found that the Workers' Party of Korea maintains church buildings in Pyongyang, and "it instructs a small group of approved specialized cadres to perform Christian ceremonies in these buildings, while at the same time forbidding North Korean citizens, including that group of specialized cadres, to live as Christians." North Koreans experience the denial of the right to religious freedom from birth, the report reveals.

"School lessons and movies feature missionaries," a North Korean citizen is quoted as saying. "There is actually a movie titled 'The Missionary.' The movie features an American missionary who came to Korea during the Japanese colonial occupation period and swindled children after pretending to care about them. After people watched the movie, they developed a negative impression of the missionaries on an intuitive level. People even use the word 'missionary' as a curse word." Another citizen was quoted as saying, "There was a separate subject that completely demonized the missionaries. The very purpose of that subject was to stress how horrible the missionaries are and how horrible religion and the practice of superstition is." USCIRF says it also "documented credible accounts of the execution of Christian adherents."

"Kwon Eun Som and her grandchild were executed in July 2011 in Onsong County, with only a few law enforcement officials present to witness the event," the report adds. "The execution by firing squad took place outside Hajong-ri in Onsong County. It was overseen by Onsong Ministry of State Security branch personnel, acting on the authority of the Ministry of State Security." The report also identifies 68 cases of the state prosecuting individuals for their religious belief or for their association with religious persons. "Being discovered as a Christian is a death sentence in North Korea," says Open Doors, adding, "If you aren't killed instantly, you will be taken to a labour camp as a political criminal." North Korea's dictator Kim Jong Un is reported to have expanded the system of prison camps, in which an estimated 50,000-70,000 Christians are imprisoned.

**Source:** *Christian Post*

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## PASTORAL CARE TEAM

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Most of our pastoral care takes place within our growth groups, but we also have a dedicated pastoral care team to supplement this. If you would like to be visited, please feel free to contact any of our pastoral care team

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## GROWTH GROUPS

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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.

Sunday afternoons (Afrikaans in person)

Contact: Lourens Geldenhuys

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Wednesday Nights (Online)

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[neil\\_bester@yahoo.com](mailto:neil_bester@yahoo.com)

0429 569 149

and Martin Van der Merwe

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0458 908 148

Monday Nights (currently online)

Contact Peter Williams

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0431 500 006

Wednesday Nights

(Young Adults, hybrid in person and online)

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Wednesday Nights (Online)

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Wednesday Nights (In person)

Contact: Lynette Pretorius

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Thursday Mornings (In person)

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## KEY CONTACT DETAILS

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**Youth Pastor**

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**Crèche ministry**

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**GEMS**

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**Kids Hope Coordinator**

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**CAP Money Course**

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## CONNECT WITH US

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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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Contact number:

Contact email:

Notes: