



Helping people take the next step toward Jesus

# Welcome

Immanuel is here



Matthew !

GATHERED WORSHIP BOOKLET

SUNDAY 26th JUNE 2022

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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 - Only a Holy God**

**Song - There is a Redeemer**

**Children's Talk and Children's Song**

**Taking of offerings with reflection song - Emmanuel, God with Us (Go tell it on the Mountain)**

**Offering prayer–Martin van der Merwe**

**Announcements–Martin van der Merwe**

**Congregational Prayer–Martin van der Merwe**

**Song–Jesus , Name Above all Names**

**Song–Love Incarnate, Love Divine**

**Bible reading–Lorenz Stork**

**Matthew 1 (CSB)**

**Sermon - Immanuel is here**

**Sermon discussion**

**Song - By Grace I am Redeemed**

**Invitation for after service**

**Benediction**

**Song - My Heart is filled with Thankfulness**



***Today Pastor Chris Pretorius will be preaching***

***Duty Elder–Martin van der Merwe***

**Sermon Title : Immanuel is here**

**Reading : Matthew 1 (CSB)**

### **The Genealogy of Jesus Christ**

**1** An account of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

#### **From Abraham to David**

<sup>2</sup> Abraham fathered Isaac, Isaac fathered Jacob, Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup> Judah fathered Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez fathered Hezron, Hezron fathered Aram, <sup>4</sup> Aram fathered Amminadab, Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, <sup>5</sup> Salmon fathered Boaz by Rahab, Boaz fathered Obed by Ruth, Obed fathered Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse fathered King David.

#### **From David to the Babylonian Exile**

David fathered Solomon by Uriah's wife, <sup>7</sup> Solomon fathered Rehoboam, Rehoboam fathered Abijah, Abijah fathered Asa, <sup>8</sup> Asa fathered Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat fathered Joram, Joram fathered Uzziah, <sup>9</sup> Uzziah fathered Jotham, Jotham fathered Ahaz, Ahaz fathered Hezekiah, <sup>10</sup> Hezekiah fathered Manasseh, Manasseh fathered Amon, Amon fathered Josiah, <sup>11</sup> and Josiah fathered Jeconiah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon.

#### **From the Exile to the Messiah**

<sup>12</sup> After the exile to Babylon Jeconiah fathered Shealtiel, Shealtiel fathered Zerubbabel, <sup>13</sup> Zerubbabel fathered Abiud, Abiud fathered Eliakim, Eliakim fathered Azor, <sup>14</sup> Azor fathered Zadok, Zadok fathered Achim, Achim fathered Eliud, <sup>15</sup> Eliud fathered Eleazar, Eleazar fathered Matthan, Matthan fathered Jacob, <sup>16</sup> and Jacob fathered Joseph the husband of Mary, who gave birth to Jesus who is called the Messiah.

<sup>17</sup> So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations; and from David until the exile to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the exile to Babylon until the Messiah, fourteen generations.

## **The Nativity of the Messiah**

<sup>18</sup>The birth of Jesus Christ came about this way: After his mother Mary had been engaged<sup>[a]</sup> to Joseph, it was discovered before they came together that she was pregnant from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>So her husband, Joseph, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly.

<sup>20</sup>But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

<sup>22</sup>Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

**<sup>23</sup>See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name him Immanuel,**

which is translated "God is with us."

<sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke up, he did as the Lord's angel had commanded him. He married her <sup>25</sup>but did not have sexual relations with her until she gave birth to a son.<sup>[i]</sup> And he named him Jesus.

### ***Sermon Notes***

## ***Discussion Questions***

1. What did you find interesting or striking in Jesus' genealogy?
2. Why is it significant that Jesus was called Immanuel?
3. How does this link in with the rest of Israel's story?
4. Jesus' genealogy has some heroes of faith but most of them are failures. How can Jesus come from such a morally corrupt history and still be considered perfect?
5. Why does Matthew and Luke's genealogies differ?
6. In Matthew there are 3 responses to Jesus: The leaders reject him, the crowds listen to him but ultimately forsake him, the disciples follow him. On that spectrum where do you find yourself?
7. What would you need to do to take one step in the right direction?

## ***Sermon Notes Continued***

## **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 your offerings will go towards helping the Diaconate. 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>



27th June–Christina Du Toit

27th June–Lauren Devenish

28th June–Grietjie Uys

29th June–Frikkie Kotz

## **What’s happening this week at WPCRC**

Tonight–Cornerstone Christianity Course–7.30pm at Church

Tuesday 28th June–Prayer meeting 7.30pm at Church

Sunday 3rd July–Worship service 10am in person and online

## ***Please pray***

**“Intercessory prayer is exceedingly prevalent. What wonders it has wrought! The Word of God teems with its marvelous deeds. Believer, thou hast a mighty engine in thy hand, use it well, use it constantly, use it with faith, and thou shalt surely be a benefactor to thy brethren.” - C. H. Spurgeon**

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

That the Lord who is the giver of all good gifts will grant us ever more wisdom as we seek to honour him in all we do.

*But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. (James 1:5 NASB)*

Give praise and thanks to God the Holy Spirit for his willingness to lead us in all knowledge and wisdom as we walk daily with our Lord and Master.

Please pray for those of us who are in isolation either due to illness, old age or some other reason. Pray that they will know the presence of God especially during this time of winter when even going outside can be problematic.

Please pray for Chris and Gretchen Fourie as they continue to battle with health issues as well as not being able to access the medical and material support available to the rest of us.

Give thanks for the Cornerstone course being run in our church, pray that the final session due this Sunday will be well attended and of great benefit.

Please pray for all those involved in our music and singing ministry, give thanks for the many who are dedicated to this and pray that the Lord will uphold them and bless them as they bless us.

Continue to pray for our nation, pray that small activist groups will not have undue influence on those who govern.

Please continue to pray for the situation in Ukraine, pray that the Lord will intervene and bring a halt to the pain and suffering in that land.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Mozambique. Islamist militants raided a Christian village in Memba, Nampula province, northern Mozambique on 17 June, beheading one resident. The raid by terrorists linked to Islamic State (IS - also known as ISIS, ISIL, Daesh) is the first in recent years in Nampula province. IS has also claimed responsibility for the “beheading of several Christians” in raids across Nangade, Cabo Delgado province, to the north of Nampula.

The militant Islamic State-affiliated organisation Ahlu Sunnah Wa-Jama, known locally as Al Shabaab (not the Somali-based group of the same name), effectively gained control of an area of Cabo Delgado in 2017. The province has been termed “the Land of Fear” owing to brutal violence meted out against both Christians and moderate Muslims. Beheading, skinning and cutting off the limbs of their victims are the group’s typical methods, with one expert commenting, “What they do to the people they capture and kill I have never seen anywhere in Africa.”

In late 2021 Mozambican, Rwandan and South African forces had started to drive the Islamists back. However, the Islamist insurgency now appears to be spreading. In December a pastor in the Macomia district of Cabo Delgado was abducted and decapitated by Islamists, who then ordered his widow to carry the head in a sack to a district police station and report the murder.

**Ask the Lord** to protect His people in northern Mozambique. Pray that the terrorists will not succeed in their aims, but that there will be peace and stability for all people in the region. - *Barnabas Fund*



**Next Prayer meeting—This coming Tuesday 7.30 pm**

# CORNERSTONE

**Tonight**

**26th June**

**7:30 - 9 pm**

# CHRISTIANITY

Tonight will be the final night.

So please come and join us.

We will be 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.

If you would like to catch up on any of the weeks that you may have missed - copies of the course work books are available on the table inside the entrance to the auditorium.

The Worship Team are happy to announce that Ilze Kellerman has joined the team.

We are still looking for Singers and Instrumentalists to contribute to worship, so if this something you feel you would like to become involved in, please give Mia or Hennie van Wyk a call to discuss and see how you can become involved.

Alternatively the first Thursday of every month's practice session at 8.00pm is open for any member who would like to come and "jam" with our regular musicians / singers. So please come along if you want to try some of our percussion instruments or, bring your own, we would encourage you to have a go at singing too, if you like. Who knows you may even discover that you have a hidden talent

Next "jam" session—Thursday 7th July

Hennie—0420 204 538





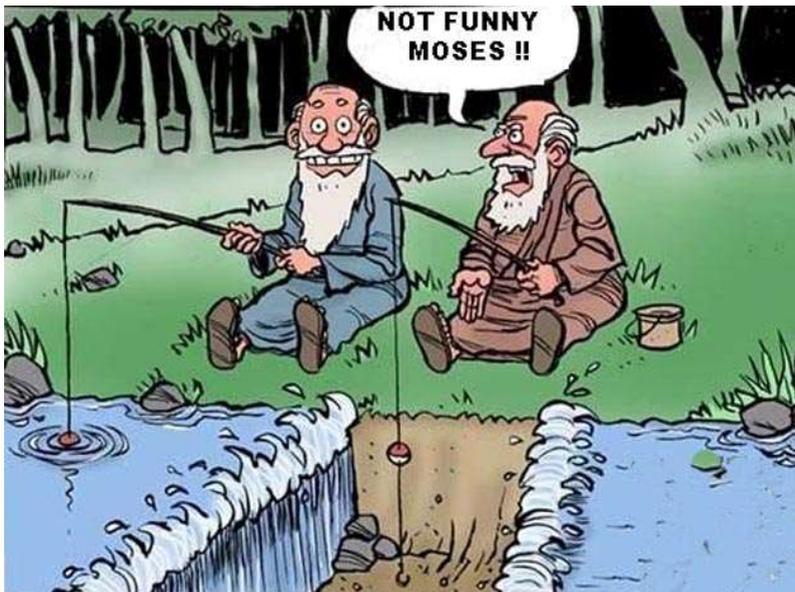
We would like to formally welcome the following new members to our congregation

Pieter and Ilze Kellerman and their son Ludwig

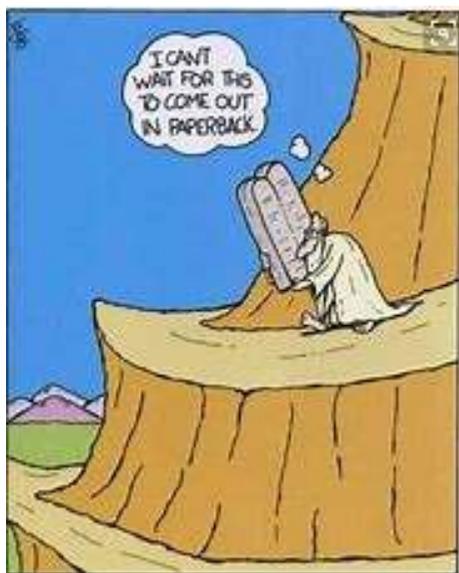
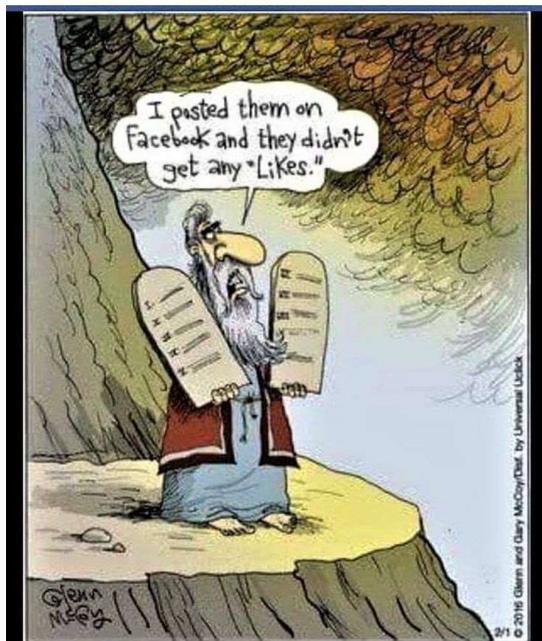
as well as

Leon and Annjalie de Beer

Please make them feel welcome if you haven't had a chance to say hello yet .



## Now for some Moses Humour



## **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 be a part of a growth group. If you would like to join please contact our administrator by emailing [admin@wpcrc.org.au](mailto:admin@wpcrc.org.au)

### **Monday night** (online)

Contact :Herman Linde

0411 069 808

### **Monday night** (online)

Contact :Lynette Pretorius

0423 889 912

### **Wednesday night**

Young Adults

Contact: Kasha Schubert

0450 012 177

### **Wednesday night** (online)

Contact: Chris Pretorius

0423 889 913

### **Wednesday night**

Contact: Adri Bennie

0425 727 949

### **Thursday mornings**

Contact: Wendy Harrison

0407 801 630

### **Friday night Parent Group**

Contact : Neil Bester

0425 569 149

Contact: Martin van der Merwe

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

0412 216 300

0418 592 206

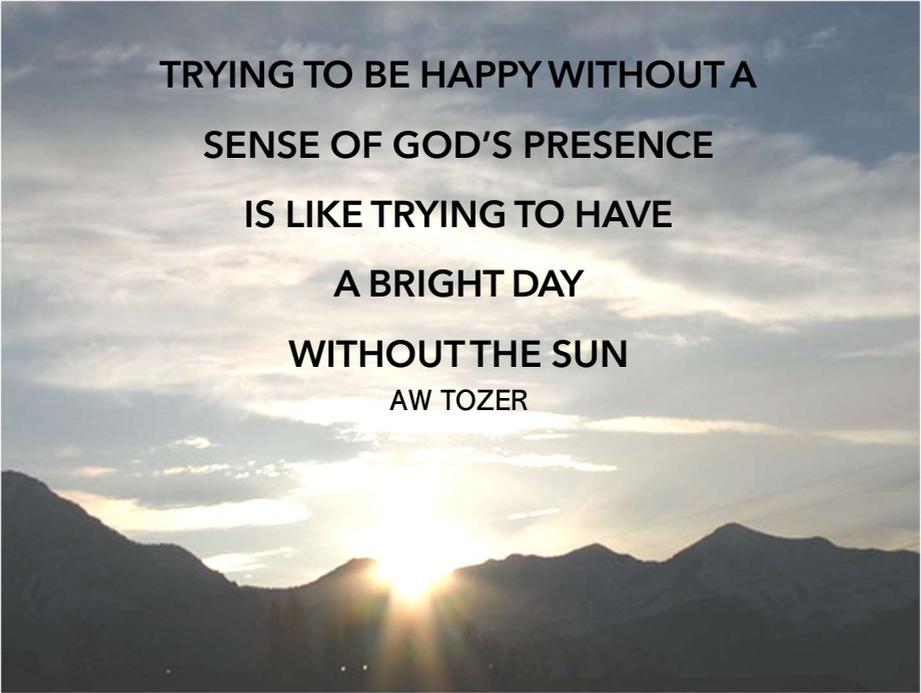


## **Coffee Roster**

Today : Joy van Veen & Nelleke Arnold

Next week : JD & Izelle Steenkamp

Thank you For Joining us today



TRYING TO BE HAPPY WITHOUT A  
SENSE OF GOD'S PRESENCE  
IS LIKE TRYING TO HAVE  
A BRIGHT DAY  
WITHOUT THE SUN  
AW TOZER

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