

Helping people take the next step toward Jesus

## Welcome



Proverbs 2: 1-11

GATHERED WORSHIP BOOKLET

SUNDAY JUNE 19th 2022

LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE

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#### We're so glad you are with us today!

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 booklet, place it in the offering bag and one of our team will contact 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 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 term we also run a Sunday School for primary school aged children.

#### Order of service

Call to Worship - Welcome

Song - All who are thirsty

Lord's Supper

Song - Amazing love (You are my King)

Children's Talk –JD Steenkamp

Children's song-Father I adore You

Announcements-Martin Van der Merwe

Congregational prayer-Martin Van der Merwe

Song - Speak o Lord

Bible reading- Adri Bennie

Proverbs 2 : 1–11 (CSB)

Sermon

Song - Be Thou my vision

Reflection song and taking of offering

Song-Our Father

Close of service – Invitation

Benediction

Song - Jesus, name above all names



# Today we welcome Chris Waghorn from the Bible league

**Duty Elder: Martin Van der Merwe** 

Reading: (CSB) Proverbs 2:1-11

and understanding will guard you.

2 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, <sup>2</sup> listening closely to wisdom and directing your heart to understanding; <sup>3</sup> furthermore, if you call out to insight and lift your voice to understanding, <sup>4</sup> if you seek it like silver and search for it like hidden treasure, <sup>5</sup> then you will understand the fear of the LORD and discover the knowledge of God. <sup>6</sup> For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. <sup>7</sup>He stores up success for the upright; He is a shield for those who live with integrity 8 so that he may guard the paths of justice and protect the way of his faithful followers. <sup>9</sup>Then you will understand righteousness, justice, and integrity-every good path. <sup>10</sup> For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will delight you. <sup>11</sup> Discretion will watch over you,

### **Sermon Notes**



24th June–Tanya Crous 25th June–Karien Bester

### Please pray

## There is nothing to be valued more highly than to have people praying for us; God links up His power in answer to their prayers

#### **Oswald Chambers**

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

That we will not be tempted to store up our treasures here on earth but instead be prepared to lose all we have for the sake of treasures in heaven.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19-21 NRSV)

Give praise and thanks to our wonderful God for his promise of eternal riches in his kingdom if we put our trust in him.

Please pray for those amongst us who are suffering with covid, flu, colds and the like, pray that they will have a full and speedy recovery.

Please pray for our congregation, that our members will realise the value of meeting together as God's people in worship and fellowship.

Please continue to pray for Maria Knol, give thanks that she is feeling better and pray that the Lord will continue to grant her his healing mercies.

Continue to pray for those amongst us suffering from the effects of cancer, pray that the Lord will touch them with his healing hand and that they will be fully restored to complete health and strength.

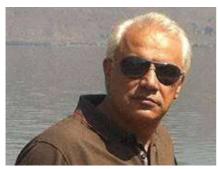
Please pray for our nation that the Lord will drive back the forces of evil and claim this land as his own bringing many into his kingdom.

Please pray for the work of the Bible Society and the work they do in God's kingdom here on earth to spread the gospel through the provision of Bibles.

Please continue to pray for Ukraine and beseech the Lord to stop the terrible conflict happening there and that many caught up in it will humble themselves before God and put their trust in him.

Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Iran. An Iranian

pastor has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for his role in leading a "house church" in Yaftabad, Tehran. Joseph Shahbazian, an Iranian-Armenian, also faces a two-year ban on travelling abroad and two years of internal exile when he is released. Pastor Shahbazian, now 58, was first arrested on 30 June 2020 as part of a series of raids on homes and "house churches". He was imprisoned for 54 days before being released on bail.



Joseph Shahbazian, who spent nearly two months in prison after his arrest in June 2020, now faces a ten-year sentence [Image credit: Article 18]

His trial took place in May 2022, and the sentence was delivered by Judge Iman Afshari of the 26th Revolutionary Court of Tehran on 7 June. Afshari argued in his verdict that Pastor Shahbazian has

"established a group to attract Muslims, and under the cover of religious programmes for prayer, has propagated Evangelical Christianity, and with illegal activities and unfounded claims has abused people's inner weaknesses and attracted some of them to the membership of his group".

Four Christian converts from Islam - Somayeh (Sonya) Sadegh, Masoumeh Ghasemi Salar (Sonya's mother), Eshraghi Moghadam and Farhad Khazaee - were sentenced to between one and four years in prison, but permitted instead to pay fines of \$1,100-\$1,750. During the trial Judge Afshari pressured the four to blame Pastor Shahbazian for their conversions to Christianity with the promise of a lighter sentence, threatening heavier sentences when they refused to do so. He is also reported to have used sarcastic and humiliating language towards Pastor Shabazian and the other defendants, replying when challenged by the defence lawyer that he was "only joking".

