



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.

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).

From Our Pastor

On Monday our streets will be filled with little kids and their parents blindly falling into the American tradition of celebrating Halloween. As a Christian, how should we respond to Halloween? I suppose we can see the celebration of Halloween as a harmless secular holiday. I mean who doesn't like free lollies and fun parties! But how is this celebration shaping our children, how is it shaping our society? Spiritually what is going on in the hearts of our children?

Firstly, Halloween celebrations train and shape our children to think that excessive indulgence is normal, good and to be encouraged. It also encourages a sense of entitlement in our children. When you consider the world we live in, do you really want to encourage your children to idolise these things more than our media and secular society already do?

Secondly, and more importantly, Halloween, as it is celebrated today, glorifies the dead, the evil, the scary and the demonic. There is a reason evil things are supposed to be scary – they stand in opposition to God's character! As Christians, people who are being shaped into Jesus, these things therefore also stand in opposition to who we are. When we stop to think about it, Halloween, as it is celebrated today, asks us to dress up our children in evil or demonic themes and then call them cute. This is a total perversion of right and wrong and needs to be discouraged.

As parents we are responsible for the spiritual formation of our households. So as parents you need to consider how this day spiritually forms your children. In our house, our kids know that we do not celebrate Halloween. Halloween and Reformation Day fall on the same day – the one celebrates what is dead, the other the rediscovery of what brings life. The Reformation rediscovered one of the central truths of scripture – that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, by Christ alone. This gift of faith brings eternal life. So do you really want to spend the 31st of October bringing glory to death, or giving thanks for life?



Poetry

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

Incarnation

God of my universe
did you google earth
and come zooming in
to a particular place
at a particular time
to a particular girl,
chosen with care?

God of my nakedness
who formed me before birth,
how could you allow
your own son
to be stripped so bare
that he, who was not created
but Co-Creator,
should be born of one of us,
become one *with* us,
become one *of* us?

God of my self
who bared his own son,
do you invite me
to bear him now,
to carry the seed of Hope
who will take over my self
and bear me?

G

O

D

e

i

t

h

n

s



- 8 November – Session Meeting at the church.**
- 10 November – Prayer meeting at the church.**
- 12 November – Classis Meeting in Geelong.**
- 22 November – Prayer Meeting in the church.**
- 26 November – Working Bee at the church.**
- 27 November – State Youth Equip Night at the church.**
- 27 November - Commencement of the Advent season.**



Armin	Van Wyk	1 November
Alex	Aitken	6 November
Mila	Van Wyk	7 November
Eveline	Van Dortland	8 November
James	Van Veen	8 November
Esmeralda	Bakkes	13 November
Izelle	Steenkamp	14 November
Hendrika	Jooste	24 November
Cailynn	Van der Merwe	29 November

SESSION

Session Chair Monthly Report – October 2022

The purpose for this monthly update is to keep everyone abreast of all the ministries and activities taking place among our Church family. If there any additional things that you would like to hear about or you have something that you would like to share, that would be great! Please drop me an email at admin@wpcrc.org.au ss Peter is away. I would love to hear from you.

Pastor Chris

Training and Equipping:

Pastor Chris continues to regularly train our Deacons by currently working through “Faith Working through Love” Course. He also continues to meet with the Pastoral Care team and Elders for pastoral care training working through “Gospel Centred Counselling” every month.

Pastoral Care:

Pastor Chris has made 6 Pastoral Visits this month as well as continuing one on one discipleship twice. He is also busy running a Growth Group. He spent time planning and then ran a spiritual retreat day in the Hills which was well attended having the maximum number of people allowed.

Ministry Development:

Chris met with the deacons at their monthly meeting to plan the way forward with some deacons finishing up their terms. He also spent time planning the youth group activities for the term.

He has started planning our evangelistic strategy for next year as well as met with his ministry mentor - Pieter Tuit.

He spent a lot of time planning the last Selah evening with Mia van Wyk, our Music Ministry leader to ensure its success.

Classis/Denominational involvement:

Represented the Denomination at the Victorian Presbyterian Synod

Finished up dealing with the distribution of assets with one of the South Australian churches.

Deacons – from Joy van Veen

It was a real blessing to be able to catch up with a number of the congregation over lunch on the 23rd of October. As a church we love to see the building up of our community and the Deacons are thankful for the role we have in that.

The Dining Room Mission has had to make some changes to the way they operate since covid and are now going back to welcoming people to sit for a community meal, as well as offering take away meals as required. At the moment we are cooking for about 60 people. TDRM are now also looking for new people for their Committee of Management. Please keep TDRM in your prayers and consider how you might be able to help.”

Young Adults

Our Young Adults will be finishing up for the year this month. Everything is going as usual and there haven't been too many changes. Kasha advises that once they are finished for this year, they will be off to convention in Sydney which they are all excited for.

Facilities Management Committee

Looking forward to getting lots of much needed maintenance / clean up done at the next working bee (26th November) especially with the fire season just around the corner.

The FMC helped the AV team by removing the broken projector which is in the process of getting fixed.

We are grateful for Anne Keegel spending time with Dale doing some ongoing weeding, especially after all this rain.

Kids Hope

Travelling along well although really need volunteers. They have had no response to the request that has been in the gathered Worship Booklet for the past 3 weeks. Dale says that they really need some volunteers for this much valued ministry – the start for new members won't be until next year term 1 when school resumes.

Music Ministry

Music team is travelling along well and had been busy earlier this month preparing for the last Selah evening. It was well attended by a good mixture of church members and others connected to our church.

They want to encourage those of our Church family who haven't attended one of our Selah evenings yet to please consider coming along next year. It is a great place to rest in Worship and experience a deeper spiritual connection with God without pressure, as everyone has their own personal time of reflection.

We are also grateful to have Rachel back after her break enjoying life being a new mum.

Audio/Visual team

Cassie advises that the team are running well, and they are grateful for the team they have. They are in the process of getting the broken projector fixed. Thanks to the FMC for using a very large ladder to get it down to be fixed.

November Coffee Roster



SUNDAY 6 TH NOVEMBER	MARTIENS & RETHA VAN STADEN
SUNDAY 13 TH NOVEMBER	ISAAC & JACK ORGANTZOGLOU
SUNDAY 20 TH NOVEMBER	NICKY & NEIL BESTER
SUNDAY 27 TH NOVEMBER	LEON & ANJALI DE BEER

**Meeting on 11 October at 8.00pm
after 7.00pm Pastoral Care meeting**

Harry Berends was away – all other Elders were in attendance. Joy van Veen also attended for a time to present the Deacons report

Deacons

The Dining Room mission is going well and is now going back to sit down meals. The organizing committee want to hand over more responsibility to the churches that are supporting this mission. This will mean that more support is needed so the Deacons need more manpower. They are looking forward to the Church luncheon on the 23rd of October.

Elder & Deacon Elections

The Elder s spent time reviewing the nominations for Deacons and Elders.

A list of potential nominees was made from those suggested by the congregation. Peter Williams as Chairman of Session will approach the nominated people in the coming weeks to see if they are willing to stand for election.

Elders Retreat & Session Charter

With new elders to be elected, a discussion regarding the Session Charter will begin once they're on board. A Elders retreat in January was proposed.

Online Retention of Sermons

Session spent much time in discussion regarding the removal from our web site of all sermons older than say 6 months and archiving them in order to protect our members, particularly preachers in light of the recent events concerning the response to Thorburn's AFL appointment to CEO of the Essendon football club. Chris let the Elders know that several suggestions have come out of the denomination regarding this issue.

Publication of Garden-to-Garden City Sermon series

A few people have commented on how helpful the Garden to the Garden City and asked if it could be published as a book? Session agreed that this would be a good idea and they spent time discussing the logistics of this.

Time was spent praying for each other

Administration

Herman had had discussions with Dale regarding the lighting and electricals at Church. Dale advised that the Electricals are not good as the faults which are occurring are not easy to find. The FMC will continue to look into upgrading the electricals

Selah evening

The last event for the year went well. Session discussed the importance of keeping focus on the original intention of these special evenings of being a time of Worship and Prayer.

Finances:

As suggested by the auditors – our Church requires an Asset Register.

Expense claims procedure is now available to all our congregation and has been included in our member area in Elvanto. A QR code system has been established to make this easier. (QR code located on foyer notice-board).

Session spent time discussing changes to our Ministry share payments after receiving a questionnaire from the CRCA.

Session agreed that we need to base the Ministry share on Church budget rather than communicant member numbers.

Meeting closed with a time of prayer

Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th November at 8 pm



Dear CRCA churches, Classes, and pastors:

"The time has come for my departure!" These words, a quote from 2 Timothy 4:6, were read in the recent gathering of the TRAIN Workgroup. While these words of the apostle Paul were referencing his approaching death, these same words were referenced at this meeting to reflect on the fact that the time has come for my departure from my role in the CRCA as the MDC (Ministry Development Coordinator).

After more than 25 years of pastoral ministry in Canada with the CRCNA (Christian Reformed Churches in North America), on New Year's Eve 2007, we arrived down under to begin our gospel partnership with the CRC here in Australia. With all our family on the other side of the ocean, we had anticipated that we would remain in Australia for about 5 years. But the Lord had other plans. I have been privileged to serve CRCA church leaders, local churches, classes, and others for 15 years. Now after more than 40 years of pastoral ministry, the time has come for my departure from employed ministry. In the next few months the CRCA will transition to the new MDC.

This is the exciting development that has taken place in the past few months. After a thorough search, Rev. Clinton Berends of the South Barwon (VIC) church has accepted the call to take up the MDC role into the future. Clinton is well known among our churches, having first served the Willetton (WA) and Redlands (QLD) churches before taken on the role of pastor at South Barwon, where he has served since 2011. He also has served for many years on the Candidacy Committee and the TRAIN Workgroup. Clinton comes not only with over 20 years of pastoral ministry experience, but he is passionate about gospel ministry and leadership development. Recently I asked Clinton to share his thoughts about taking up the MDC role. This is what he shared with me:

It is a great privilege to be offered the role of MDC in our churches and I look forward to working with you in the coming months and years. I have been greatly blessed and encouraged by Jack's work in my work as a pastor and can see the fruit that the Lord has brought through his ministry among us.

I hope, by the grace of God, to continue on that good work of seeing pastors and elders strengthened and encouraged as they lead the church and work hard to see them healthy and growing. I am looking forward to walking alongside churches that are looking to plant new churches and develop new ministries that seek to impact their communities with the gospel. Together we have acknowledged the need to be active in raising leaders in our churches and particularly our need to train and encourage men to serve as pastors in the denomination and I am excited about working with you to see that vital work strengthened in the churches through training, internships and other ministry opportunities.

While the task seems daunting and somewhat overwhelming, I am being reminded that all our lives are done in and through Christ, who loves his church and gave himself up for her. I don't do this in my

own strength but only in that which he provides. I value your prayers as well, as I commit to praying for you also, for his leading and enabling in that work that is before us. Please also pray for South Barwon and the transition that the church and I will make over the next weeks.

So let us pray for Clinton and Tracy Berends, as well as the South Barwon congregation, during this time of transition. Clinton will take up the MDC role on the 20th of November. Leading up to this date and in the weeks following, I will work closely with Clinton to ensure a smooth transition for him into the MDC role.

While the task seems daunting and somewhat overwhelming, I am being reminded that all our lives are done in and through Christ, who loves his church and gave himself up for her. I don't do this in my own strength but only in that which he provides. I value your prayers as well, as I commit to So what does this all look like for me in the weeks leading up to my departure? The TRAIN Workgroup has asked me to focus my attention on making sure there is a good and effective transition for me out of my MDC role and Clinton into his role. This means that I will not be starting any new partnerships with churches or church leaders, but slowing winding down any existing partnerships. I still have two interstate trips already scheduled: **October - Victoria/Tasmania** and **November - Western Australia**. Beyond these trips, my primary focus will be on the transition to the new MDC.

As Clinton commented, the task of the MDC seems daunting and somewhat overwhelming. There is the area of church health and guiding the 30+ churches which participated in the NCLS survey. There is the area of growing gospel workers and seeing leadership development part of the DNA of all our churches. And then there remains the ongoing priorities of discipleship and outreach so that our churches are truly reaching the lost for Christ! But as I have experienced, and Clinton will as well, our Lord will go before us and build his church as he has promised (Matthew 16:18). As we own and engage the missional vision of the CRCA we will truly know the abiding presence of our Saviour who said, *"Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* (Matthew 28:20) In all of life and ministry, as individuals and churches, may our testimony be like that of the apostle Paul who said, *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."* (2 Timothy 4:7)

As I make my departure from employed ministry in the CRCA and enter into the uncertainty of the next phase of our lives, will you also pray for Jeannie and myself that we will truly sense that God goes before us and he is with us. I will truly miss the friendships and the gospel partnership forged over many years and in every state and territory where there are CRCA churches. God be with you until we meet again!

Jack De Vries

Ministry Development Coordinator

49 Hunter Circuit

Petrie, QLD 4502

p. 07 3285 3678

m. 0437 339 008

e. mtc@crca.org.au

w. www.ministryformation.com.au



Rev. Clinton Berends



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 to come and the more the merrier. Many hands make light work.

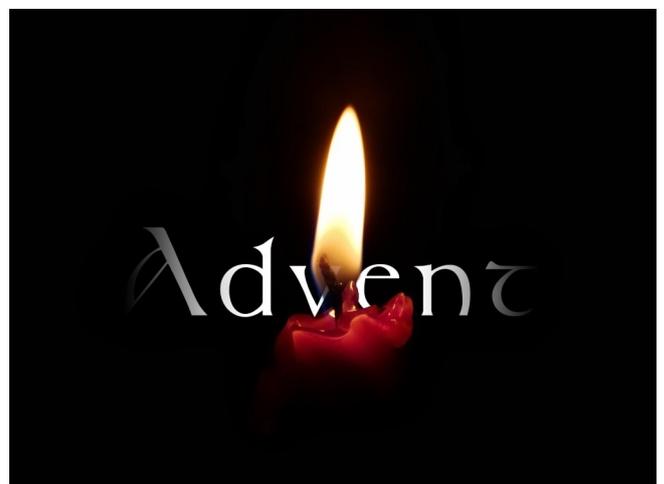
It is also a great chance to spend some time in fellowship with each other. Jobs that need doing include window cleaning, cobweb removal, weeding and some gardening. Please bring your own tools/cleaning gear as we don't have enough to go around.

Morning tea and sausage sizzle lunch will be provided.

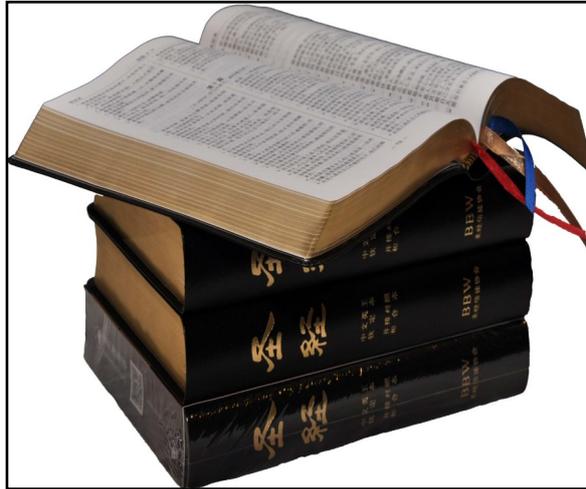
To enable us to allocate work, there will be a sign-up sheet next week in the foyer.

Hope you can make it.

Your Facilities Management Committee



ADVENT starts November 27



***DONATIONS NEEDED FOR BIBLES- KATOVA DISTRICT,
SOLOMON ISLANDS***

We are planning a mission trip in April 2023, to continue with the Word & Deed ministry in the Katova District. The Building team will focus on the Katova High School project whilst the Word ministry team will focus on Youth Leadership training and KYB course for the Katova and Isabel women.

It is our aim that many from the Katova District would be able to own their own Bibles. We see the importance of Christians hearing and knowing the Word of God. We all can bear witness to the fact that the Bible is the basis of faith and the means to draw wisdom for our daily lives. In these uncertain times, the need is crucial for one's faith to be firmly founded and strengthened by the Word of God.

Therefore, we appeal to you to support this project by donating towards the purchase and distribution of Bibles to the Solomon Islanders. We are appealing for a minimum of 1000 Bibles to be distributed.

For further information, Contact Rod Peet, Katova High School Project Coordinator. *Mobile: 0412 058 848*

Yours in His precious service

Nobin Shunmugam

CRC Wamberal



Ministry Internship/Outdoor Leadership Traineeship
Opportunity
Applications close Monday 13th November 2022

Wedderburn Christian Campsite was established 61 years ago. Throughout that time, we have been: running school camps, retreats for churches and community groups, NDIS Life Skills, corporate development programs, as well as being heavily involved in Christian ministry through our school holiday children's camps and other community programs. Wedderburn's mission is to use our site to promote the gospel through word and deed. We are continuing to grow the ministry opportunities here, offering 1 trainee position in Christian Ministry/Outdoor Leadership in 2023. We are really excited to be able to offer positions like this and look forward to inputting into the life of our new trainee. So... You should consider applying for this position:

- If you want to grow in your relationship with God
- If you are thinking about serving him, but are unsure where
- If you are not sure what to do in 2023 yet
- If you want to be challenged and stretched spiritually
- If you want to learn leadership skills
- If you want to grow in your practical ministry skills

If this sounds like you, then you may be just the person Wedderburn Christian Campsite is looking for to join our team as a trainee for 2023. As a trainee at WCC, you will have the opportunity to work in practical areas of Christian Camping Ministry in paid work, grow in Christ as part of the WCC Team, with the option of living onsite, study & receive (upon successful completion) a Certificate III in Outdoor Leadership along with tangible practical ministry skills.

If you are interested in applying for this position, we would love to hear from you. We will then send you some more detailed information and an application form to fill out.

Paul Mulwyk (Assistant Manager)

Ph: 02 4634 1265

Email: office@wedderburn.org.au

Applications for the 2023 Traineeship close 13th November 2022

A PLURALITY OF PREACHERS? –

MINISTRY SPOT

MURRAY CAPILL

(ARTICLE TAKEN FROM THE OCTOBER 2022 RTC NEWSLETTER)

Many churches are committed to the concept of a plurality of elders. That is to say, the local church is not led by the pastor alone, but by a team of leaders. The elders as a body are shepherds and overseers of the flock and together they lead the local church.

Interestingly, the norm in many churches committed to that principle is for there to only be one preacher. There's a plurality of elders, but a singular preacher. But is that healthy? And is it biblical? Should the "plurality" principle apply to preachers as well?

The classic text for making a distinction between elders who "rule" or lead, and those among them who are particularly gifted to preach and teach, is 1 Timothy 5:17. Paul says, "*Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honour, especially those who labour in preaching and teaching.*" He goes on to talk about not muzzling the ox while it is treading out the grain, establishing the principle that the worker is worthy of his wages. It is appropriate, he is saying, to financially support church workers. In fact, this remuneration is often seen as the "double" honour – there's the honour of respect and also the honour of remuneration. That's double honour.

With this understanding a model has developed where local churches have a plurality of elders, one of whom is set aside, and financially supported, to preach and teach as his fulltime work. But is that what Paul envisioned? It seems significant that the "double honour" is spoken of in regard to elders who rule well, not just to those who preach. And he does not then speak of "especially the one" who teaches and preaches, but "especially those" who preach and teach. His words are suggestive of a plurality of preachers among the plurality of elders.

In larger churches with multiple pastors that is, of course, what happens. But most churches are smaller and have only one minister. He's expected to preach most weeks, with a few weeks' holiday and perhaps the occasional swap with another minister or guest preacher to help out. So, one person provides over 80% of the preaching ministry.

While that model has provided for the needs of many churches and been sustainable for many preachers, it is worth asking, is it really best? Is it the healthiest model for preachers and for churches? Or should a belief in the principle of a plurality of elders be matched by a commitment to a plurality of preachers?

I'd like to suggest that a plurality of preachers is the healthiest and most biblical pattern for

every church, no matter what its size. It is healthy for a number of reasons:

- It is healthy for a church not to be overly dependent on one person. The whole point of a plurality of elders is it is not a one-man show. But it can too easily look and feel like it is if only one person preaches.
- It is healthy for the church to hear the Word through more than one person. Each preacher brings their own insights, preaches with their own style, and connects in different ways to different people. It is healthy to hear the Word from several different people.
- It is healthy to use and develop the gifts of many. It is unlikely, even in a fairly small church, that the minister is the only person with teaching gifts. Other men will grow greatly if they are asked to step up and preach from time to time. For some of them it may prove to be the first step towards further gospel ministry.
- It is healthy for the preacher to sit under the ministry of the Word, being fed by others. We believe that is important for everyone else in the church, and it is important for the minister too.
- It is healthy for a minister to have some weeks when he doesn't have to prepare a new sermon, but can spend additional time digging his well deeper for ongoing Word ministry or doing advance preparation for an upcoming series.
- It is healthy for the minister not to be in a category of one. If he is the only person in the church with his particular set of responsibilities, there can be undue focus on him, excessive pressure on, and a measure of isolation for him. The plurality principle is designed to ensure he is not alone in his tasks.
- It is healthy for preachers to be able to share the load with each other. They can help carry each other's burdens in times of greater stress, weariness or harder seasons of life.
- It is also healthy come the time when the minister leaves. The church is not suddenly stuck, but already has a pool of other preachers who step in.

It's healthier. But is it achievable? Is it possible for even a small church to have several preachers?

It is likely that in a smaller church there will only be one fulltime pastor, but if part of his mandate is not only to preach but to equip others to preach, then over time a pool of preachers can be raised up.

To achieve that, many churches now establish a preaching group where a few people come together to study biblical texts, and learn how to structure a message, develop sound applications, and communicate in public. They may begin by preparing short talks and presenting them to each other, giving feedback and learning from each other, while being coached by the pastor. Over time, some will show capacity to prepare a longer message and then eventually preach in church.

Actually, the RTC has just added another unit to *The Way* Discipleship course specifically designed to help with this. "Communicating the Word" is a new unit designed to help equip people to handle, teach and preach God's Word well. You can find more information at <https://thewaydiscipleship.com/>

People who are trained in this way will typically grow spiritually through doing this. It will grow their understanding of preaching, of the Bible, of good communication, and of what is involved in feeding the flock. It may well grow the ability of elders to give feedback on the main preacher's sermons and it may increase their empathy for him as well as they discover firsthand the de-

mands of preaching.

Some may preach just once or twice a year, while others may have time and capacity to preach more often. In a very small church, you don't have to be an amazing public speaker to stand in front of a few people and open up an edifying message from God's Word. When a church is a bit larger, more developed gifts are needed to speak to a greater number of people, but the pool of people to draw from is also larger.

Once a few men have been trained, others will be encouraged to consider learning to preach as well. Preaching won't be seen as the domain of just one person, but as one of the gifts God gives to his church for the upbuilding of the body. Those who show marked giftedness should then be encouraged to consider going further, perhaps undertaking full theological training in order to devote themselves to fulltime work as a pastor or gospel worker.

Of course, great care should be taken in calling on more people to preach. It is a large responsibility that has a huge impact on the wellbeing of the church. Preaching standards must be kept high. Those who are trained will need to be very sound in doctrine, apt to teach, and godly in their daily lives. But they are the qualifications for all the elders, so it is not outlandish to think that more elders, and others aspiring to eldership, might be able to test and develop their gifts to preach.

It seems biblical, healthy, and wise, therefore, for a church to develop not only a plurality of elders, but a plurality of preachers.

Rev. Dr. Murray Capill is the immediate past Principal of the Reformed Theological College, Melbourne.



KIDS CORNER



Daniel and the Lions

This is a story about Daniel. He actually came to Babylon with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and each king that came and went liked these men because they were honest and hard workers. They were always given the most important jobs which made the other workers of the king jealous.

This time the king's name was Darius and he also liked Daniel. He knew that Daniel was a good worker so he decided to put Daniel in charge of the whole country. The other servants of the king were very jealous of Daniel and they tried to find something that would get Daniel in trouble. They were trying to get him fired, but Daniel obeyed God so they couldn't find anything.

Finally these men said to each other, "We can't find any reason for the king to fire Daniel. The only way we could get him to disobey the king is if we made a law against his god." So they went to king Darius and said, "O great king, you are so wonderful that no one should pray to anyone but you."

The king said, "That sounds like a great idea!" Then the men continued, "All of your workers have agreed that this should be done and that anyone that prays to any other god should be thrown into the lions den."

The workers lied and said that everyone who worked for the king agreed, but of course they never talked to Daniel because they knew he wouldn't agree. The king didn't know this, so he made the law and it couldn't be changed.

When Daniel heard about the new law he did what he always did. He went home to a room upstairs and opened the windows that looked out over the city. Three times that day he went down on his knees and prayed to God just like he always had.

These men went as a group to Daniel's house and found him praying and asking God for help. So they ran straight to the king and told him, "Your worker Daniel is ignoring your command. We have seen him praying to his God three times today."

When the king heard this he was very sad. He really liked Daniel and he didn't want him to die. He tried everything to get the law changed to stop Daniel from being thrown in the lions' den, but the men came to him and reminded him that the law could not be changed and Daniel

would have to be punished.

So at the end of the day the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "I hope your God who you serve and pray to will rescue you!"

A large, heavy stone was rolled in front of the den and the king went back to his palace with tears in his eyes. That night King Darius couldn't eat or sleep he was so worried for Daniel.

The next day, as soon as the sun came up the king got up and ran to the lions' den. As he got closer he shouted, "Daniel, has your God who you serve and pray to rescued you from the lions?" The king waited quietly for a response.

Then all of a sudden Daniel said, "O king, live forever! My God sent an angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me because I have done nothing wrong."

The king jumped with joy and immediately ordered that Daniel be removed from the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, there wasn't even a scratch on him because he trusted in God.

The king knew that the men had tricked him into punishing Daniel so he punished them.

After that the king made a new law and he said, "Daniel's God is great, and I order that everyone in my kingdom must respect the Lord God, who rescued Daniel from the hungry lions."

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Daniel & the Lions Anagram



abeellmss _____

aejlosu _____

hmostu _____

aberv _____

alsw _____

ilnos _____

adepry _____

cdelos _____

aegl n _____

cdeersu _____

Daniel & the Lions Word Search

D O M L F B V T E E R H T J Z
E E V R R A R T B S Z F C M D
H J V A A I U L D E S O L C B
S R V E C H A L R S H T U O M
I E E K I M D E T C E T O R P
N A E S E L V S Q S N O I L W
U D N L C I E J E A L O U S A
P O E G L U D B P R A Y E D L
I S J E E A E O O D A R I U S
S I D Q S L I D S T O N E V E

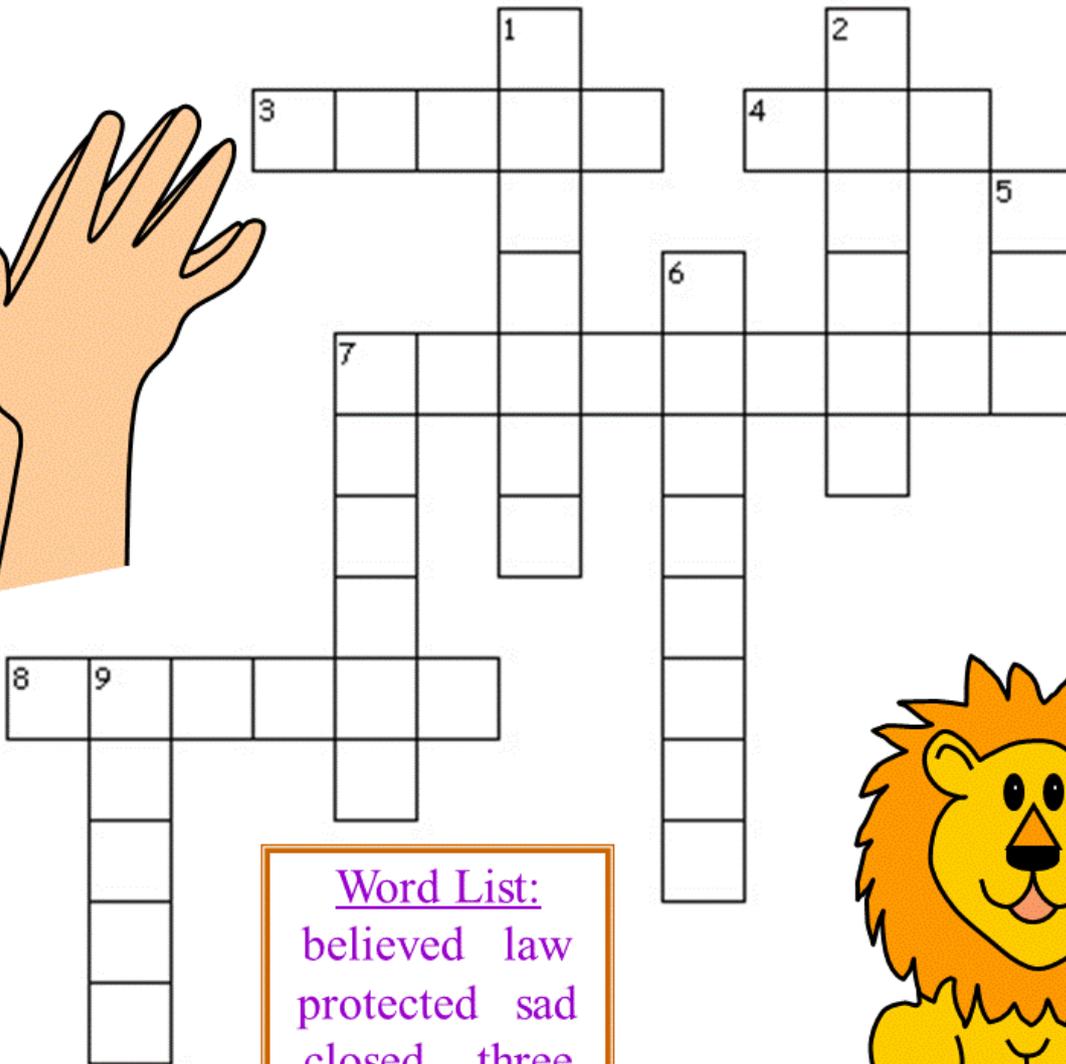
angel
believed
blameless
brave
closed
Darius
deliver
faults
harm
jealous
law



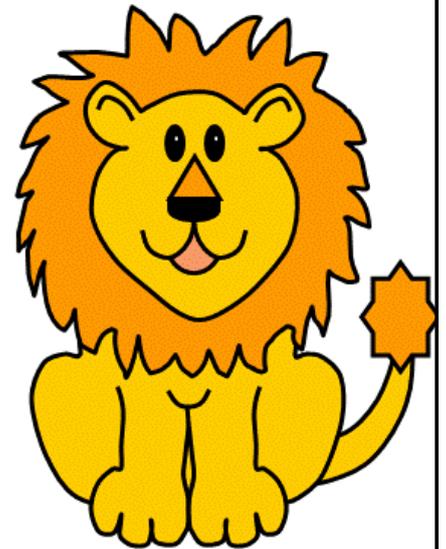
lions
mouths
prayed
protected
punished
rescued
sad
stone
three
tricked

ACTIVITY TIME

Daniel & the Lions Crossword



Word List:
believed law
protected sad
closed three
jealous lions
prayed faults



Across

3. Daniel got on his knees and prayed this many times everyday.
4. King Darius changed this so that everyone was ordered to pray to him alone.
7. God _____ Daniel because he was faithful to Him.
8. The lion's mouths were _____ and Daniel was unharmed.

Down

1. The other servants of the king were _____ because the king liked Daniel more.
2. The men who wanted to get rid of Daniel could find no _____ with him.
5. King Darius felt this when he heard Daniel had to be thrown in with the lions.
6. Daniel _____ in God, that's why he continued to pray.
7. Daniel did this even though the law said he couldn't.
9. Daniel was thrown into a den of _____ because he prayed to God.



With the Christmas season coming closer this month's suggested recipe is, appropriately, one for **Advent Cake**.

Advent Cake

Ingredients

For the cake

- 100 grams maraschino cherry
- 250 grams softened butter
- 200 grams sugar
- 50 grams brown sugar
- 4 eggs (whites)
- 1 generous pinch mace
- 100 grams rum raisin
- 200 grams pastry flour
- 50 grams ground almonds
- 50 grams corn starch
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 50 grams chopped almonds

For the glaze

- 150 grams powdered sugar
- 2 tbsps lemon juice
- candied orange peel
- maraschino cherry (cut into thin strips)

Preparation

1.

For the cake, coarsely chop the cherries. Beat the butter, white and brown sugar and egg whites until foamy. Stir the mace together with the rum-soaked raisins, chopped cherries, flour, baking powder, corn starch and almonds, then fold into the egg mixture. Pour the batter into a greased and floured springform pan and bake in preheated oven at 180°C for about 1 hour.

2.

Remove from the oven and after 10 minutes, remove from the springform pan and let cool completely on a wire rack.

3.

In the meantime, stir together the powdered sugar and lemon juice to make a glaze.

4.

Pour the glaze over the cooled cake and decorate with cherries and candied orange peel. Let the icing dry, cut the cake into pieces and serve with coffee.



Humour Corner

The following statements about the bible were written by children and have not been touched or corrected. The spelling has been left in!!

- * In the first book of the bible, Guinness, God tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.
- * Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
- * Noah wife was called Joan of Ark.
- * Noah's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire at night.
- * Noah built an ark, which animals come on in pears.
- * The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had a lot of trouble with the unsympathetic genitals.
- * Moses led the Hebrews to the red sea, where they made unleavened bread in the desert without ingredients.
- * The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert.
- * The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
- * The greatest miracle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
- * When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus she sang the Magna Carta.
- * Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
- * The epistles were the wives of the twelve apostles.
- * St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.
- * Solomon, one of David's son had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
- * Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you. He also explained "a man doth not live by sweat alone".
- * Moses died before he reached Canada.
- * St John the blacksmith, dumped water on his head.
- * Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.

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

Chris Pretorius
0423 889 913

Neil Bester
0429 569 149

Peter Williams
0431 500 006

Kasha Schubert
0450 012 177

Martin Van der Merwe
0458 908 148

Lynette Pretorius
0423 889 912

Michelle Organtzoglou
0488 777 517

Joy Van Veen
0409 199 840

Harry Berends
0421 302 418

Ina Du Plessis
0425 833 596

Herman Linde
0411 069 808

Adri Bennie
0425 727 949

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.

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

Wednesday Nights (In person)
Contact: Adri Bennie
physio.pretorius@gmail.com
0425 727 949

Thursday Nights fortnightly
(alternately in-person and on-line)
Contact Leon & Anjali de Beer
leondebeer.ldb@gmail.com
anjalidebeer@gmail.com
0475 005 446
0460 671 271

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

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

Friday Nights Parent Group (In person)
Contact: Neil Bester
neil_bester@yahoo.com
0429 569 149
and Martin Van der Merwe
martin.vandermerwe@bigpond.com
0458 908 148

KEY CONTACT DETAILS

ELDERS

Pastor

Chris Pretorius
0423 889 913
pastor@wpcrc.org.au

Youth Pastor

Position vacant

Chairman and Worship Services

Peter Williams
0431 500 006

Finance

Martin Van der Merwe
0458 908 148

Neil Bester
0429 569 149

Growth Groups

Martin Van der Merwe
0458 908 148

Neil Bester
0429 569 149

Harry Berends
0421 302 418

Herman Linde
0411 069 808

DEACONS

Joy Van Veen
0409 199 840

Sandra Stork
0418 592 206

Dale Reed
0412 216 300

ADMINISTRATION

Newsletter Editors

newsletter@wpcrc.org.au

Enè Crous
0450 211 133

Harry Berends
0421 302 418

Treasurer

Nelleke Arnold
treasurer@wpcrc.org.au
0448 469 569

Child Safe Coordinator

Michelle Organtzoglou
0488 777 517

Session Clerk & Church Administrator

Michelle Organtzoglou 0488 777 517
clerk@wpcrc.org.au, admin@wpcrc.org.au

MINISTRY LEADERS

Prayer Ministry

prayer@wpcrc.org.au
Herman Linde
0411 069 808

Music Ministry

Mia Van Wyk
0420 817 800

Sunday School Coordinator

Sarah Pretorius
0409 221 277

Audio Visual

Cassie Van Veen
0499 230 872

Kids Hope Coordinator

Dale Reed
0412 216 300

CAP Money Course

Neil Bester
0429 569 149
Martin Van der Merwe
0458 908 148

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: