



Helping people take the next step toward Jesus

Welcome

Reformation truth : Justified by Faith



Galatians 2:11-21

GATHERED WORSHIP BOOKLET

SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER 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 - King of Kings Majesty

Song - How Great is Our God

Children's Talk - Janette Fernando

Children's Song

Offerings - Harry Berends

Reflection song during Offering- I'm Justified by Grace (video)

Prayer over Offerings - Harry Berends

Announcements–Harry Berends

Congregational Prayer - Harry Berends

Song - Have Faith in God

Song–By Faith

Scripture reading - Nelleke Arnold

Scripture - Galatians 2 : 11–21 (CSB)

Sermon - Reformation truth : Justified by Faith

Sermon Discussion

Song - Grace

Close of service – Invitation

Benediction

Song - Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow



Today Pastor Chris Pretorius will be preaching.

Duty Elder : Harry Berends

Sermon Title : Reformation truth: Justified by Faith

Readings : Galatians 2 : 11 -21

¹¹ But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face because he stood condemned. ¹² For he regularly ate with the Gentiles before certain men came from James. However, when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, because he feared those from the circumcision party. ¹³ Then the rest of the Jews joined his hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that they were deviating from the truth of the gospel, I told Cephas in front of everyone, "If you, who are a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel Gentiles to live like Jews?"

¹⁵ We are Jews by birth and not "Gentile sinners," ¹⁶ and yet because we know that a person is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we ourselves have believed in Christ Jesus. This was so that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no human being will be justified. ¹⁷ But if we ourselves are also found to be "sinners" while seeking to be justified by Christ, is Christ then a promoter of sin? Absolutely not!

¹⁸ If I rebuild those things that I tore down, I show myself to be a law breaker. ¹⁹ For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

Sermon Notes

Discussion Questions

- 1.What stood out for you today, what was new/challenging or interesting?
- 2.What is one thing you need to share with someone this week? Who will you share it with?
- 3.What was Peter doing and why was it so drastic that Paul opposed him “to his face”?
- 4.What is our basis for being justified? Why is it so easy for us to fall into Peter’s trap?
- 5.What encouragement can we get from Peter’s failure here?
- 6.What was the basis for the Reformation?
- 7.How does this text confront specifically Catholic beliefs?
- 8.To what extent then is our faith different to that of the Catholic church?
- 9.So what does it mean to you to be Reformed in your convictions?

Sermon Notes continued

Please Pray

Those persons who know the deep peace of God, the unfathomable peace that passeth all understanding, are always men and women of much prayer. R. A. Torrey

As we go into the coming week let us daily pray;
That we won't become distracted by the noise from the world around us but remain focused on continuing in the word of Jesus.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, you really are My disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32 HCSB)

Give praise and thanks to God our heavenly Father for the truth that sets us free brought to us through his dear Son.

Please continue to pray for Pauline Faber as she experiences life without her husband, pray that loneliness will not affect her.

Please pray for Maria Knol as she is recovering from covid, pray also for all those amongst us who are suffering from flu, colds or covid.

Please pray for Jack Organtzoglou who is struggling with knee and hip issues. Pray that he will get the treatment he needs so that he may be healed.

Please continue to pray for Martie Schachtner in her on going battle with cancer, pray that the Lord will intervene and grant her complete healing and restoration.

Please pray for our church especially that God will move mightily amongst us to raise up people to take up roles of leadership within our congregation as both elder and deacon.

Please pray for our nation that the Lord will show mercy and grant wisdom to those in government that they will govern according to his will and not their own.

Please pray for the dire situation in the horn of Africa. Unprecedented famine conditions not seen in the last 40 years are gripping parts of Africa. Back-to-back droughts, COVID-19, and effects from the Ukraine war have created dire conditions for the eastern region. Fadumo Abdi Aliyow has just buried her two sons on the outskirts of Mogadishu, Somalia. She lays a thorny branch on their graves to protect their bodies from wild animals. Both died from starvation. "I wanted to die before them so they could bury me, but both of them died before me," Aliyow said. Somalia and its neighbours in the Horn of Africa, including Ethiopia and Kenya, are facing unprecedented drought conditions. "We've had four failed rains," said Alex Marianelli with the World Food Program (WFP). "The drought that we are currently seeing in the Horn of Africa is the worst drought in over 40 years."

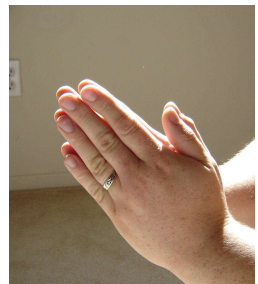
On average, one person dies every 48 seconds from hunger in the Horn of Africa. "Because of the drought, many water sources have dried up," Wafaa Saeed Abdelatef, a UNICEF representative warned. "Many wells have also dried up." With crops failing, the United Nations says some 22 million people are at risk of starvation, many of them farmers who only grow enough food to feed their own families. "People will be forced to flee to look for food," warned Rein Paulsen with the U.N.'s Food and Agriculture Organization. "People will have to try and find a way to survive and obviously this entails a very perilous journeys for people who are already marginalized." Many in the region who rely on livestock for livelihood have seen massive numbers of their animals wiped out.

"For example, in northern Kenya, we've lost about 1.5 million herds of livestock," Joseph Kamara with World Vision Kenya, said. "Similarly, in southern Ethiopia, we've lost about two million. In Somalia, we've even stopped counting." In Somalia alone, around eight million people, or half the population, are experiencing crisis hunger levels. One-in-three children face chronic malnutrition. "I have been shocked to my core these past few days by the level of pain and suffering we see so many Somalis enduring. Famine is at the door," said Martin Griffiths, the United Nations' humanitarian chief. Anne Kasombo oversees CBN's offices in Kenya. In partnership with Operation Blessing, they've been distributing food and other aid supplies to some of the hardest-hit regions of her country.

"It's been quite devastating in some communities, especially in the arid areas, even when there's rain, food is hard to come by because they're not able to grow their food," Kasombo said. Four consecutive droughts and African economies still reeling from the coronavirus pandemic have created these dire conditions. "The situation has been aggravated by the current conflict in Europe between Russia and Ukraine," Kamara said. Before the war, Somalia imported 90 percent of its wheat from Russia and Ukraine while Ethiopia imported 42 percent. Kenya, which also imports oil, iron, steel, and fertilizers from Russia and Ukraine, imports 44 percent of its wheat from both countries. All that has come to a screeching halt since the war started. The result: skyrocketing prices for practically everything. "It has really affected us, especially on food prices," Richard, a resident of Nairobi, said.

Source: CBNNews

Next prayer meeting will be held on
Thursday the 10th of November at 7.30
in the church.



Giving– Our giving is an act of Worship

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 missionary work of a family that we support.

If you would like to support this work you can do so by

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>

Second Offering

Our second offering will go to a Missionary family who prior to returning to their home abroad, spent some time in Perth with relatives.

The following is an excerpt from their latest letter to us.

“We’re all feeling both happy and nervous about going back to our home. It’ll be so nice to be with our friends and neighbours there, see those from our fellowship and our teammates. We look forward to these reconnections. But we’ll also have a lot of transitions on arrival... the children going to local school, us finding a new place to live, new things to pursue in our work. We’d deeply value you remembering us in prayer in all these things.”

(Names have been left out for safety reasons)

YOUTH | YOUNG ADULTS | PARENTS

Equip Night

27TH NOVEMBER | WONGA PARK CRC | 5 PM



Please support our Youth and Young Adults by joining them in the last Equip Night for the year– to be held at WPCRC.

Please scan the QR code to link with the Equip Nights Spotify song list for this year.



WORKING BEE AT CHURCH
SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Our Church home is in much need of some tender loving care. Everyone is welcome and the more the merrier. It is also a great chance to spend some time in fellowship with each other. Jobs that need doing include window cleaning, cobweb removal, weeding and some gardening. Please bring your own tools/ cleaning gear as we don't have enough to go around.

Morning tea and a sausage sizzle lunch will be Provided. To enable us to allocate work there will be a sign up sheet next week in the foyer.

Hope you can make it—Your FMC



1st November—Armin Van Wyk

6th November—Alex Aitken

7th November—Mila Van Wyk

What's happening this week at WPCRC

Sunday 30th October -

Worship Service 10 am (in person and online)

Thursday 3rd November-

Wonderful Women of Wonga Bible Study—10 am

Friday 4th November-

Super Dash Youth/Parents Group 7.30 pm at Church

Sunday 6th November-

Worship Service 10am (in person & online)



Coffee Roster

Today : Alister & Adri Bennie

6th November : Martiens & Retha van Staden

The Deacons would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who came for lunch last Sunday and also for pitching in to help set up and clean up afterwards. It was great to hear the varied conversations, hear the laughter and eat great food.



We will, Lord willing do it again next year. In the meantime, keep encouraging each other by building relationships and honouring God with your fellowship.



From the Finance team

September Financial Update

Income

In September our offerings income was \$2,366 below average which contributed to our quarter ending income shortfall vs. budget to exceed \$5,177.

Expenses

Our expenses were higher this month due to us settling the Camp bill and while our fundraising and contributions more than covered the cost, we had recognised some of that income in the last financial year, which left us with a slight deficit this year.

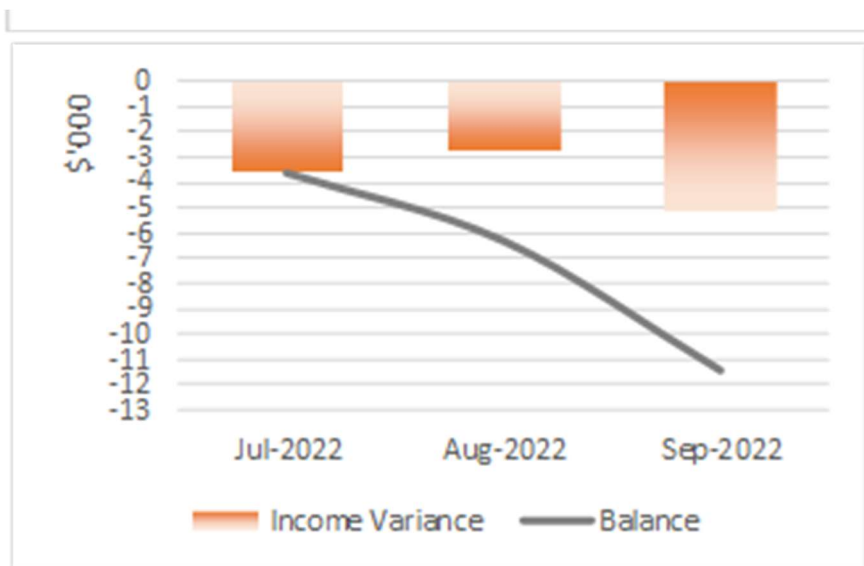
General

The audit reports for FY20 and FY21 were shared on 29 September and we will soon start preparing for the FY22 review. We praise the Lord for his continued blessings on the congregation and pray for His guidance as we steward the funds we receive to bring Him honour and glory.

We pray that the cost of living pressures will not impact the ability for His church to grow and bear fruits of the Spirit.

If you have concerns about your budget please have a look at the CAP site <https://capaust.org/get-help/budget-help/> or reach out to Neil Bester or myself to run you through CAP's budgeting tools.

Cumulative Income and Expenses with Monthly Variance and Running Balance



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

Monday night (online)

Contact :Herman Linde
0411 069 808

Thursday fortnightly (online/in person)

Contact :Leon & Anjali de Beer
0474 335 446
0460 671 271

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

Dale Reed

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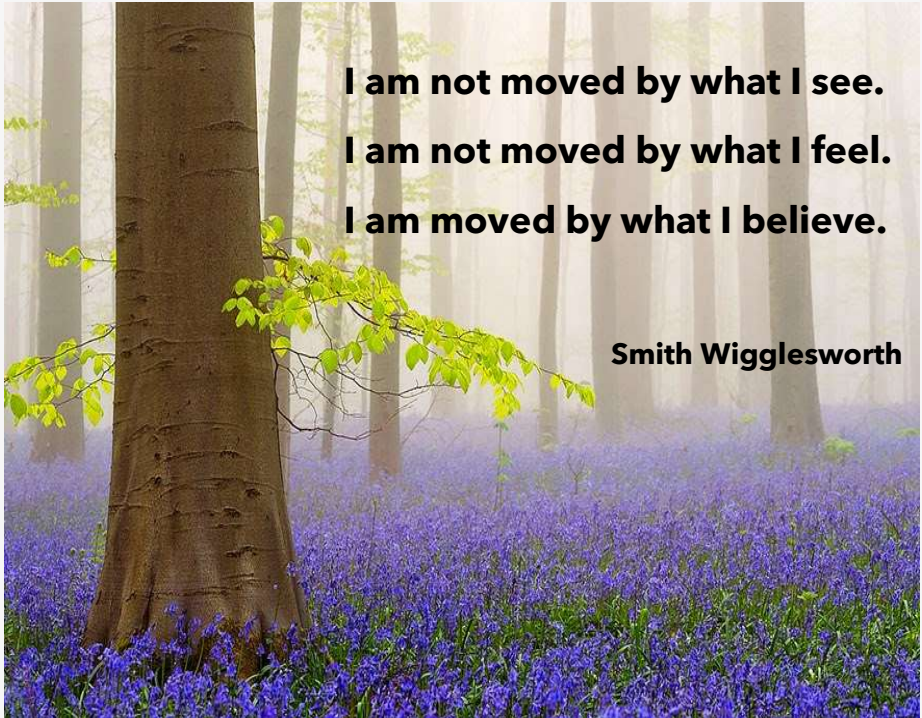
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Sandra Stork

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Thank you for joining us today



**I am not moved by what I see.
I am not moved by what I feel.
I am moved by what I believe.**

Smith Wigglesworth

Connect with us

Your name :

Contact number :

Contact email :