

Sunday 8 February 2026



SERMON TOPIC: We must pray because we can't do it by ourselves.
BIBLE TEXT: Colossians 1:3-14
PREACHER: Chris Pretorius
ELDER ON DUTY: Kasha Schebert
OFFERINGS:
1st Collection: The work of the Church
2nd Collection: Kids Hope

Prayer as Dependence as We Step Forward

As we prepare to embark on the work of a church plant, it is natural to feel both excitement and uncertainty. New beginnings bring vision and energy, but they also remind us how much lies beyond our control. It is precisely here that prayer takes its rightful place.

John Calvin teaches that prayer is not a way of directing God's work, but the means by which God directs His people. In prayer, our hearts are shaped to seek His will, to submit ourselves to His wisdom, and to rely wholly on His goodness. Prayer does not move God to act reluctantly; it moves us to trust confidently.

As a church, we do not pray because we believe prayer will guarantee success, clarity, or ease. We pray because we believe the Lord has already gone before us. The work we step into is not ours alone – it is God's work, carried forward by His grace and sustained by His power.

In this season, prayer aligns us together. It draws us away from self-reliance and into shared dependence on the Lord who builds His church. As we seek His guidance, prayer becomes both our posture and our peace, reminding us that the outcome rests not on our strength, but on His faithfulness.

So we move forward in prayer – not to bend God's will toward our plans, but to shape our hearts to walk faithfully in His.

Prayer:

Faithful God, as You lead us into this new work, teach us to depend on You in all things. Unite us in prayer, guide us by Your Spirit, and establish the work of our hands according to Your will.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



1 March Church Plant Luncheon

We would like to invite you to the Church Plant Luncheon on Sunday 1 March.

After the church service in the hall.

We ask if each family can bring a plate of food to share with each other.

Looking forward to fellowship and celebration while having a meal.

Are you new or visiting Wonga Park Reformed Church?

Jenna, our community engagement worker, would love to meet you and answer any questions you have about our Wonga Park church community.

Feel free to contact her on 0403650398.

Growth Groups

"If you would like to join one of these groups or find out more, please see either Jenna or Chris.

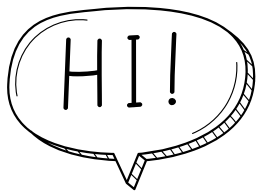
Rob and Jenna - Tuesday nights 8pm online

Wendy ladies group Thursdays 10am @ church

Chris and Sarah Wednesday fortnightly 8pm

Adri and Alister: Wednesday nights 7:30pm. in person

Herman Linde: Monday nights, 8pm online.



Welcoming Team

If you would like to join the welcome team please contact Jenna on 0403650398.

Wonga Park Christian Reformed Church
Young Adults

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EVENT SCHEDULE

<p>Date & Time: 25 January, 2026 AT 1:00PM</p> <p>SOCIAL</p> <p>MEET AT WONGA PARK CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH</p>	<p>Date & Time: 4 February, 2026 AT 7:30PM</p> <p>BIBLESTUDY</p> <p>70-72 ENNISMORE CRESCENT, PARK ORHCARDS</p>	<p>Date & Time: 18 February, 2026 AT 7:30PM</p> <p>BIBLESTUDY</p> <p>70-72 ENNISMORE CRESCENT, PARK ORHCARDS</p>	<p>Date & Time: 4 March, 2026 AT 7:30PM</p> <p>BIBLESTUDY</p> <p>70-72 ENNISMORE CRESCENT, PARK ORHCARDS</p>
<p>Date & Time: 18 March, 2026 AT 7:30PM</p> <p>BIBLESTUDY</p> <p>70-72 ENNISMORE CRESCENT, PARK ORHCARDS</p>	<p>Date & Time: 1 April, 2026 AT 7:30PM</p> <p>BIBLESTUDY</p> <p>70-72 ENNISMORE CRESCENT, PARK ORHCARDS</p>	<p>Date & Time: 15 April, 2026 AT 7:30PM</p> <p>BIBLESTUDY</p> <p>70-72 ENNISMORE CRESCENT, PARK ORHCARDS</p>	<p>Date & Time: 24 April, 2026 AT 7:30PM</p> <p>SOCIAL</p> <p>OZ TENPIN CHIRNSIDE PARK</p>

IF YOU'D LIKE TO JOIN OUR YOUNG ADULTS GROUP OR COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR SOCIAL EVENTS, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU! SIMPLY CHAT TO INGE, MICHAEL, OR CASSIE AT CHURCH, OR SEND US A DM VIA OUR INSTAGRAM PAGE.

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SUPERDASH

2026



SOCIAL NIGHT

7:30 PM @ Wonga Park CRC



BIBLE STUDY

Juniors: Bible Timeline

Seniors: Book of Acts

7:30 PM @ Wonga Park CRC



STATE YOUTH SERVICE

4 PM @ Casey CRC

Sunday*



BIBLE STUDY

Juniors: Bible Timeline

Seniors: Book of Acts

7:30 PM @ Wonga Park CRC



BIBLE STUDY

Juniors: Bible Timeline

Seniors: Book of Acts

7:30 PM @ Wonga Park CRC



BIBLE STUDY

Juniors: Bible Timeline

Seniors: Testimony Writing

7:30 PM @ Wonga Park CRC

FOR MORE INFORMATION SPEAK TO YOUR YOUTH LEADERS

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 Kids Hope.

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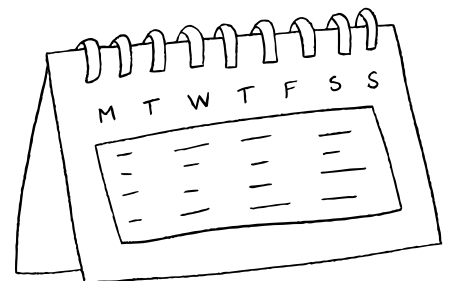
If using bank transfer please indicate whether it is for the first offering "Sun1" or second offering "Sun 2" in the reference line. Or you can give online via our Church app

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

Church Calendar **WHAT IS HAPPENING?**



8 February	Selah evening 7:00pm
15 February	The Lord's Supper
15 February	Church plant training after the service
19 February	Prayer meeting 7:30pm
22 February	Church Plant Training after the service
1 March	Church Plant Luncheon @ WPCRC
15 March	The Lord's Supper



Prayer points **PERSONAL**

Thank you Lord for your assurance that you hear us when we pray.

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

That we will never forget that we stand on the rock who is our God and therefore never need to be shaken by anything.

I am at rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I will never be shaken. (Psalm 62:1-2 CSB)

Give praise and thanks to the Lord our God who alone is our salvation our ever-present help in every situation.

Prayer points **CONGREGATIONAL**

Please pray for all those involved in the Sunday school, pray for God's blessing on this important work and that he will provide enough leaders so that the burden will not be carried by too few.

Please pray for our church council, pray that the Lord will grant wisdom to Chris, Peter, Jacob, Martin and Kasha as they are entrusted with this vital work for our church.

Please continue to pray for little Zealiah De Beer, pray that she will be healed and restored.

Please pray for Colin Pretorius that the Lord will be gracious and grant him healing, give thanks for his faithful witness to the rest of us.

Prayer points **LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL**

Please pray for our governments, federal, state and local that those elected will seek to serve the nation for the good of all.

Pray for world leaders that they will seek the wellbeing of all rather than satisfying their own egos.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Mozambique.

According to Open Doors' field sources, at least 10 Christians were killed in Memba town, Nampula Province in attacks in November. The International Organisation for Migration (IOM) estimates that 71,983 people have fled.

From 13 to 15 November, fighters associated with the Islamic State's Central Africa Province (ISCAP) carried out coordinated attacks in the administrative posts of Chipene and Lúrio. Several houses and churches were burned. Many Christian families have been forced to flee towards the administrative post of Alua (Erati District) and the neighbouring Metuge district of Cabo Delgado and Nampula province. Military forces have also been deployed.

Local Open Doors' partners have reported the killing of 66 Christians in northern Mozambique in 2025. The recent attacks add an additional 10 deaths to this number. Survivors report extreme brutality in these killings.

A church leader, whose name we cannot share, was able to escape, sharing, "I survived only by God's grace. I am now in hiding because I am well-known, and they would have killed me if they found me."

About 500 kilometres north of Memba, seven armed and uniformed men entered the fishing community of Mocimboa da Praia last week. The local mosque's imam in Sumail Issa told CNN he only came to know they represent ISIS after they hung a flag at the mosque. It is reported the jihadists were confident, and this came shortly after USAID funding was suddenly halted. Open Doors' sources say that no mosques were reportedly destroyed, while all known church structures in the affected zones were demolished.

"We are deeply concerned about the ongoing and deteriorating security situation in northern Mozambique," says Jo Newhouse*, spokesperson for the work of Open Doors in Sub-Saharan Africa. "Not only does the displacement, brought on by the attacks, cause a dire humanitarian situation, but people are severely traumatised. Not to even speak about the spiritual impact these attacks have on Christians and church leaders, knowing that your faith puts a target on you and your family's back.

We urge the Mozambican government to do everything in its power to protect vulnerable communities in northern Mozambique and restore law and order."

Please join us in praying for the affected communities. Pray God's comfort for those who have witnessed extreme violence.

Pray for the displaced and for their provision. May they see and experience God in the provision of their daily needs.

Pray for the faith and the witness of the church in Mozambique, that it will be strengthened and not weakened because of these attacks.

The next prayer meeting will be held on Thursday the 19th of February at 7.30pm.



Discussion QUESTIONS

- What has God done for Christians in Colossians 1:13-14?
- Where are we tempted to make ministry or the Mernda plant “about us”?
- What are the main things Paul prays for in verses 9-12?
- Faith, love, hope (vv.3-5): which feels strongest in you, and which feels weakest?
- How does “rescued” and “transferred” (vv.13-14) reframe your story?
- Where do you need wisdom and clarity right now (v.9)?
- What would “bearing fruit” look like for you this week (v.10)?
- Where do you need endurance and patience with joy (v.11)?
- How do we pray for both conversions and maturity without pressure or passivity?
- What’s one Colossians 1 prayer you’ll pray daily this week, and for whom?



Helping HANDS

	8 February	15 February	22 February
Preacher	Chris Pretorius	Chris Pretorius	Chris Pretorius
Elder on Duty	Kasha	Martin	Peter W
Prayer Leader	Herman L	Martin	Inge
Music Leader	Nelleke	Neil	Inge
Children's Talk	Janette	Inge	Joseph
Bible Reader	Marlene	Lorensz	Sally
Sound	Nina	Nina	Michael
Visuals	Salme	Salme	Ene
Broadcasting	Christo	Christo	James
Sunday School	Ilze, Sarah, Lynette	Ilze, Sarah, Lynette	Val, Ilze, Lise S
Coffee	Alister & Adri Bennie	Neil & Nicky Bester	Mahdi, Justin & Kasha

Upcoming BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Hugo Pretorius	7 February
Danika van der Merwe	8 February
Jacques Theron	10 February
Nicolas Viljoen	14 February
Hennie van Wyk	17 February
Mahdi Ahmadi	21 February
Wendy Harrison	21 February
Henk Knol	25 February

Who Should I Contact?

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* To contact telephonically please refer to the directory in the Church app

KIDS COLORING CORNER

Be kind and
merciful,
and forgive
others,
just as God
forgave you
because of
Christ.

Ephesians 4:32 CEV©