On 11 April 2022, Afshari gave a ten-year sentence to another Iranian-Armenian pastor, Anooshavan Avedian, which was then sustained following an appeal.

**Ask the Lord** to sustain Pastor Shahbazian and other Christians in Iran imprisoned for their faith. Give thanks that four Muslim-background believers were given through the Holy Spirit the courage to maintain their witness as followers of Christ. Pray that the Lord will powerfully overcome obstacles to the Gospel and opposition to the Church in Iran.

#### Giving-Our giving is an act of Worship

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich" 2 Cor 8:9

In our church we have two offerings every Sunday. The first goes toward the ministry of this congregation.

The second offering goes toward various Christian causes. This week our second offering will go towards the Bible League's work in providing Bibles for the Ukraine Project . If you would like to support this work you can do so in several ways.

In Church giving-Simply add your offering to the bag

Or bank transfer BSB 063 167 ACC 1015 8356

If using bank transfer please indicate whether it is for the first offering "Sun 1" or second offering "Sun 2" in the reference line.

Or you can give online via our Church app:

https://wpcrc.org.au/give

#### What's happening this week at WPCRC

Tonight - Cornerstone Christianity Course 7.30pm

Tuesday 21st June-Prayer meeting at Church 7.30pm

Thursday 23rd June - Women's Bible Study at Church

10am for 10.30 am start.

Friday 24th June - Camp Fundraising Social Event

7.00pm at church

Sunday 26th June - Worship Service (Online and in person)

Sunday 26th June-Cornerstone Christianity Course 7.30pm

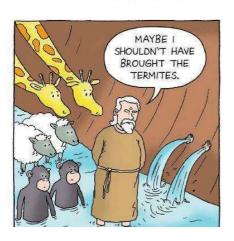
#### Now for some

#### **Noah's Ark Humour**





"MAYBE THE WHALES WOULD BE OK STAYING IN THE WATER."





#### **Coffee Roster**

Today: Nelleke Arnold & Joy van Veen

Next week: Herman & Heather Linde

#### **Growth Groups**

We believe that Growth Groups are the lifeblood of a disciple growing church community. We have several growth groups that meet during various times throughout the week. Each Growth Group is similar in that we meet together to pray for non believers and for each other, we study scripture and we support one another. We would love each of our members to e a part of a growth group. If you would like to join please contact our administrator by emailing admin@wpcrc.org.au

Monday night (online) Mo	nday night (online)
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Contact :Herman Linde Contact :Lynette Pretorius

0411 069 808 0423 889 912

#### Wednesday night Wednesday night (online)

Young Adults Contact: Chris Pretorius

Contact: Kasha Schubert 0423 889 913

0450 012 177

#### Wednesday night Thursday mornings

Contact: Adri Bennie Contact: Wendy Harrison

0425 727 949 0407 801 630

#### **Friday night Parent Group**

Contact : Neil Bester Contact: Martin van der Merwe

0425 569 149 0458 908 148

#### **Contact**

If you would like further information about anything you have heard today please contact

Pastor Chris Pretorius 0423 889 913 or our

Church Administrator-Michelle 0488 777 517

Or we have a full list of Contacts on the Bulletin Board in our Church Foyer.

#### **Deacons**

Our Deacons help to serve our church and the wider community both practically and financially. Financial gifts for the Deacons are always appreciated and will go towards supporting people in and outside of our congregation.

To make an offering to the Deacons account details are as follows

BSB: 063-167 Acc. 1015 8372

Joy van Veen Lizet Kritzinger

0409 199 840 0405 762 190

Dale Reed Sandra Stork

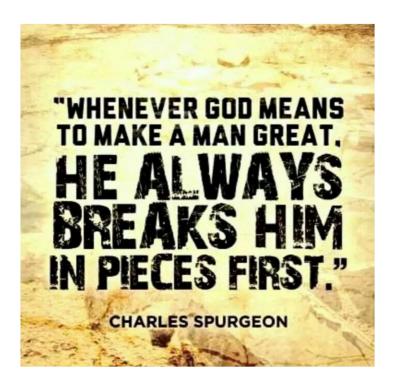
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#### **Cornerstone Christianity Course**

Continues tonight here at Church at 7.30 pm.

This week we will be taking an in depth look at what the Bible says about prayer. This session will build on some concepts from the first week. Please bring your Bibles along and join us!

### Thank you for joining us today



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#### **Connect with us**

Your name:

Contact number:

Contact email: