

Sunday 7 September 2025



SERMON TOPIC: Writing God's Word on little hearts
BIBLE TEXT: Deut 6:1-9; Eph 6:1-4
PREACHER: Colin Pretorius
ELDER ON DUTY: Martin van der Merwe
OFFERINGS:
1st Collection: The work of the Church
2nd Collection: Reformed Theological College

Baptism Poem by Annie Wahls

Lord,

We bring this miracle to you

so fresh from heaven

and ask that you would

hear our prayers

and share our joy this day.

Pour your Holy Spirit
into this tiny heart

and wrap your loving arms around

this special child.

May Your Grace freely shine

into this precious life,

and in all the days ahead

let this heart rejoice in living

as your own

forgiven child.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFE CHURCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

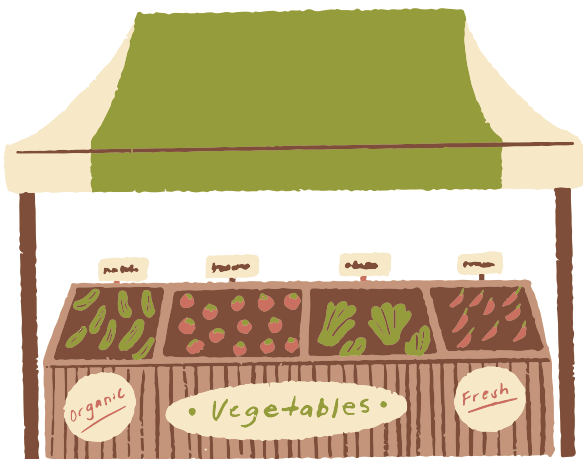
Classis is looking for a suitable person from amongst its churches to be its representative on the Safe Church Advisory Committee (SCAC).

If anyone is interested and wants to know more about being a rep, please email David Timmins at: classis.maroondah.clerk@gmail.com

Dining room mission **HOW TO HELP**

The next Dining room mission is Tuesday 23 September.

If you would like to contribute with a cooked meal or pantry staples please contact Joy van Veen



An Organic Fruit and Veggie co op runs from our church hall every second Thursday. You are welcome to stop by to purchase fresh fruits and veggies.

Next date: 11 September
9:30 - 12:30 & 16:00 - 18:00

TERM 3 **2025**

SUPERDASH

25
JUL

SOCIAL : ESCAPE ROOM

7: 30 PM @ WONGA PARK CRC

8
AUG

BIBLE STUDY: MARK

7: 30 PM @ WONGA PARK CRC

10
AUG

STATE YOUTH SERVICE

4 PM @ GEELONG CRC

22
AUG

BIBLE STUDY: MARK

7: 30 PM @ WONGA PARK CRC

5
SEP

BIBLE STUDY: MARK

7: 30 PM @ WONGA PARK CRC

19
SEP

BIBLE STUDY: MARK

7: 30 PM @ WONGA PARK CRC

FOR MORE INFORMATION SPEAK TO YOUR YOUTH LEADERS

Term 3 2025

YOUNG ADULTS

23 July	YA Bible study ^a
6 Aug	YA Bible study ^a
10 Aug	SYS* (Geelong)
17 Aug	YA Social
20 Aug	YA Bible study ^a
3 Sep	YA Bible study ^a
13 Sep	YA Social
17 Sep	YA Bible study ^a

Series: Jesus the game changer

a — Location: 70-72 Ennismore Crescent, Park Orchards
Time: 7:30-9:30pm

* — State Youth Service

An update from the **REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**

A great many things have been happening at RTC over the last couple of months the RTC

Board had just taken to accept an offer to sell the RTC Waurin Ponds campus as part of a strategy agreed in late 2024 to consolidate more of RTC's teaching, academic and administrative activities into the Melbourne CBD.

The background to that move is outlined in the letter, and a copy is attached for your information. We would be grateful if you would make that news widely known in your congregation, and to join with us in both public and private prayer for the Lord's leading and blessing on the further decisions to be taken and the considerable workload which RTC now faces over the next 6-12 months. You may also be aware that RTC Support Services General Manager, Chris

Bongers, has been unwell and unable to fully manage his role for some time, and in May Chris decided to resign from the position. Please pray for Chris and his family for both the recovery of his health and for God's leading in their decisions for the future. In the light of Chris's departure we have decided to change and simplify the RTC organisation structure, and we are currently in the process of recruiting a new RTC Business Manager. We have engaged a professional Executive Search Consultant to assist us in this process, and are now assessing a short list of potential candidates, but we'd also welcome adding to the short list if you are aware of anyone in your congregation with relevant business skills who may be interested in and available for such an assignment. Attached is a brief Position Description on the new Business Manager role.

Finally, a vacancy will also soon become available at RTC for a Finance Administrator, and we would be very keen to recruit someone from within RTC's network of supporting churches to fill that role. A very brief advertisement for that position is attached. Please publicise it in your congregation, and if you know of anyone who could be qualified and available please encourage them to consider it.

We thank God for His extraordinary providential leading of RTC through the decisions of the last six months, and earnestly seek your continued prayer for the RTC Board, Faculty, staff and students in all these matters.

Position available at **REFORMED THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**



Finance Administrator

Part-time position for a skilled Christian to join the staff of Reformed Theological College in Melbourne

RTC is at present relocating much of its activity from Waurin Ponds (Geelong) into the Melbourne CBD, and a position has become available for an experienced bookkeeper and finance administrator to work part time in RTC's Melbourne-based Business Support team.

Responsibilities of the role, using Xero accounts systems, include:

- Accounts receivable, including billings, account administration & collections
- Accounts payable
- Payroll processing and administration
- Bank and General Ledger reconciliations
- Monthly financial reporting to Trial Balance level

The position is for 2 or 3 days per week, and will report to the RTC Business Manager.

There is flexibility in work hours and work location - at RTC's Melbourne campus at least one day per week with further work arrangements, including WFH, negotiable.

After a short probationary period, the role will be a permanent part time position under the Educational Services (Post-Secondary Education) Award.

There is scope for the right person to grow their skills, and to grow the job, to include a greater role in financial and operational performance reporting and/or HR administration.

As well as using your sound financial and administrative skills, as Finance Administrator you will be a member of a team of Christians who are dedicated to the work of RTC in training men and women for gospel ministries in churches and Christian organisations throughout Australia and New Zealand. If that doesn't excite you, this position would not suit you at all. But if it does, you will find yourself surrounded by RTC's faculty, staff and students who are learning together and living out their Christian faith in a vibrant Christian environment.

If this description sounds like you, call or eMail Tina Wang to arrange an initial discussion with RTC Principal, Phillip Scheepers.

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Our Giving, 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 is for the Reformed Theological College.

If you would like to support the work of you can do so by in Church giving - simply add your offering to the bag at the back of Church or by bank transfer -

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If using bank transfer please indicate whether it is for the first offering "Sun1" or second offering "Sun 2" in the reference line. Or you can give online via our Church app

<https://wpcrc.org.au/give>

This week's **PRAYER POINTS**

The Bible does say, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

Preaching, music, the reading of the Word-these things are fine-but they must never override prayer as the defining mark of God's dwelling.

Jim Cymbala

Personal **PRAYER POINTS**

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

That we will remain focused on Jesus, putting our trust in him and not be tempted to follow the crowd.

How happy is anyone who has put his trust in the Lord and has not turned to the proud or to those who run after lies! (Psalm 40:4 CSB)

Give praise and thanks to the Lord our God for his faithfulness to us even when we fail him.

Congregational **PRAYER POINTS**

Give praise and thanks that we can celebrate with Alister and Adri Benny with the baptism of their daughter Hailey.

Please continue to pray for Ben and Lauren Palmer. Ben is having his medication reduced, please pray that everything will go well and that he won't need these medications anymore.

Please continue to pray for our upcoming elder elections, pray that the Lord will reveal to us the men he wants to take up this office and that those chosen will be willing.

Local & Global **PRAYER POINTS**

Pray that the Lord our God will have mercy on our nation as we seem to be intent on destroying that which God has graciously given us.

Please pray that God will cause those who seek their own glory on the world stage will be humbled and kneel before him.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Nepal.

Jesus tells a story in Matthew 13:44: "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Everyone searches for that one thing that is worth everything, in order to have and hold. The loftiest of career goals, the most romantic of love stories and the most daring of feats, all point to the desire to find the most valuable treasure and the price many of us are willing to pay to have it.

In Nepal, those who find the hidden treasure are those who may give up the love from their families, their acceptance in their communities and even their safety.

Consider the price our brother Nanda Kumar has had to pay. Once a Buddhist priest, Nanda was a highly regarded member of his community. Buddhist priests are actively involved in the building of temples, particularly participating in the cutting and delivery of wood for the construction. Whilst in the forest cutting wood, for the construction of a local temple, he fell and suffered severe injury, resulting in the amputation of his leg. Nanda tragically paid a heavy price for an empty and false religion.

Nanda's daughter had become a Christian and was spending time with Christian leaders. The group shared the gospel with Nanda. Praise be to God, he became a Christian. Having once counted the cost of losing his leg for a false religion, Nanda found the faith that is truly worth paying all to have, reminding us of Jesus' story of the treasure hidden in the field.

The Thakali culture, where Nanda is from is strictly Buddhist. When Nanda became a Christian, he lost the privilege of attending family functions and faced rejection from his community. His eldest son has even refused to accept Nanda as family. Nanda furthermore gave up his former lofty status of priest. But he does not care about what he has sacrificed - he knows God and His love. Therefore, Nanda is willing to accept the loss of what he once had. It reminds us of Paul's words: "But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ"
Philippians 3:7.

Paul didn't look for the acceptance of family or his community - he sought only the acceptance that comes from the Lord, humbly approaching Him with the acknowledgement that he was a sinner.

We can thank the Lord for His saving work in Nanda's life, as well as in the lives of some of his family members, including his wife, who have since become Christians. Furthermore, some members of the community have accepted him once again, though most of the community still ostracise him and he is forced to live outside the village.

Voice of the Martyrs

Our next prayer meeting will be held on Thursday the 18th of September at 7.30pm.



Sermon NOTES

Bible passage:

Date:



Something
that shines
from the
passage



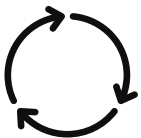
Anything
hard to
understand
or any
questions



Personal
application
for your life



Theme of
passage



How does it
fit with other
passages in
the Bible



Who will you
tell about
what you have
learnt?

Helping HANDS

	7 September	14 September	21 September
Preacher	Colin Pretorius	Chris Pretorius	Chris Pretorius
Elder on Duty	Martin	Peter W	Kasha
Prayer Leader	Martin	Inge	Kasha
Music Leader	Brendina	Inge	Neil
Children's Talk	Nicky	Lize	Sarah
Bible Reader	-	Mari	Armin
Sound	Nic	Nina	Cassie
Visuals	Ene	Visuals	Isaac
Broadcasting	Pieter	Christo	James
Sunday School	Sarah, Lize B, Izelle	Ilze, Lize S, Nici	No Sunday school
Coffee	Herman & Heather Linde	Theron Family	van Wyk Family

Upcoming BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Adriaan van Gent 5 September
Danielle Bezuidenhout 7 September
Herman Dyer 10 September
Cassie van Veen 12 September
Ina du Plessis 14 September
Luke Corney 14 September
Macy Miller 16 September
Suzanne Nel 16 September
Abigail Viljoen 20 September
Pamela Moore 22 September
JD Steenkamp 24 September

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