



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.

**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.

**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)).



## JOB VACANCY

There are a number of jobs available at Hammond Care for care workers. Community care worker roles are available (local to people's homes) and roles in their residential cottages at Caulfield. Part time and full time available. If interested contact Jo Reed and she will connect you to the right people.



Martie	Schachtner	1 June	Rhoda	Barnard	17 June
Chris	Fourie	3 June	Tanya	Crous	24 June
Luca	Aitken	5 June	Karien	Bester	25 June
Rommie	Chapman	8 June	Christina Susanna	Du Toit	27 June
Thinus	du Plessis	11 June	Lauren	Devenish	27 June
Pieter	Viljoen	14 June	Grietjie	Uys	28 June
Annemarie	Van Zyl	15 June	Frikkie	Kotze	29 June
Martin	Van Zyl	16 June			



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE CRCA WOMEN'S

## REAL RETREAT

A RETREAT FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES

17 - 20 MARCH 2023

FOOTHILLS CONFERENCE CENTRE, MELBOURNE

SPEAKER: SUZIE SMITH

FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER:  
[CRCA.ORG.AU/GET-INVOLVED/REAL-A-RETREAT-FOR-WOMEN](http://CRCA.ORG.AU/GET-INVOLVED/REAL-A-RETREAT-FOR-WOMEN)  
 QUESTIONS? EMAIL [REALRETREAT2023@GMAIL.COM.AU](mailto:REALRETREAT2023@GMAIL.COM.AU)



# Poetry

Every month we will be adding one of Janette's poems from her book "**Patches of Goodnight**" in the Newsletter. If anyone is interested in a copy of the book, it is available from her for \$25.00 .



## *Faith in winter*

Are you truly  
a vine ?

You look  
dead  
to the world –

arms  
stretched out  
feet  
crossed  
no sign  
of the head  
unless bowed

brown limbs  
greying  
no sign  
of life  
of blood  
in your veins  
to give birth  
to a bud  
to a grape  
to red wine

to me

# SESSION

## Session Chair's monthly update for April 2022

The purpose of this update each month is to keep everyone abreast of all the ministries and activities taking place among our church family. If there are additional things you would like to share, that would be great! - please drop an email to Michelle.

### CHRIS

#### Training and Equipping

During the month, Chris continued training the deacons through the "Faith Working through Love" Course, and our elders and pastoral carers through "Gospel Centred Counselling".

Chris also planned out training for growth group leaders with Peter Williams and planned out training for our upcoming Cornerstone Christianity course.

He attended a Research Seminar at the Melbourne school of Theology

#### Pastoral Care

Chris provided pastoral visits to 11 people, and twice conducted pre-marriage counselling. He also met twice for one on one discipleship and ran/attended a Growth Group twice. He was also involved in a Wedding Rehearsal and Ceremony.

#### Ministry Development

Chris met with his ministry mentor and also met with 3 elders for ministry development and coaching. He took part in a planning meeting for Super Dash, a Pastoral Care meeting and a Session meeting. Notably, he also prepared for and presented at our Church AGM.

#### Classis/Denominational involvement

Chris took part in a Classis meeting in preparation for Synod. And, of course he attended the week-long Synod on behalf of WPCRC, which ran from 9am to 9pm each day.

Following Synod, Chris has been appointed to the Reformed Churches Youth Committee, and to the committee looking at our form for baptism.

#### Other

Chris was on a much-needed holiday from 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> of April.

And, of course, with the Easter service this month, he prepared an additional sermon. The time required to prepare sermons of such high quality should not be underestimated.

### DEACONS

The deacons' finances continue to be adequately healthy.

The deacons are still supporting some congregation members.

The Dining room mission continues to go well.

Overall, the deacons appreciate both the practical and financial support of the congregation.

## **Facilities Management**

Dean is thankful that we now have a team for facilities management. This team continues to do minor repairs and is looking forward to the progress that can be made during the working bee on 28<sup>th</sup> May.

## **KIDS HOPE**

Dale has finished training for the co-ordinator position of Kids' Hope and he is working with Ené to transition into the role.

## **YOUNG ADULTS**

This group is going well, with two new attendees.

They had a social gathering on a Saturday early in May and are planning a getaway for the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June.

## **CHILDRENS MINISTRY**

The team apologizes that the holiday program did not go according to plan. However, they are very grateful that all volunteer positions have been filled for this term.

## **AUDIO/VISUAL**

This ministry is running along well. The team is grateful for the volunteers that have come on board to share the workload.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

The team and leaders had a heavy workload through the Easter services and into Selah in early May, with extended rehearsals and extra planning for these special events. That the musical contribution went so well was gratifying to the whole team and hopefully was uplifting to the congregation.

The team continues to be short of especially instrumentalists, particularly with Rachel away from the piano for a time. Some additional singers have joined but more are always welcome.

## **SESSION**

It is especially gratifying to see the Lord adding to our numbers with new members and visitors. We look forward to seeing him continue to work among us through this. In-person attendance at worship services is also picking up gradually, but online broadcasts will continue permanently and our online reach is growing.

As you are aware, we held the covid-delayed AGM during the month.

Financially, the church's position is sound for the moment. Although offerings are lower than planned, so have been expenses during covid – but that will not continue to be the case, and the 2022-23 budget will propose a lift in offerings. Second offerings have returned to pre-covid levels. The topic of offerings as a form of worship was discussed at length and it was decided to seek the congregation's input – as you will have seen.

The new arrangements for the newsletter were proposed, discussed and agreed.

Various aspects of our worship services are discussed each month.

The Church Camp planning is underway, with a team of 4 people working with Chris on it.

Many thanks for Michelle's help in gathering the information for this report.

Peter Williams

## **Session Chair's monthly update for May 2022**

### **CHRIS**

#### **Training and Equipping:**

Chris continued training our elders and pastoral carers in "Gospel Centred Counselling". He also had meetings with Craig from the Vine Project, and with the Discipleship Pastor at Syndal Baptist Church

#### **Pastoral Care:**

Chris conducted pastoral visits with 5 people and took part in a wedding rehearsal and ceremony.

#### **Ministry Development:**

Chris met with his ministry mentor, Pieter Tuit. He also met with Chris from the Bible League who will be sharing at our Church in the coming month.

He also led our monthly Pastoral Care meeting and took part in our Session meeting.

#### **Classis/Denominational involvement:**

The big activity of the month was attendance at the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia triennial Synod in Tasmania – from 9am to 9pm each day from 2 to 7 May.

Chris also preached at Box Hill Christian Reformed Church in a swap with Pastor Isaac Overton.

Chris has been organising taking youth to the State Youth Service in Geelong on 29 May and he attended our denominational RCYC Youth Committee meeting.

#### **Other:**

Unfortunately Chris had to take some sick leave during the month.

### **DEACONS**

The deacons were unable to meet this month due to illness. They are continuing to support some congregation members.

The Dining room mission continues to go well.

### **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**

The team continues to do minor repairs and is looking forward to the progress that can be made during the working bee on 28 May.

### **KIDS HOPE**

This ministry has resumed with meetings with children having begun. Two children have been met face-to-face at school and another two have been met online during the month. Dale is mentoring a new boy at the school.

### **YOUNG ADULTS**

This group continues to meet regularly, with consistent numbers.

They also enjoy a social gathering on a Saturday once a month.

A retreat is being planned for the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY / SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Sunday School is doing well, with a program running every Sunday. Children's attendance has been a little inconsistent due to illness unfortunately.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

The team welcomed Alister Bennie who brings his considerable experience to the team. Overall the ministry is going well but the team is still looking for new people to join, both as singers and instrumentalists.

The Selah evening was great success, with all the able-bodied music team members putting in a lot of hard work to make the night a success. It was a shame that there weren't more members of the congregation attending Selah this month because it was a particularly special and moving night.

## **AUDIO/VISUAL**

This ministry is running along well. The team is grateful for the volunteers that have come on board to share the workload but more helpers are still required.

## **SESSION**

The major topic discussed at the Session meeting was the new arrangements for children at the Lords Supper, following the decision and guidance received from Synod. You have received separate communication on this so I won't repeat it here.

Synod also updated the list of prescribed and recommended second offerings, which we will adopt starting in July for the new financial year. We will continue to schedule in weeks in which the second offering can support the van der Wels and have vacant weeks which can be used to respond to specific and short-term needs.

The recipients of the annual Thanksgiving Offering at the end of June (ie end of our financial year) was discussed and decided. The offering will go to the Bible League specifically for their project to send Bibles into the Ukraine. Displaced Christians there are in need of Bibles and many Ukrainians are wanting to look into the Bible once more or for the first time. The Bible League will be presenting at our service on 19 June and the Thanksgiving Offering will therefore be taken up on that day rather than on 26 June.

The topic of offerings as a form of worship was discussed once more and feedback from the congregation is being received at present.

The new newsletter arrangements were reviewed and finalized, and as you are reading they are now in place. Feedback is always welcomed because things can be changed and improved over time.

As I said last month, it is particularly gratifying to see the Lord adding to our numbers with new members and visitors. We look forward to seeing him continue to work among us through this. In-person attendance at worship services is also picking up gradually, but online broadcasts will continue permanently and our online reach is growing.

Martin presented an early draft of the budget for the new financial year which Session discussed.

The Church Camp planning is underway, with a team of 4 people working with Chris on it.

Many thanks, as always, for Michelle's help in gathering the information for this report.  
Peter Williams

Meeting on 10 May at 8.00pm  
 after 7.00pm Pastoral Care meeting

<p><b>Pastor Chris Opened with Scripture – 2 Timothy 3</b></p>
<p><b>Synod Outcomes</b>          Session discussed Children at Lord’s Supper and the process with which we as a church will implement the suggested changes. Session will inform the congregation of the changes in the following weeks. Session acknowledged and were thankful for the feedback from the congregation regarding the Synod reports especially concerning this topic.          Synod decided that we would not have a denominational newsletter due to the ability for people to obtain information online as well as lack of cost effectiveness.</p>
<p><b>Elders Retreat</b>          Those Elders who are able, will be attending an RTC run Elders retreat on 18 June and have invited others in our congregation to join them as an opportunity for discipling potential future Elders of our church.</p>
<p><b>Time was spent praying for each other</b></p>
<p><b>Other business</b>          Discussion was had regarding the new gathered worship booklet and adjustments that needed to be made. Thanksgiving Offering will be for the Bible League for their project to send Bibles to the Ukraine and will be on June the 19th.</p>
<p><b>Ministry Structures</b></p>
<p><b>Monthly Chairman’s report</b>          Positive discussion was had regarding the report and its effectiveness in keeping our congregation informed.</p>
<p><b>Childsafe</b>          No Childsafe issues have occurred in the last month.          The WPCRC Childsafe policy will be reviewed and updated before the next AGM          NCLS Church Life Survey results have been sent out individually to the congregation directly from NCLS. Elders will discuss at next session meeting how we will share the information with our congregation.          Session acknowledged and were grateful that God had blessed our church with many new members. They also were grateful that most had also joined Growth Groups          Cornerstone Christianity Course will begin on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June and will run for 3 weeks.</p>
<p><b>Church Administration</b>          Hill Street Church (Adelaide) winding up – a response letter was sent to Classis          Wedding requests – Mari Burger and Devon Terry</p>
<p><b>Selah</b>          The last Selah evening was brilliant, and it was noted that anyone who did not come really missed out on an amazing evening where the genuine presence of Holy Spirit was felt. Session expressed their gratitude for the collaboration of all those who brought the meeting together and were thankful for the individual giftings of our congregation.</p>
<p><b>Church Camp update</b>          Jo Reed will be leading the Church Camp committee and a Social Fundraiser will be organized in the near future.</p>
<p><b>Ministry Portfolios</b></p>
<p><b>Deacons</b>          Deacons did not meet because of various illnesses.          Deacons are continuing to support various congregation members and the dining room mission is going well.</p>
<p><b>Finances</b>          Annual statements audit will be finalized within the next month.          Our first offerings have reduced since Covid and have not returned to pre covid figures. Expenses have also fallen, however, there still is a deficit to the budget. Second offerings are on track to pre covid figures.</p>
<p><b>Elders spent time praying for all things discussed and then the meeting was closed.</b></p>

**Come & join us for an afternoon of singing**

**Jubilate Choir presents**

# Songs of Praise



**Sunday 10th July**

**2.30pm**

**at**

**Dandenong Christian Reformed Church**

**Cnr Outlook Dve and Gladstone Road  
Dandenong North**

**Followed by light refreshments**

# Church Camp Fundraiser

## Sherry, Soup and Games

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm

Cost \$15.00 plus a hat  
(everyone who comes has to wear a hat)

We will be starting the evening with Sherry, followed by a choice of yummy soups served with a variety of breads.

The night will be filled with lots of fun and games and an opportunity to fellowship with each other

Gather some friends and book a table.

Please see Gretchen, Lydia, Jo or Michelle  
For more details or to book.

# CORNERSTONE CHRISTIANITY

SATISFYING  
BIBLE STUDY

LIFE GIVING  
PRAYER

MEANINGFUL  
COMMUNITY

A big thankyou to all those who responded to our email last week regarding the Cornerstone Christianity Course that we will be holding at Church for 3 weeks starting Sunday 5th June at 7.30pm.

We are also excited to let you know that there are some people from the community who have registered and it would be great if we could have more congregation members come to support and encourage them.

So if you missed last weeks email please find the details below.

## **COST: FREE!**

Who can come? Anyone who wants to grow in these fundamental Christian skills.

Over three nights we are going to delve deep into the three parts of the Christian experience we often find most difficult.

Has your Bible Reading ever felt difficult or pointless? Has your prayer life ever felt dry or fruitless? Have you ever found yourself at a loss as to how to support your church community? Then come along to Cornerstone Christianity - A 3 week course to get your foundations right!

In week 1 we will be exploring how to fruitfully study scripture in a way that satisfies the cravings of your soul. We will give you a framework to fit every Bible story into, which will help you see how any Bible story ultimately points toward Jesus, and then what it means for your life today.

In week 2 we will be diving into live giving prayer. We will be looking at how scripture gives us live giving models for prayer: prayers of adoration, prayers of intercession, prayers for spiritual warfare. These prayers liven up your prayer life so far beyond the cosmic shopping list!

In our final week we will exploring how we might best serve and raise up those around us. God has put us into Christian community to support each other and raise each other up. Sometimes this means helping supporting others in their pastoral needs, sometimes it means helping keep others accountable with purposeful spiritual conversations. Do you have the skills to do this? Or do you simply need a refresher in how to do this well? Come along to grow in supporting your church community.

[Please register here](#) and fill in your details, so we can prepare enough resources beforehand.



**Our Church Camp has been booked for the weekend of September 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

**You can check it out by going to the following website. <https://www.araluencamp.com.au/>**

**As a church council we want to stress how important we think this church camp will be for building relationships within our church community - so you really don't want to miss out on this opportunity!**

**As a family united by Our Lord we need each other.**

**The campsite has a range of different accommodation options available, some with double beds, some with bunk beds. We will allocate families to the rooms as best we can to make sure everyone is comfortable. All the food will be provided by the campsite which leaves us free to enjoy each other's company.**

**The camp has a games room, beach volleyball court, a playground with trampoline for the little ones, sports oval and more. There will be relationship building activities places to have a catch-up coffee and we will also be having all our meals together.**

**We want to make it as affordable for everyone as we can, and so we will be subsidising part of the camp cost.**

**What do we need?**

- 1. Please come - This is about us being together as a Church family,**
- 2. Volunteers. - To help with planning. This will probably take 2 hours each month with a few hours extra here and there as needed.**
- 3: Sponsorship - Please pray about this, and if you feel God is calling you to contribute financially to the camp you can do so in one of two ways:**

**Via the special fundraiser button on our website. Simply go to <https://wpcrc.org.au/give> and click on the "Give to Camp Fundraiser". Enter your amount and details and you are all done.**

- 1. Make a bank transfer to the church bank account and put "Camp" as the reference. The bank details are as follows: BSB: 063 167 Acc: 1015 8356.**

**As always, if you have any questions, please let me know either on 0423 889 913 or via [pastor@wpcrc.org.au](mailto:pastor@wpcrc.org.au)**

**Blessings**

**Chris P**



## June Coffee Roster

SUNDAY JUNE 5 <sup>TH</sup>	PIETER VILJOEN & JACK ORGANTZOGLOU
SUNDAY JUNE 12 <sup>TH</sup>	DALE & JO REED
SUNDAY JUNE 19 <sup>TH</sup>	NELLEKE ARNOLD AND JOY VAN VEEN
SUNDAY JUNE 26 <sup>TH</sup>	HERMAN AND HEATHER LINDE



## CHURCH Newsletter

### God's Faithfulness in Uncertain Times

MAY 26, 2022

Dear CRCA friends,

We all know that life has become more uncertain. It's not just everything COVID, it's unrest in Europe and Asia, it's climate related natural disasters, it's change of government and it's the economic challenge of rising inflation.

*It can leave us feeling fractured, anxious and uneasy.*

Maybe we've lived with predictability for so long that we've forgotten that the majority of people across the globe live with so much uncertainty on a daily basis. They worry about their next meal, health, employment, safety, and even their ability to survive.

**I was reminded of this when reading about a recent experience of our team in Cambodia.**



Back in 2017, two young girls were trafficked into forced labour slavery and sexual violence. In 2019, IJM learned of their plight and started planning their rescue with law enforcement partners. Somehow, the information about the rescue was leaked, so the operation could not be completed and the suspect escaped.

It's heartbreaking that even our best plans and highest aspirations sometimes come to nothing. These experiences can be frustrating, demoralising, soul-destroying.

## **So, back to the question: How do you deal with uncertainty, delay, frustration and disappointment?**

The Bible reminds us that our Good Father is greater than life's circumstances, and is not limited by them. As a sovereign God, He is neither surprised nor demoralised by the things that tend to frustrate us.

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*"He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity. The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you."*

**(Psalm 9:8–10, NIV)**

*"But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish."*

**(Psalm 9:18, NIV)**

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The faithfulness of God allows us to lean into uncertainty. It frees us to pursue the good, even if doing so brings frustration, exhaustion, or personal danger. Our faithful God is with us in death's valley, and in the deepest darkness (Ps 23; 139). It still may not be easy, but with Him beside us and His Spirit living in us, we shall find the courage to persevere.

Sure, God's presence is no guarantee that everything will work out fine for us. But it is His promise that **He is with us, that He will bring ultimate justice, and that nothing can snatch us out of His hand.**

It was God's faithfulness that led our team in Cambodia to not relent. Despite the initial disappointment, some three years later, IJM received a tip off and immediately engaged the Cambodian police to make the arrest. It was tight: the offender tried to escape, but was successfully restrained. He is now serving a 17-year sentence.

Today, the girls who were trafficked in 2017 are safe, as are many more people who can live safe lives because this trafficker is now off the streets (you can read the full story [here](#)).

Be encouraged, friends: despite times of uncertainty, challenge and frustration, keep walking in faithful obedience. **God loves what you are doing, and He will ultimately bring good fruit from your obedience.**

God has not forgotten you. He is at work in His people, empowering us through His great power to repair the brokenness around us, so those things that once lay in ruins might reflect something of the restorative character of Jesus.



### **Freedom is in Your Hands**

Have you seen IJM's Freedom is in Your Hands appeal? We're committed to ending bonded labour slavery in South Asia and offering protection to millions of people. People in your church community may be interested in making a tax-deductible donation before June 30. With their support, we can continue to build strong hands of rescue and restoration to bring freedom and hope. [Read more here](#)



### **Freedom Sunday - Sign up now!**

Freedom Sunday gives churches an opportunity to draw people into God's heart for justice by:

- Helping people see the reality of slavery
- Understanding God's desire to end it
- Praying for those who are being oppressed and violated
- Giving people a concrete opportunity to respond

We can resource your Freedom Sunday for any date that works for you, so [please register here](#) to get things started.

If you have any questions, please contact [Mitch Hammond](#) or [Dave Groenenboom](#).

*Until all are free,*

Dave Groenenboom

Director, Church Partnerships

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Every month we will include a recipe, ideally supplied by the congregation. We have kicked it off this month, but feel free to share your yummy recipes with us, so we can include them in the upcoming newsletters. Email them to: newsletter @wpcrc.org.au

## Slow Cooker Greek-Style Green Beans and Chicken Thighs

Slow Cooker Greek-Style Green Beans and Chicken thighs is the ULTIMATE one-pot meal: everything cooks in your crockpot at once! Plus, it's cheap, whole30/paleo, low carb, and healthy.



★★★★★  
4.96 from 43 votes

Prep Time  
5 mins

Cook Time  
4 hrs

Total Time  
4 hrs 5 mins

Course: Slow Cooker Cuisine: Greek Servings: 4 servings Calories: 373kcal  
Author: [Elizabeth Lindemann](#)

### Equipment

- [Slow Cooker](#)

### Ingredients

- 1 lb. fresh green beans trimmed (or frozen)
- 2 large fresh tomatoes diced (or one 15 oz. can)
- 1 onion diced
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 1/4 cup fresh chopped dill
- juice of one lemon
- 1 cup [chicken stock/broth](#) or vegetable broth or water
- 4 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
- [kosher salt](#) to taste
- [black pepper](#) to taste
- 2 tablespoons [extra-virgin olive oil](#)

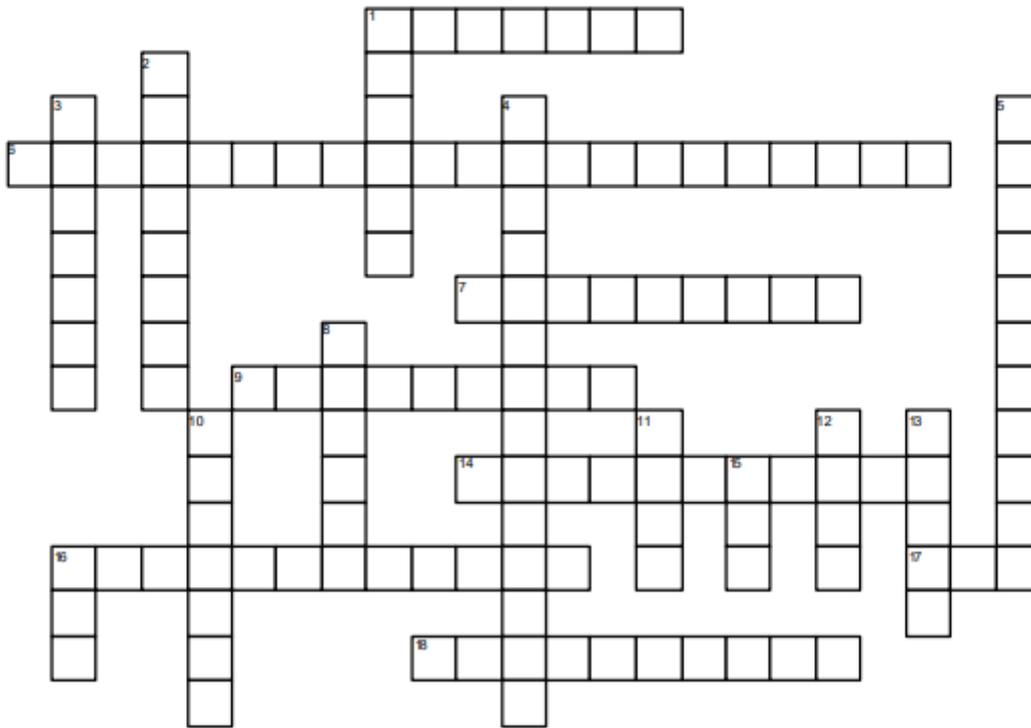
### Instructions

1. Mix together the green beans (1 lb.), tomatoes, onion, garlic, dill (1/4 cup), lemon juice, chicken broth (1 cup), and plenty of salt and pepper in the bottom of your [slow cooker](#).
2. Lay the chicken thighs skin-side-up on top of the green bean mixture.
3. Drizzle the tops of the chicken thighs with the olive oil (2 tablespoons) and season with more salt and pepper.
4. Cook on low for 8 hours or high for 4 hours.
5. Optional: broil chicken thighs for a few minutes on high to crisp up the skin before serving.

# ACTIVITY TIME



## GOD CREATES THE WORLD Genesis 1:1 - 2:3



### ACROSS

- 1 How did all things come into existence? (Gn. 1:20) two words
- 6 What command did God give the various kinds of fish, birds, animals that were created? (Gn. 1:22) four words
- 7 The earth had before been covered with water; but now the water and the dry land were \_\_\_\_\_. (Gn. 1:9)
- 9 That which is above and around the earth, which we call sky (Gn. 1:6)
- 14 According to Genesis 1:2, the materials of the heaven and the earth were in existence, but the different kinds had not been separated or put into shape. two words
- 16 Type of seed that continues by natural growth of the same kind. (Gn. 1:11) two words
- 17 According to the Bible, who created the world? (Gn. 1:1)
- 18 When God finished all that he created, He \_\_\_\_\_ it. (Gn. 2:3)

### DOWN

- 1 According to Gn. 2:19, from where were the birds and animals formed?
- 2 God caused the light to shine out of \_\_\_\_\_. (Gn. 1:15-16)
- 3 On which day did God end all the work of creation and rested? (Gn. 2)
- 4 When did God create the world? (Gn. 1:1) three words
- 5 What moved upon the face of the waters preparing the earth for being brought into an orderly form. (Gn. 1:2) three words
- 8 Brought into being out of nothing. (Gn. 1:1)
- 10 How is the abyss of waters described? (Gn. 1:2) two words
- 11 Everything that God created was very \_\_\_\_\_. (Gn. 1:25)
- 12 Empty, and destitute of the vegetation, and living creatures which were afterwards brought forth. (Gn. 1:2)
- 13 Another word for likeness. (Gn. 1:27)
- 15 How many lights did God create to bring about the seasons upon the land. (Gn. 1:16)
- 16 How many days did God take to create the world? (Gn. 1)

# KIDS CORNER

## 1. The Story of Creation

Look back in time at how God created the world in six days.

### Origin

The Old Testament; Book of Genesis, Chapter One.

### Story

In the beginning, there was nothing; everything was formless, and darkness covered the surface of everything. Only God existed. One day, God commanded that there should be light, and the light was created. On the first day of creation, God made night and day. On the second day, God created the sky to separate the waters.

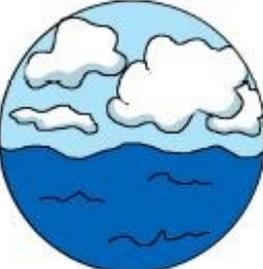
On the third day, the creation of land and sea took place. He also commanded that the land produce vegetation and seed-bearing plants, and that they must all multiply according to their own kind. On the fourth day, God created the sun, the moon and the stars, in order to serve as markers for the day, the night, the years, and the sacred times. On the fifth day, God created all the living creatures in the sea and the air, and commanded that they should multiply according to their own kinds.

On the sixth day, the creation of all the land animals was done, and he commanded them all to go forth and multiply across the earth, according to their own kind. Then, he formed man out of the dust of the earth and breathed life into him. From the rib of the man, he created the woman, and he gave man and woman authority over all the earth.

God was pleased by all that He created, and on the seventh day, God rested.

### Moral

God is all-powerful and created all that exists.

<b>Creation Memory Match</b> Children match the pictures to the correct day to get a match! Print multiple sheets for larger groups. <small>www.ChristianPreschoolPrintables.com</small>		 Light & Dark
 Clouds & Oceans	 Sun, Moon, & Stars	
 Land, Plants, & Trees	 Fish & Birds	
 Man & Animals	 God Rested	

# Throwback Thursday

The following was published in a newsletter from August 2011

## COMMENTS MADE IN THE YEAR 1955!



'I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$10.00.'



'Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging 7 cents just to mail a letter.'



'I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.'



'I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now.'



'It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet.'



'No one can afford to be sick anymore. At \$15.00 a day in the hospital, it's too rich for my blood.'



'It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.'

## DID I READ THAT SIGN RIGHT???

In an office: TOILET OUT OF ORDER...PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat: AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.

In a London Department Store: BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS

In an office: WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.

Outside a second-hand shop: WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop: CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS.

Notice in a farmer's field: THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

On a repair shop: WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON DOOR- THE BELL DOESN'T WORK).

Some more 'Signs of the Times'.



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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.

Monday Nights (currently online)

Contact Peter Williams

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Monday Nights (online)

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Wednesday Nights

(Young Adults, hybrid in person and online)

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Wednesday Nights (In person)

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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.

Your name:

Contact number:

Contact email:

Notes: