

Reformed Church of Bishopdale

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A warm welcome to you, especially to those visiting us. May you be encouraged in your faith as we worship the Lord together. Please join us for tea or coffee in the hall after the morning service. A crèche is available for children under 5.

10:00 am Rev. John Zuidema
"Better a Donkey than a Balaam!" (Numbers 22)

5:00 pm Rev. Robert van Wichen
"Spiritually Shortsighted?" (Exodus 6-7, selected verses)

Pastoral Notices

- It is our privilege this morning to welcome John Zuidema into our pulpit. Thank you for being willing to lead us in worship. Robert and Andrew are preaching at the Reformed Church of Christchurch this morning and evening respectively.
- Chris Dorlas, Snr died on Tuesday, suddenly and unexpectedly. The funeral service will be held tomorrow (17 May) at 10:30am at the Reformed Church of Hukunui. If you would like to send a card or note to his wife Nel, her address is: Mrs N Dorlas, 823b Bruntwood Road, Matangi, RD 3, Hamilton. Her telephone number is (07) 856 8056.
- On Wednesday evening, there was a combined service, lead by Andrew de Vries, in which we celebrated the ascension of Jesus Christ into glory. Jesus came into this world in weakness. He left it in great power. That "incomparably great power" to use the words of Ephesians 1:19 is at work in us as God's people. Let us pray that God would enable us to see that power so that we may be filled with hope!
- Farewell to Tina Koning who leaves for Holland for three months tomorrow. We hope that your time there is refreshing and look forward to your return.
- Christina de Vries has gone to Australia for a few days. One of her sisters recently had her first baby.
- If you believe in Jesus as your Lord and Saviour and desire to profess your faith publicly, you do not need to wait until you are a certain age or have completed catechism. Please see either Andrew de Vries or Robert van Wichen. We would love to talk to you.

Matters for prayer

- Peter Thompson's father who is in declining health. Peter and Margaret are up in Nelson this week.
- Marjory Vanderpyl who remains in isolation as she continues treatment. Please pray for her and also that through her illness others may come to know Christ.
- We can give thanks that Hans Lebbink's surgery went well this week.
- A number of our congregation are travelling overseas and some are living overseas. Let us remember them in prayer. In particular, please remember Seamus Allen (in London), Annabel Balchin and Mike and Natalie Dimpleby (in Canada), Aalt Verkerk and his family (in Queensland), and Alf Schinkelshoek (in Antarctica).
- Please continue to ask that God would give us wisdom as we consider the building plans and the future direction of the church.
- *Christianity Explored*. Please pray that this course would prove useful to those attending, and also that God would add new converts to our congregation.
- Emma Campbell and her family. You may have read about Emma in the news. She disappeared about two weeks ago. Please pray for Emma (she may still be alive) and her family, especially since they are our

brothers and sisters in Christ. The Normans got to know the Campbells when they were living in Southland.

- If there is anything you would like to encourage others to pray about, please let Robert van Wichen or Andrew de Vries know. We find that helpful. It can be hard for us to keep track of all that is going on.

New Photo Directory

An updated photo directory will be printed soon. Over the next few Sundays Anton Posthuma and Donald Bangma will be available to take photos after the worship services. If you have a family photo at home that you would rather use please email it to Marguerite at brc.office@gmail.com or Anton at amposthuma@xtra.co.nz.

What's on this week

Shared lunch this week will be hosted by Steve Sterne's district here at the church.

Uganda Update: Tonight we have the opportunity to listen to Lucretia talk about her recent trip to Uganda starting at 7:00pm. Soup and buns will be provided straight after the afternoon service.

Ladies' Monday Night Fellowship: this Monday (tomorrow) during Cadets and Calvinettes at Rebecca van Ameyde's home. Please bring your Bible for a mystery study (ie. not exactly sure what we are studying at the time of writing!!). For more information please e-mail dajo.capill@farmside.co.nz or phone Jo.

Women's Ministry - Wednesday Bible Study: Thank you to all who came singing last week, the residents at Ilam Homestead really enjoyed the time we spent with them. Join us this week for our last study in 'Knowing God'. The topic is 'These Inward Trials'. Please read chapter 21 and use the study notes Laurel has prepared for us. These are on the table in the foyer. We will start with coffee from 9.30am. Coffee/Crèche - Shirley/The!el

Junior Youth Group: This coming Friday 21 May, we're going rock climbing at Clip 'n Climb. Please meet at Bishopdale at 6:30pm with \$12. You can be picked up again from Andre's home (34 Raleigh St, Bishopdale) at 9:15pm. Please let Andre, Tim or Yvette know by the Wednesday if you are coming or not. Thanks, Youth Group Leaders.

Youth Camps

National Camp 2011: Kia Ora Youth! Grab your jandals, togs and sunnies and come to the sunniest city in NZ, Nelson for National Youth Camp 2011- 3rd to 10th January. Book your flights and plan your roadie so you don't miss out - more info coming soon. We also need a contact person from each youth group so if you can email your details to Claire at jason_claire_vm@windowslive.com that would be fantastic.

Queen's Birthday Camp South Island: Calling all Youth, would you like to be a part of history? Then be at the ONLY South Island QBC camp of 2010! This is a once in a life time opportunity, never again will there be another QBC 2010! Limited time only! Camp will be held at Mt Hutt retreat near Methven, starting Friday 4th June till Monday 7th June, Come along for studies led by Pastor Andre Holtslag, food and fun and games. Must be aged 15 or older.....And at a price of just \$80 it's a bargain! Hope to see you all there! Contact person: Erik Loots, Email: elo21@uclive.ac.nz. Cell: 0210456652 Home: 03 360 3019

Queen's Birthday Camp North Island: The early-bird enrolment date for Queen's Birthday Camp 2010 is less than a week away!...The studies will be on the forms of entertainment that are available to 21st century youth....If you have any questions or want to enrol online, either leave a message on the QBC 2010 Facebook page or email sethzn@hotmail.com.

Notices

Open Home Foundation: Today the Deacons will be holding a special collection to support the work of the OHF. There is a tremendous need in New Zealand for loving (Christian) homes to shelter less fortunate children from our communities, and we support the work undertaken by The Open Home Foundation. The Deacons.

Senior Youth Group Study and Dinner: Come along next week (23rd May) after the evening service and join us for a lovely dinner and study. The location will be advised in next week's bulletin notice, so make you check that out! Look forward to seeing you all there :) No study tonight, but come along and hear Lucretia speak about Uganda after the evening service tonight with soup and buns. Would be great if you could come! **Reminder:** Pick up your pamphlet about Queen's Birthday Camp and get this returned as soon as possible.

Pastor's Class will be held on Tuesday, 18 May at the Reformed Church of Christchurch at 10:00am. Please contact Robert van Wichen or Marguerite Braam (359 6398). if you would like the discussion questions beforehand.

Essential 100 (E100) - Bible Reading Challenge: The E100 Bible reading challenge is an outline of 100 essential readings through the Bible, recently produced by the Bible Society of NZ. If you would like one of these plans to assist your own personal bible reading, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. The planners cost \$2. Any questions? See Jacob Couprie or Andre Posthuma

Laidlaw College Christchurch Campus Info Night 7:30pm Monday 24 May, 70 Condell Avenue, Papanui.

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RTC Ballot Paper: By now you will have received the Proposed Amendments to the Company's Constitution April 2010. Please return the completed ballot paper to your RTC Representative or send it to RTC Office P O Box 14-142 Christchurch 8544. RTC Reps, the ballot papers must be received at the above address by 9 June 2010.

Ladies' Aid: Are there any ladies who have saved their pennies for the RTC? It is time to hand them in to me and make the students at the College happy and comfortable! Arja Amersfoort

Treasurer's Report

Giving for past ten weeks:

Week 10	\$6,669.10	Week 15	\$3,693.00
Week 11	\$8,591.60	Week 16	\$5,249.00
Week 12	\$6,156.00	Week 17	\$7,104.00
Week 13	\$7,439.70	Week 18	\$8,172.35
Week 14	\$6,723.29	Week 19	\$4,888.30

Our weekly budget is \$6028.

Tear Fund: \$280.00

Building fund total pledges: \$64,500

Future Meetings

May	19 Elders Meeting & Deacons Meetings 26 Fellowship Meetings
June	2 Session Meeting 9 Fellowship Meetings

The Week in Brief

Mon 17	6:50 pm	Cadets & Calvinettes Monday night fellowship
Tue 18	7:15 pm	Catechism Tulip DVD at Zuidemas' home
Wed 19	9:30 am	Women's ministry – bible study
Thu 20	7:30 pm	Christianity Explored
Fri 21	6:30 pm	Junior Youth Group

Rosters

Crèche

16 May	am	Vivien Mahoney, Arja Amersfoort, Carien van der Colff, Lucinda Capill
	pm	Amanda Zuidema, Belinda Vannoort, Annelise Posthuma, Lydia Couprie
23 May	am	Joyce Verkerk, Vicki Payne, Nathan Janssen, Jeremy Klaassen
	pm	Paula Couprie, Michelle Posthuma, Nikita Huls, Jonathan van Wichen
30 May	am	Cathy Carranceja, Josie Sterne, Andrew Braam, Meg van Ameyde
	pm	Marguerite Braam, Heleen van den Brink, Daniel van Wichen, Callum van Garderen

NB: Please swap if you can't make it on your rostered session, adult with adult, senior youth with senior youth etc.

Shared Lunch

16 May	Steve Sterne
23 May	Leo Fietje
30 May	Richard van Garderen

Sunday School

This week: Laura Giddy
Next week: Tamara Payne

Coffee

16 May	H & C Berends, H & A Bosma
23 May	J & A Bosma, M & A Bosgra
30 May	R & R Bosma, F & M Braam

Church Cleaning

22 May	John & Rebecca van Ameyde, Robert & Laurel van Wichen, Mark & Mandy Vanderpyl
29 May	Richard & Linda Vanderpyl, Mike & Belinda Vannoort, Richard & Cindy van Garderen
5 June	William & Lesley van Kessel, Peter & Harriette van der Zee, Rian & Loraine van der Colff