

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. Andrew de Vries
"Under the Influence" (Ephesians 5:18-21)

5:00 pm Rev. Robert van Wichen
"Redeemed for a Purpose" (Exodus 19-20)

Pastoral Notices

- Today we remember and celebrate Pentecost, the day on which God gave His Spirit to His people. Andrew de Vries will speak about this world changing event this morning.
- Ann Stagg was admitted to Christchurch Hospital on Tuesday. Tests have revealed that she has a cancerous growth on her pancreas. Please pray that Ann would know the presence and peace of the Lord as she undergoes treatment.
- We received an e-mail from Peter Thompson this week that I wish to share. It read, "It is with much sadness that I write to tell you that Dad passed away last night. We are relieved for him and rejoice with him because we know he is now with his Lord. Please uphold Mum (Beverley) brothers Neil and Rob and our families in your prayers. We plan to travel to Nelson after lunch today. I will be working in the Nelson area all next week." The funeral will be held on Monday.
- Congratulations to Bert and Fo van Ameyde on the birth of another grandchild. We received news this week that Gideon and Tineke van Schalkwyk had a baby girl, Lucy. She came six weeks early. Tineke's mother Joanne van Ameyde and her sister Anita Bosgra have gone to Brisbane for a few days to visit.
- Congratulations to Eric Janssen who celebrated his 50th birthday this week.
- Through Marjory's illness, I have been made more aware of the need for blood donors. Please consider whether you could serve others in this way. It may not seem very important, but your blood could save lives.

Matters for prayer

- Please continue to uphold Jim Nugteren and Marjory Vanderpyl in your prayers as they undergo treatment for cancer.
- We quite a number in our congregation who are sick or have to endure constant pain. Please encourage them and pray for them.

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.

Church Building Extension

We are at a crucial stage with our building plans. Plans have been drawn up, and we have received council permission to extend our facilities. But without your support, it amounts to little. Unless more than half the budgeted cost of about \$1.2 million is covered by way of pledges, we will be unable to proceed. So please consider making a pledge towards the extension. Spare pledge forms are in foyer; these can be placed in the collection bag or handed to Peter Thompson or to Graeme Zuidema in his absence. As the Session made clear the Special General Meeting in April, we consider "Plan A" to be the best option of the various options open to us, and so would encourage you to support it. The deadline for the pledges is Monday 1 June 2010. But more importantly, please pray that God would give us unity and wisdom as we make plans for the future. If you have any questions or concerns, please free to speak to your elder or deacon or one of the ministers.

What's on this week

Shared lunch this week will be hosted by Leo Fietje's district. Venue to be announced. All visitors are warmly invited.

Senior Youth Group Study and Dinner: Come along tonight after the evening service and join us for a lovely dinner and study. This will be held here at the church! Mike Vannoort will be leading the study for us. Males bring a main for the dinner and Females bring a dessert!! Would be great if you could come!! :)

Reminder: Hand in your Queens Birthday Camp return slips TODAY!!!

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

- Meet our experienced academic staff
- Learn about our flexible learning options and quality NZQA accredited programmes
- Discover if Laidlaw College is right for you.

For more information phone 03 354 4270 or visit www.laidlaw.ac.nz. "Equipping students to renew their communities with a faith as intelligent as it is courageous."

Women's Ministry - Wednesday Bible Study: Thank you to those who came last week as we completed the last study in 'Knowing God'. We hope this study has been an encouragement to you and drawn you closer in knowing your Lord. Join us this week as we start a new study on the Armour of God. Study books are available on the table in the foyer. Please prepare sections I and II. We will start with coffee from 9.30am with the study starting at 10am. Coffee/Crèche - Mandy/Heleen.

NoW Group (North of the Waimak): Our next worship / fellowship evening will be held on Friday 28 May, 7.30pm at Hans & Colleen Berends' place and Rev. Andrew de Vries will be the speaker. Please bring a small contribution for supper and of course friends and neighbours are welcome.

Notices

Pastor's Class will be held on Tuesday, 1 June 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.

Crafty Ladies: We had a great night last time, about 20 ladies enjoyed an evening of creativity and fellowship. There is room for more if you would like to join us. Results of the survey were as expected. Some prefer Thursdays, others Fridays, some fortnightly, others monthly.

Our next get together will be: **Thursday 3rd of June**, 7.00pm onwards at Reformed Church of Christchurch, Cornwall Street. Any questions please phone Sarah Van Leeuwen after 1st of June.

Queen's Birthday Camp North Island: Attention Potential Campers! Less than two weeks till camp! The banquet theme is now 50's and 60's attire, so dress up accordingly. The studies will be led by Leo de Vos and Andrew Nugteren on the choices we make regarding entertainment. "Do not love the world, or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 John 2:15.) Our early bird fee has also been extended until Wednesday the 26th, for those of you who didn't make it, so get in quick! Email sethznorn@hotmail.com for details on how to enrol online. See you soon!

Family Camp Photo CD: At the last Family Camp, campers could order a photo CD for \$10. Unfortunately the form we had has been misplaced. So if you wanted a CD please email Richard and Nicola Wharekawa (ricwhare@paradise.net.nz) If you didn't order one at camp you are welcome to order one now.

Treasurer's Report

Giving for past ten weeks:

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
Week 15	\$3,693.00	Week 20	\$4,052.50

Our weekly budget is \$6028.

Open Home Foundation: \$344.60

Building fund total pledges: \$92,600

Future Meetings

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

Fellowship Groups for 26 May

Elder	Time	Place	Lesson
F Braam	7:45 pm	P & V Mahoney	Lesson 2
J Couprie	7:45 pm	B & F van Ameyde	Micah 1
L Fietje	7:45 pm	M & M Vanderpyl	Micah 1
Richard Moot	7:30 pm	P & H van der Zee	Session 4
Rob Moot	7:30 pm	R & H Moot	Lesson 2
R van Garderen	7:45 pm	C & C Carranceja	Micah

The Week in Brief

Mon 24	6:50 pm	Cadets & Calvinettes	
	7:30 pm	Laidlaw College	Information Evening
Tue 25	7:15 pm	Catechism	
		Tulip DVD at Zuidemas' home	
Wed 26	9:30 am	Women's ministry – bible study	
	7:30ish	Fellowship Groups	
Thu 27	7:30 pm	Christianity Explored	
Fri 28	7:30 pm	N.O.W. Fellowship meeting	

Rosters

Crèche

23 May	am	Josie Sterne, Vicki Payne, Nathan Janssen, Jeremy Klaassen
	pm	Paula Couprie, Michelle Posthuma, Nikita Huls, Jonathan van Wichen
30 May	am	Marijke Hollander, Lynette van Garderen, Andrew Braam, Meg van Ameyde
	pm	Marguerite Braam, Heleen van den Brink, Daniel van Wichen, Callum van Garderen
6 June	am	Hetty Klaassen, Desiree Huls, Emma Capill, Sara Sterne
	pm	Angela Macdonald, Janine Heeringa, Sam Vanderpyl, Caleb Vanderpyl

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

Shared Lunch

23 May	Leo Fietje
30 May	Richard van Garderen
6 June	Jacob Couprie

Sunday School

This week: Tamara Payne

Next week: Mrs Cook & Alisha Moot

Coffee

23 May	J & A Bosma, M & A Bosgra
30 May	R & R Bosma, F & M Braam
6 June	D & J Capill, D & H Capill

Church Cleaning

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
12 June	Peter & Joyce Verkerk, Neville & Soesi Watson, Graeme & Amanda Zuidema