

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 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. 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).

THE **LORD** COMES TO LIVE WITH HIS PEOPLE

EXODUS 40

SETTING UP THE TABERNACLE

The Lord spoke to Moses:

2 "You are to set up the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, on the first day of the first month. 3 Put the ark of the testimony there and screen off the ark with the curtain. 4 Then bring in the table and lay out its arrangement; also bring in the lampstand and set up its lamps. 5 Place the gold altar for incense in front of the ark of the testimony. Put up the screen for the entrance to the tabernacle. 6 Position the altar of burnt offering in front of the entrance to the tabernacle, the tent of meeting. 7 Place the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it. 8 Assemble the surrounding courtyard and hang the screen for the gate of the courtyard.

9 "Take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it along with all its furnishings so that it will be holy. 10 Anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils; consecrate the altar so that it will be especially holy. 11 Anoint the basin and its stand and consecrate it.

12 "Then bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance to the tent of meeting and wash them with water. 13 Clothe Aaron with the holy garments, anoint him, and consecrate him, so that he can serve me as a priest. 14 Have his sons come forward and clothe them in tunics. 15 Anoint them just as you anointed their father, so that they may also serve me as priests. Their anointing will serve to inaugurate a permanent priesthood for them throughout their generations."

16 Moses did everything just as the Lord had commanded him. 17 The tabernacle was set up in the first month of the second year, on the first day of the month. 18 Moses set up the tabernacle: He laid its bases, positioned its supports, inserted its crossbars, and set up its pillars. 19 Then he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent on top of it, just as the Lord had commanded Moses.

20 Moses took the testimony and placed it in the ark, and attached the poles to the ark. He set the mercy seat on top of the ark. 21 He brought the ark into the tabernacle, put up the curtain for the screen, and screened off the ark of the testimony, just as the Lord had commanded him.

22 Moses placed the table in the tent of meeting on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the curtain. 23 He arranged the bread on it before the Lord, just as the Lord had commanded him. 24 He put the lampstand in the tent of meeting opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle 25 and set up the lamps before the Lord, just as the Lord had commanded him.

26 Moses installed the gold altar in the tent of meeting, in front of the curtain, 27 and burned fragrant incense on it, just as the Lord had commanded him. 28 He put up the screen at the entrance to the tabernacle. 29 He placed the altar of burnt offering at the entrance to the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, and offered the burnt offering and the grain offering on it, just as the Lord had commanded him.

30 He set the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing. 31 Moses, Aaron, and his sons washed their hands and feet from it. 32 They washed whenever they came to the tent of meeting and approached the altar, just as the Lord had commanded Moses.

33 Next Moses set up the surrounding courtyard for the tabernacle and the altar and hung a screen for the gate of the courtyard. So Moses finished the work.

THE LORD'S GLORY

34 The cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. 35 Moses was unable to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud rested on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Sunday 12 December

10:00 am Online and in person Worship Service4.00 pm Zoom for Youth (Online)

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. Today it is to the Solomon Islands Work Group. 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

2ND OFFERING—12/12/21— REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

The Reformed Theological College is committed to training people to serve God in the whole of life.

http://www.rtc.edu.au/





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Sunday School Coordinator

We are seeking a volunteer to take up the role of Sunday School coordinator from the start of Term 1, 2022 as Nicky will now be stepping down from this role. For more information, even if you are only curious, please reach out to Chris or to Nicky who will happily discuss all the details with you. We can ensure that the transition is gradual, with plenty of support for the new coordinator whilst they settle into the new role.



Our next turn to help at the Dining Room Mission is on the **28th of December**, just a few days after Christmas.

We will be doing a BBQ and encouraging the guests to grab a plate and be served the bread rolls, rissoles, bacon, cheese, lettuce and tomato and sauce.

We also will have an alternative meal available and some desserts.

For this I will need some volunteers. If you think you can help on that afternoon/ evening please contact me. The persons working the BBQ's might need to be there from about 4pm and the persons serving from about 5 pm.

I look forward to your response.

Joy van Veen.



WORSHIP TEAM are looking for Singers and Instrumentalists to contribute to worship

If this is something you feel you would like to become involved in, please give Mia or Hennie van Wyk a call to discuss to see how you can become involved. Phone: Hennie 0420204538

BUDGET UPDATE

AS AT END OF OCTOBER 2021		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL
FUNDS IN	\$19,417	\$16,616
EXPENSES	\$18,914	\$12,442

PRAYER POINTS

Be honest with God about how you feel. He is not going to be disappointed. Sometimes my prayers are, "Lord I feel discouraged, please help me to pray." This is humbling myself before the Lord realizing that I need Him in order to persevere in prayer. Keep on fighting in prayer. Don't give up before He answers. Don't give up before you truly experience Him in prayer. – Fritz Chery

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

Prayers of thanksgiving for the wonderful, gracious God who instead of condemning us for all eternity sent his dear Son our Lord Jesus to rescue us.

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come and has redeemed His people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David. (Luke 1:68-69 NIV)

- * Give praise and worship to the great God of heaven above who did not abandon us to our fate but through great sacrifice provided us with salvation.
- * Give praise and thanks to our heavenly Father that we may rejoice with Pieter and Rachel Viljoen who are expecting. Pray that all will be well and that a healthy child will arrive in due course.
- * Please pray for Hanna van der Walt who has had a fall this week breaking her ankle which required surgery. Pray that she will be gain complete healing.
- * Please continue to pray for Lydia Oppermann, give thanks that she is doing better and pray for complete healing.
- * Pray for the marriage relationships in our congregation, pray that we will be prepared to sacrifice our selves for each other by putting the other first.
- * Pray that we, as God's people will always put Jesus' command to love one another before personal ambitions and hurts.
- Please continue to pray for the various pieces of legislation before the parliaments that may have a direct impact on Christians throughout our nation.

Pray that the Lord will cause a great awakening among his people throughout Australia so that this nation may be reclaimed for him.

Please continue to pray for God's people in Nigeria. Twelve people have been killed in two separate attacks on the Irigwe community in Plateau State, Nigeria. Gunmen suspected to be Fulani militants shot dead ten people and burned down 30 houses in a raid on Te'egbe village, Bassa Local Government Area on 26 November, three days after two men were killed in Bassa's Miango District.

In August 2021 Pastor Stephen Baba Panya, president of the Evangelical Church Winning All, called for urgent government action to prevent the "genocide" of the Irigwe people, among them a large number of Christians. A spokesman for the Miango Youth Development Association, Nuhu Bitrus, referred to a "calculated attack" carried out by the Fulani who intruded from the boundaries of Kaduna-Plateau, saying, "Eyewitnesses said the attackers came *en masse* to carry out this devilish act." He added that the assailants destroyed crops that had already been harvested.

Bitrus named the victims as Gara Ku, 80 years old; Wiye Gara, 67; Tala Gara, 68; Rikwe BalaYoh, 65; Tabitha Danlami, 8; Sibi Danlami, 4; Friday Musa, 35; Daniel Mandi, 45; Mweri Chogo, 86 and Ayo Balai, 6. The attacks also caused the displacement of 690 people from 114 households. Earlier on 23 November two farmers were shot dead in an ambush by gunmen in Ancha village in Miango District of Irigwe Chiefdom, also in Bassa Local Government Area. They were identified as Daniel James, 32, and Zakwe Deba, 35. The Irigwe, an ethnic group in Nigeria's Middle Belt, suffered a series of attacks during July and August, resulting in several deaths and the displacement of around 20,000 Irigwe people from 15 villages. After one such attack Pastor Adamu Musa, who was shot and injured, said, "My advice to Christians in Nigeria is that we should know the world has reached the point that Christians are being hunted and killed because they say we are infidels. We should unite and call on God. He will answer us."

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

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

> Peter Williams 0431 500 006

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Joy Van Veen 0409 199 840

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Neil Bester 0429 569 149

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.

Sunday afternoons (Afrikaans in person) Contact: Lourens Geldenhuvs insightabs@bigpond.com 0409 990 398

Monday Nights (currently online) **Contact Peter Williams** pw4@live.com.au 0431 500 006

Wednesday Nights (Young Adults, hybrid in person and online) Contact: Kasha Schubert kasha.schubert@hotmail.com 0450 012 177

> Wednesday Nights (In person) **Contact: Lynette Pretorius** pretorius.lynette@gmail.com 0423 889 912

Wednesday Nights (Online) Contact: Neil Bester neil bester@vahoo.com 0429 569 149 and Martin Van der Merwe martin.vandermerwe@bigpond.com 0458 908 148

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Wednesday Nights (Online) **Contact: Chris Pretorius** pastor@wpcrc.org.au 0423 889 913

Thursday Mornings (In person) Contact: Wendy Harrison wendy@tagroofing.com.au 0407 801 630

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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.

Your name: Contact number:

Contact email:

Notes: