



WELCOME

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.

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 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. If you are a visitor, please grab a free barista made coffee (available most mornings). 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 during the church service for primary school aged children, and we have a **crèche** for ages 1-5 at the end of the main hallway.

Safe under the shadow of God's Wings

Ruth 2 (CSB)

RUTH AND BOAZ MEET

1 Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side. He was a prominent man of noble character from Elimelech's family. His name was Boaz. 2 Ruth the Moabitess asked Naomi, "Will you let me go into the fields and gather fallen grain behind someone with whom I find favor?" Naomi answered her, "Go ahead, my daughter." 3 So Ruth left and entered the field to gather grain behind the harvesters. She happened to be in the portion of the field belonging to Boaz, who was from Elimelech's family. 4 Later, when Boaz arrived from Bethlehem, he said to the harvesters, "The Lord be with you." "The Lord bless you," they replied. 5 Boaz asked his servant who was in charge of the harvesters, "Whose young woman is this?" 6 The servant answered, "She is the young Moabite woman who returned with Naomi from the territory of Moab. 7 She asked, 'Will you let me gather fallen grain among the bundles behind the harvesters?' She came and has been on her feet since early morning, except that she rested a little in the shelter." 8 Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Listen, my daughter. Don't go and gather grain in another field, and don't leave this one, but stay here close to my female servants. 9 See which field they are harvesting, and follow them. Haven't I ordered the young men not to touch you? When you are thirsty, go and drink from the jars the young men have filled." 10 She fell facedown, bowed to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor with you, so that you notice me, although I am a foreigner?" 11 Boaz answered her, "Everything you have done for your mother-in-law since your husband's death has been fully reported to me: how you left your father and mother and your native land, and how you came to a people you didn't previously know. 12 May the Lord reward you for what you have done, and may you receive a full reward from the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge." 13 "My lord," she said, "I have found favor with you, for you have comforted and encouraged your servant, although I am not like one of your female servants." 14 At mealtime Boaz told her, "Come over here and have some bread and dip it in the vinegar sauce." So she sat beside the harvesters, and he offered her roasted grain. She ate and was satisfied and had some left over. 15 When she got up to gather grain, Boaz ordered his young men, "Let her even gather grain among the bundles, and don't humiliate her. 16 Pull out some stalks from the bundles for her and leave them for her to gather. Don't rebuke her." 17 So Ruth gathered grain in the field until evening. She beat out what she had gathered, and it was about twenty-six quarts of barley. 18 She picked up the grain and went into the town, where her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She brought out what she had left over from her meal and gave it to her. 19 Her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you gather barley today, and where did you work? May the Lord bless the man who noticed you." Ruth told her mother-in-law whom she had worked with and said, "The name of the man I worked with today is Boaz." 20 Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May the Lord bless him because he has not abandoned his kindness to the living or the dead." Naomi continued, "The man is a close relative. He is one of our family redeemers." 21 Ruth the Moabitess said, "He also told me, 'Stay with my young men until they have finished all of my harvest.'" 22 So Naomi said to her daughter-in-law Ruth, "My daughter, it is good for you to work with his female servants, so that nothing will happen to you in another field." 23 Ruth stayed close to Boaz's female servants and gathered grain until the barley and the wheat harvests were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

SERMON NOTES

DISCIPLESHIP DIGEST

Imagine the following situation:

You are walking next to a friend, and he/she says “I can’t think of any good reason to believe in God!”
What do you say? Over the last 4 weeks, we have been giving you the tools to answer this question “Well

I can think of at least 4 good reasons and here they are...”

In the first week, we looked at the Cosmological Argument, or the argument from the fact that the universe exists. We know everything comes from somewhere, so the universe must come from somewhere. We saw that the “Big Bang” theory as an explanation fails to adequately account for the universe’s existence, and so God must have created the universe.

In the second week, we looked at the argument from Fine Tuning. We saw that the universe is incredibly finely tuned to allow for the existence of life. We saw that if you tinker with the various constants that exist in nature, even by the smallest amount, the universe would not be able to sustain life. Where does all this fine tuning come from? God.

In the third week, we looked at the moral argument, the fact that there is a kind of universal moral code that people from all over the world abide by. Why would this be the case if there is no universal law giver – God? We saw that there are no good reasons apart from God for why this would be the case, giving powerful evidence that God does in fact exist.

And last week we looked at Pascal’s Wager. We saw that, when we take the ‘consequences’ of believing or not believing in God into consideration, regardless of whether God exists or not, it is most rational to believe in God.

I hope that this “crash course” in apologetics was helpful to you. I want the discipleship digest to be a piece of our weekly newsletter that encourages and equips you for living as a strong believer in this world. So today I am going to ask what it is you would like to see in here? What tools would you like to learn? What questions do you have that you would like answered? What skills do you think you need? Send me an email (pastor@wpcrc.org.au), or a text 0423 889 913, and let me know.

RUTH 2 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Questions:

Q1: What do you learn about God from this passage in Ruth 2?

Q2: Why do you think Boaz treated Ruth the way he did?

Q3: Why was Boaz different to most of the other farmers around?

Q4: The book of Ruth opens with the phrase “In the days when the Judges were judging”. In what way does that change the way we read and interpret Ruth 2?

Q5: God is the one working behind the scenes in the

book of Ruth: In what ways does chapter 2 show us God’s sovereignty?

Q6: What other examples in the Bible can you think of where God’s sovereign plan is shown to incorporate the choices of individuals (see for example Gen 50:15-21).

Q7: Do you think Boaz is acting like a “type of Christ” here? That is in what ways are Boaz similar to Jesus, and in what ways is he different?

Q8: How does Ruth 2 encourage you to trust in God?

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Diary



Sunday 8th March

10:00am Worship Service

7:30pm Ministry Leader Training

Women's Share & Prayer Group

We meet once a fortnight at the home of Jemma Lichtendonk, for a social time of sharing what's happening in our lives and praying for each other, the church and wider community issues. If you're interested in coming along, please contact Janette Fernando on 0422 887228.

Date	Venue	Address	Afternoon tea
Thursday, February 13th, 1.30-3.30 pm.	Jemma	11 Hawkins Rd, Montrose	Jemma
Thursday, February 27th, 1.30-3.30 pm	Jemma	11 Hawkins Rd, Montrose	Wendy
Thursday, March 12th, 1.30-3.30 pm	Jemma	11 Hawkins Rd, Montrose	Joke
Thursday, March 26th, 1.30-3.30 pm.	Janette	42 Hawkins Rd, Montrose	Janette

Women's Bible Study 2020

Term 1: Thursday 20/2/2020 - 26/3/2020

Term 2: Thursday 23/4/2020 - 25/6/2020

Term 3: Thursday 16/7/2020 - 10/9/2020

Term 4: Thursday 8/10/2020 - 3/12/2020

ENCOUNTER THE
Risen Christ
FACE to FACE

An Experience in the
Emmaus Tradition
FOR PERSONS 60 AND OLDER

If you are 60 years or older, desire a deeper more meaningful walk with the risen Christ, hope for Christ's love to be real in every relationship you have, and wish to make a deeper impact on the world and your community of faith by living a life centered on Jesus, then, **Face to Face is for you!**

Presented by the Melbourne Walk to Emmaus Community

Location: Boronia Community Church of Christ, 9 Boronia Rd, Boronia VIC 3155

Dates: Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th of March

Time: 9am until 4pm

Lunch is provided

Costs is \$60.00 per person or \$100.00 a couple

www.facetoface.upperroom.org

For more information please contact Wendy Harrison, Herman Linde or Harry Berends

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08/3 Lorensz & Sandra Stork
15/3 Peter & Margreet Day

Leonie Stork
 Adri & Bart van Leeuwen



02/3-08/3 Esmeralda & Johan Bakkes
09/3-15/3 Rachel & Pieter Viljoen

John & Ilonka Barnard
 Joy van Veen & Dirk Schuring

Happy
 Birthday

Sarlene Nel
 Henk Knol
 Ina De Graaf

23 February
25 February
28 February

Janette Fernando
 Magda Teeuwen
 Dirk Schuring

1 March
5 March
7 March



CRCA WOMEN'S CONVENTION 2020

May 29th - June 1st 2020

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 Sunshine Coast

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BUDGET UPDATE

Finance Overview		
Dec-19	Budget	Actual
Funds in	15,390	14,788
Expenses	20,877	13,927
Year-to-date		
Funds in	95,515	102,190
Expenses	114,862	93,574



Spreading the
Good News from Nigeria

Bibles for the World Fund Raising Dinner

Come and hear Brian Tucker
 speak about his experiences
 distributing God's work in
 Nigeria last year

*There will be a voluntary offering during the dinner where **100%** of the funds raised will be used to produce Scriptures for 3rd world countries*

Want more information? Please call Phillip Nel on 9842 0597
 Email: philnel@optusnet.com.au

Thursday March 19, 2020 - 6.40 pm for a 7.00 pm start
 Lincoln Room, Quality Hotel Manor, 669 Maroondah Highway, Mitcham 3132

Tickets \$25 per person which includes a two course meal
Please book before 6.3.20 and advise of any special dietary requirements



這聖經使你因信
 基督耶穌有得救的智慧



PRAYER POINTS

"We must begin to believe that God, in the mystery of prayer, has entrusted us with a force that can move the Heavenly world, and can bring its power down to earth." Andrew Murray

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

That the Lord will forgive us for all the times we fail to measure up to what he commands us in his word.

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

That the Lord will teach us humble gratitude for the blessing of prayer and his willingness to grant our requests as seems good to him in his infinite wisdom because of his great love for us.

From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. (John 1:16 NLT)

Give praise and thanks to our heavenly Father for his nearness to each one of his children even when we wander from him.

Let us give praise and thanks to our Lord that Martie Schachtner is doing so well and that she is feeling better now than at any time during the last 12 months. Please continue to pray for complete healing.

Please pray for Joke van der Veen as she is also struggling with breast cancer. Please pray for healing and for strength as she journeys through the process of medical treatments.

Please continue to pray for Veronica Fernando and for Gretchen Fourie and give thanks that they are both also doing well.

Please pray for Henk Knol as they have decided that it would be best for Henk to move into permanent aged care. Pray for both Henk and Maria as this will be a big adjustment for them both.

Please pray for our youth that the Lord will keep them close to himself and that the influences of the world will not entice them away from his truth.

Please pray for the church in Narre Warren, give thanks for all the work they do in the community and that they will continue to receive God's blessing on their endeavours for his kingdom.

Continue to pray for the church in our nation especially for all those who pray and work together for unity among believers and revival throughout our land.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Burkina Faso. On Sunday 16 February a group of around 20 'armed terrorists' attacked a Protestant church in the north-eastern village of Pansi, close to the border with Niger in Yagha Province in Burkina Faso's volatile northern Sahel Region. The terrorists rode into Pansi on motorbikes and targeted the church, opening fire on believers as the worship service was underway. It was a massacre; at least 10 were killed and 18 wounded. The pastor was among 14 church members whom the terrorists abducted and subsequently murdered, bringing the death toll to 24. The militants set fire to the church and forced three abducted youths to help carry looted supplies. Victims were transported to the hospital in the regional capital, Dori, some 180km (110 miles) north-west of Pansi, in neighbouring Seno Province. Seeking safety, traumatised villagers fled to the provincial capital, Sebba, adding to the ever-growing numbers of internally displaced persons. A week earlier, on Monday evening 10 February, Islamic militants murdered Lankoande Babilibile, a church deacon in Sebba. According to Barnabas Fund, the terrorists then stole Babilibile's car and used it to abduct Pastor Tindano Omar, whom they seized from his Sebba home along with his son, two daughters and two nephews. The bodies of Pastor Omar, his son and two nephews were found on 13 February; his two daughters had been released unharmed. Pastor Tindano Omar is survived by three other children who attend university in another region.

Elizabeth Kendal

Note:

If you hear of someone needing prayer or are in need of it yourself for any reason including giving praise and thanks to God please send your request to Herman Linde, preferably in an email, so that he can either put it in the newsletter or on the prayer chain or both, depending on your preference. His email address is herman.linde@live.com.au.

SESSION MINUTES

Session Meeting Minutes (abridged version) held on 11th February 2020 at WPCRC.

- Present: Chris P, Peter W, Jack O, Peter D, Margreet D, Lourens G, Tim G.
Apologies: Ryan W
- Minutes of the last meeting held in November 2019 were passed.
- Chris P reported on the Convention which went really well. He has stepped down from a leadership position on the Convention Committee. Tim G will give a small presentation and feedback to the church about some of the events from Convention.
- Tim G received a glowing report from Hope in the Hills regarding his vicariate. Well done Tim.
- WPCRC will host an evening on the 27th July for the "Apologetics – led by Tom Woodward". It would be good to pencil this evening into your diary now.
- Discussion on Chapter 6 of the Elder book: "Shepherd Together" was had. Chris P defined that the heart of shepherding is a communal task. The question is what does that look like for the church/Session? Are Christians becoming lazy? Are people more motivated when they love what they do? Chris P asked Session what commitment each elder has to give to the work of the church. All elders and pastors bring individual gifts and therefore it is absolutely important that the task of shepherding is collective. Through working together, we can each carry the load together.
- Unfortunately, Session had to accept the resignation of 2 elders namely Ryan W and Chris F for personal and work related reasons. The resignation of Martie S as deacon was also accepted. Session wishes to thank these 3 members of Session for their faithful and loving work within the congregation; our prayers are with each of you.
- Jack O informed Session that there will be a working bee in the coming months.
- Peter W outlined some of the community events that will happen for the upcoming year. One such event will be a community Christmas Carol service; Sunday School has made some minor changes.
- The method of digital giving was discussed with the congregation during a worship service. Equally, how messages and news will be communicated was explained to the congregation. If you are finding logging onto Elvanto and/or downloading the church app, there will be training offered after the worship service. Please ask for help as many are willing to help out and get you connected.
- Herman L discussed with Chris P the changes to Emmaus and asked that WPCRC becomes a partner church for the new program Face-to-Face. Herman would like the church to be involved; this will be to provide a dinner, pray for the group and promote the activities of the group. The dates for the Encounters, as they are now called, will be in March 2020.
- The meeting closed with open prayer at 10.05 pm.
- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th March 2020.

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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.

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GIVING

In our church we have 2 offerings every Sunday. The first offering goes toward the ministry of this congregation. The second offering goes toward various ministry organisations we support. If you would like to support this work you can do so in a few different ways:

In church giving: Simply add your offering to the offering bag.

Bank Transfer: BSB: 063 167 Acc: 1015 8356. For the Deacons **BSB: 063167 Acc. 1015 8372**

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