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A CONGREGATION OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES OF AUSTRALIA
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WELCOME

Welcome to the Reformed Church of Box Hill! Worshipping God is our highest calling and greatest joy, and we are glad you are with us today. Worship is a holy conversation between God and his people, and so we come expecting that the Lord will meet with us and our children, and bless us through Christ Jesus our Lord. May you experience the Lord's blessing this Lord's Day! We'd love to invite you to join us morning (10am) and evening (5pm) as we seek the Lord together. SDG.

MEDITATION

Reformed Theology, Evangelism, and the Local Church (Pt 2)

By [Rob Pacienza](#). Article courtesy of the Gospel Reformation Network:

<https://gospelreformation.net/reformed-theology-evangelism-and-the-local-church/>

Why Reformed Theology Produces Evangelistic Christians

If evangelism is to take its proper place as a discipline of the Christian life, it must be rooted in the doctrinal convictions that shape that life. Reformed theology is cut out to do exactly that. The doctrines of grace catalyze evangelism by providing the soil in which gospel witness advances. Consider the following reformed doctrines.

First, the sovereignty of God in salvation.

This doctrine establishes evangelism on a firm foundation. We can always know that our labor is not in vain (Is. 55:1-11). Instead of speaking into the void and hoping that our efforts might somehow produce spiritual life, we proclaim the gospel with confidence, knowing that God works through the faithful witness of his people to accomplish his saving purposes (Rom. 10:13-17).

Second, the doctrine of total depravity.

If men and women are not merely misguided or underinformed, but spiritually dead in their trespasses and sins, then evangelism becomes a vital necessity (Is. 6:8). Dead people don't need improvement. They need to be born again (Eph. 2:1-10). The lost condition of humanity presses upon us the urgency of proclaiming Christ.

Third, the doctrine of effectual calling.

Effectual calling frees us from both fear and manipulation (2 Cor. 4:1-6). If God alone grants repentance and faith, then we are not responsible for converting sinners. If a sovereign God is working in and through us, we are freed from insecurity and guarded from resorting to gimmicks or coercive methods (1 Cor. 3:6).

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Down-to-earth, bite-sized theology:
theologyinthetrenches.substack.com

Reformed Bible devotionals:
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Fourth, the doctrine of the means of grace.

Finally, emphasis on the ordinary means of grace shapes evangelistic efforts (Acts 2:42-47). God has appointed these means as the instruments through which he builds his church. Rather than relying on novelty, we rely on the faithful proclamation of Christ crucified.

Taken together, these doctrines provide the motivation for evangelism, set the trajectory for it, and lay the guardrails that keep us on track. They give us confidence in God's power, clarity about the human condition, freedom in our responsibility, and focus in our methods. When rightly understood, the doctrines of grace do not lead us inward in isolation; they send us outward with conviction.

From Personal To Congregational Discipline

If evangelism is truly a discipline of the Christian life, it cannot remain a private conviction. This means a heart that has truly been awakened to the glory of Christ cannot help but reach out to those who do not yet know Him. Evangelism is not reserved for scheduled events or specialized programs, but is woven into the rhythms of daily life. It is carried out through conversations with neighbors, interactions with coworkers, and hospitality in the home.

The habit of evangelism rarely develops in a vacuum. It most readily grows in church soil where pastors and church structures encourage it. A church that hears the gospel clearly and regularly will be better equipped to speak it faithfully.

Elders, as shepherds of the flock, are called to guard doctrine and cultivate a people who live out that doctrine. This includes encouraging evangelistic zeal, praying for the lost, and helping to create pathways through which members can grow in confidence and clarity as they share their faith.

Over time, these individual practices and leadership priorities begin to form a culture. Church members no longer perceive evangelism as an optional emphasis or the passion of a few, but as a shared responsibility (Acts 5:42). They begin to cultivate gospel conversations with their neighbors. They pray for the lost and naturally recognize opportunities for witness.

This is the natural outcome of leaning fully into the Reformed faith. A church truly shaped by the doctrines of grace is a church marked by gospel proclamation. A people effectually called and enlivened by the gospel will unleash the gospel not only within its four walls, but beyond them into everyday life (Acts 17).

A Concrete Pathway: Training The Church To Evangelize

If evangelism is to move from private conviction to everyday practice, churches must be intentional about training their people (2 Tim. 2:2). Many believers desire to share their faith, but feel ill-equipped to do so. They are uncertain how to begin a conversation, explain the gospel clearly, or respond to the questions or pushback they will likely encounter. Without pastoral guidance and church training, therefore, evangelism will likely remain more of an aspiration than a lived habit.

This is where structured training can serve the church well. Evangelism Explosion, in particular, has proven fruitful because it gives believers a clear, repeatable framework for initiating conversations, presenting the gospel, and engaging others with confidence and clarity. Instead of reducing evangelism to a script, it trains believers to faithfully articulate the message they already believe.

In many churches, this kind of training is woven into the life of the congregation. For children, youth, and adults alike, evangelism is not introduced as a late expectation, but cultivated from the earliest stages of discipleship. Over time, this produces a people who are both theologically grounded and practically prepared to speak of Christ.

The aim is not to bind the church to a single method, but to recognize that faithful training is indispensable. Just as believers grow in prayer and in their understanding of Scripture through instruction and practice, so they grow in evangelism through intentional guidance and opportunity. When churches commit to this work, evangelism moves from the margins to the center of congregational life and becomes an ordinary, joyful expression of a people who know the grace of God in Christ.

BOX HILL PRAYER & PRAISE

Growth - Let's continue in prayer that we may grow into greater and greater degrees of maturity in Christ-likeness. Pray that we may grow in love and unity, and pray that the Lord may add to our number with new converts to Christ. Pray that the Lord would bless some of the folk who have visited us in recent weeks.

Please pray for the sick and injured - please pray for those among us who are laid low in sickness or injury at this time. Please pray for those in our congregation who experience the advance of age, and are no longer able to attend worship services. Please continue to pray for Tony as he recovers from an eye injury, and pray that he would heal well.

New babies - Let's continue to remember to be praying for Marine as she prepares to deliver a new little one. Let's remember our other recent parents as well, that the Lord may help them accustoming to life with new little ones in the home.

Pray for work - Some of our members continue to seek employment, and have a real need for this, so please pray for them. Pray also, as financial pressure rises for all of us, that the Lord would give us wisdom and peace to continue serving him in the callings to which he has called us.

AUSTRALIA & WORLD-WIDE PRAYER & PRAISE

Indiway May update:

1. Our IndiWay workers praise and thank God for enabling them to share the Good News with 55 people across the mission fields. Please pray for their spiritual growth and transformation, that the Word sown may take root in their hearts and bear lasting fruit.
2. Our IndiWay worker Devsingh Makaniya Saste from Barwani cluster has started a new prayer group at Limbi village with 16 new believers, who gather every Wednesday for fellowship and prayer. We request your kind prayers for this new prayer group and believers to remain steadfast in their faith, grow in the Lord and become good witnesses in their community.
3. We praise our Lord for the Vacation Bible School (VBS) teachers' training held in Dahod, Gujarat for our Northern mission field on 23–24 April 2026. About 60 teachers were equipped through the training and received materials to conduct VBS classes in their congregations. We request your kind prayers for the upcoming VBS programs in our mission fields to reach more children and bring them to our Lord.
4. We praise our Lord for the resumption of our second-year Bible Diploma training under Presbyterian Theological Seminary (PTS) last month. Fifteen of our workers are attending the training at Morkhal village in the Dadra Nagar and Haveli cluster. We request your kind prayers for our workers, that they may be strengthened and guided during their course of study.
5. Our IndiWay worker Pintu Kumar Vadera from the Udaipur cluster met with an accident last month while riding his two-wheeler. By God's grace, he sustained no major injuries. Through this testimony, he and his family praise and thank God for His protection.
6. Our IndiWay worker Rupal Palasiya of Thandla cluster has requested your kind prayers for the marriage ceremony of his younger daughter, Santosh, to be held on 10th May 2026. Please pray for God's blessings upon the wedding and the entire family during this special occasion.

Statement of Purpose

In response to God's call, it is the purpose of the Reformed Church of Box Hill to be a community of believers committed to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, filled with the Holy Spirit, proclaiming in word and deed the Word of God by worship, fellowship and care, diaconal service, and evangelism and outreach.

Mernda Chuch Plant - Give thanks and pray for Wonga Park RC's church plant in Mernda (please see a letter from the Moderamen of Classis on the notice board for further info). Here is an update from Chris Pretorious on the church plant: "The work in Mernda is progressing very well. The average Sunday attendance is around 30 people, with 40 people on the books. Recently, Wonga Park signed a lease agreement with the Mernda Park Primary School to rent one of their rooms in an ongoing basis. This hall is part of the Mernda Park Primary School complex and is currently set up extremely well for a church plant. It has the capacity to fit 120 people. Wonga Park is extremely thankful for Classis' support, which has allowed them to cover their costs for renting this space until next year. They currently plan to move to weekly church services in January 2027. The church plant is now in the process of setting up their "digital front door" through a new website, advertising, and promotion in the community."

Ignite conference - please pray for the "Ignite" conference later in the year, being organised by the Lim and Law families. Pray that it would be a blessing to the wider Australian Church, and especially that many God-honouring marriages would result from it.


NOTICES

Missionary visit next Sunday - next week (Sun 31 May) we will have Matt, a visiting missionary from West Africa, visiting us to share about his work after the service. Matt grew up in one of our local CRCA churches here in Victoria, and was sent in partnership with SIM (and he studied with Isaac RTC!). Please be sure to stay on after the service to hear about Matt's work, be inspired to be missional, and to pray for and encourage him.


A small note from the Luy's... "A small message to give a big thank you to all the brothers and sisters who helped to provide meals for our family. We thank God for the display of His love towards us, using the hands of the people inside our congregation. Thank you for the time you gave to prepare and, for some of you, to deliver the food to our place. Thank you to the deacons and the sisters involved in coordinating everything. With love the Luy's"

Property Committee Update - please see an attachment to the newsletter to see the update from our Property Committee on what they've been up to since our last AGM.

Men's Breakfast - Our next Men's Breakfast is on Saturday 30 May, 8-10am, at Albie's place. Please check in with Albie to RSVP and come along.



RCBH Men's Ministry
MEN'S BREAKFAST
Sociology: The Divine Imprint
The Truth Project
236 SWANSEA ROAD 30 MAY 2026
MT. EVELYN VIC 3796 8AM - 10AM
Please RSVP Albie by 27 May 2026
0435 520 687 or albert.geuze@outlook.com



2026 Theme Verse

"Whoever heeds instruction is on the path of life..."
- Proverbs 10:17a

Save the date! - Please save the date for Saturday 27th June, 6-9pm, as we host our RCBH Movie Night! (popcorn provided!). Come along for some fellowship, and the chance to watch something together that will encourage us in our faith!

Word and Prayer email list – as well as our newsletter mail out list, please note that Ps Isaac has an email list for members and regular attendees sending out occasional congregational updates. It's not always easy to keep track of everyone's email on the list, so if you're not on this email list and would like to be, please send an email to Isaac at isaac.t.overton@outlook.com and he will add you to the list. Thanks!

Ignite Winter 2026, 23-26 July 2026: "Faith, Friendship & Future" is a four-day residential conference for single Christians aged 25–50 who cherish the doctrines of grace and desire a Christ-centred marriage. Held at The Heights Hope Centre, Belgrave (Melbourne), from 23–26 July 2026, the camp combines biblically grounded messages by Pastor Andrew Courtis (Emmanuel Baptist Church, Sydney), group discussions, and structured interaction to help like-minded believers meet with the intention of marriage in an environment where faith, character, and conviction can be seen over time. The conference is especially suited to those actively involved in a local church, who embrace the Reformation "five solas," and who seek to live and worship under the sovereignty of God in everyday life. Across the weekend, there will be talks, Q&A, discussion groups, creative icebreakers, opportunities to pitch kingdom-minded ministry ideas, and plenty of time for relaxed fellowship, outdoor activities, and conversation.

Applications (with referee) are made via ignite.reformation.chat, with a cost of \$428 and applications closing 23 April 2026.



Word & prayer email list | Newsletter mailing list: Pastor Isaac has an email list for members and regular attendees where he sends out occasional congregational updates. It's not always easy to keep track of everyone's email on the list, so if you're not on the list and would like to be, please send Pastor Isaac an email at isaac.t.overton@outlook.com and he will add you to the mailing list. Thanks!

Online recordings available: Worship services are recorded, and sermons are available at www.rcbh.org.au. You can listen to them online or download to listen offline. Alternatively, you may stream our worship services from our YouTube channel: youtube.com/@reformedchurchofboxhill2134/streams.

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Position Description: Base Manager – SWIM Base, Honiara

Position Title

Base Manager – SWIM Base (Honiara, Solomon Islands)

Reports To

- Solomon Islands Workgroup (SIW) / Mission Committee
- Direct reporting line to designated SIW liaison or Chairperson

Purpose of the Role

The Base Manager is responsible for the overall management, coordination, and stewardship of the SWIM Base in Honiara. This includes operational oversight of facilities, support of ministry workers and visitors, and ensuring the base functions effectively in alignment with the mission's purpose and values.

Key Responsibilities

1. Base Operations & Facilities Management

- Oversee the day-to-day functioning of the SWIM Base.
- Maintain buildings, accommodations, vehicles, and equipment.
- Coordinate repairs, maintenance schedules, and local contractors.
- Ensure the base is safe, secure, and well-organized.

2. Logistics & Administration

- Manage accommodation logistics for visiting workers, teams, and guests.
- Coordinate transport arrangements (airport transfers, vehicle use, etc.).
- Maintain inventory of supplies and oversee procurement of essentials.
- Ensure proper record-keeping (assets, maintenance, and usage logs).

3. Financial Oversight

- Manage base-related budget expenditures in coordination with SIW.
- Keep accurate financial records and receipts for all base operations.
- Assist with financial reporting as required by the SIW or supporting body.

4. Support for Ministry Activities

- Provide practical and logistical support to missionaries, ministry workers, and visiting teams.
- Assist in coordinating base use for ministry programs, training, or meetings.
- Ensure facilities are prepared and suitable for ministry activities.

5. Local Liaison & Relationship Management

- Build and maintain relationships with local churches, suppliers, and community contacts.
- Act as a key local contact for base-related matters.
- Support collaboration between local stakeholders and the SWIM mission.

6. Compliance & Risk Management

- Ensure adherence to local laws and regulations (as applicable to property and operations).
- Maintain safety procedures, including emergency preparedness.
- Identify and mitigate operational risks related to the base.

7. Leadership & Supervision (if applicable)

- Supervise any local staff (e.g., caretakers, cleaners, security).
- Provide training, direction, and support to ensure quality service delivery.
- Foster a positive, respectful, and mission-aligned team environment.

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THIS WEEK

10am Morning Worship

Preacher: Paul Chan

Duty Elder: Albert Geuze

Children's Catechism: Paul Chan

Offerings: Ministry of the Church & Diaconate

Music: Carolyn Yu

AV & Slides: Aginaldo Family

Morning Tea: Hwee Ting Chiang & Jack Rong

5pm Evening Worship

Preacher: Pastor Isaac Overton

Duty Elder: Albert Geuze

Music: Michael Pamphilon

AV & Slides: Aginaldo Family

Weekly Church Cleaning:

Jack Nelson & Valent Williandre

NEXT WEEK

10am Morning Worship

Preacher: Pastor Isaac Overton

Duty Elder: Paul Chan

Children's Catechism: Paul Chan

Offerings: Ministry of the Church & RTC

Music: Simon Wang

AV & Slides: Law Family

Morning Tea: Matthew Kim & Ben Kim

5pm Evening Worship

Preacher: Paul Chan

Duty Elder: Paul Chan

Music: Earnest Law

AV & Slides: Law Family

Weekly Church Cleaning:

MC Perez & Precious Mae Duan

MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

Psalm 110 A Psalm of David

The LORD says to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. **The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."** The LORD is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. He will execute judgement among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth. He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head. (This week's memory section in bold print.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEMORY WORK

Q 68. How is Christ a King?

A. Because He rules over us and defends us.

RCBH BIBLE FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

- **Box Hill Central** on 1st and last Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Church
- **Tuesday Morning** on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, all welcome. 10am at Church, or online: meet.google.com/tfd-bwku-mex
- **EastEnders** on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7.30pm
- **Ferntree Gully** fortnightly on Saturday afternoons
- **SouthEnders** weekly on Sunday afternoons, occasionally Saturdays

YOUTH OF YESTERYEAR FELLOWSHIP GROUP

2nd Tuesdays: lunch at a hotel

If you're interested in joining any of our Bible Fellowship Groups, please reach out to our elders Ronald, Paul or Albert, and we will connect you with one of our groups.

MEETING DETAILS & LINKS

Worship Service Livestream | Every Lord's Day, 10am & 5pm
youtube.com/@reformedchurchofboxhill2134/streams

Morning Prayer | Every Wednesday & Saturday, 6.30-6.50am
meet.google.com/tfd-bwku-mex

Prayer Meetings | Usually 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7.30pm
meet.google.com/tfd-bwku-mex

2026 BIBLE READING PLAN

The Bible translation/version used in our worship services and recommended for personal use is the English Standard Version (ESV).

Easy 3-Year Plan		Medium 2-Year Plan			Advanced 1-Year Plan				
24 May	Job 11	24 May	Isaiah 25	1 John 3	24 May	Num 33	Ps 78:1-37	Isaiah 25	1 John 3
25 May	Job 12	25 May	Isaiah 26	1 John 4	25 May	Num 34	Ps 78:38-72	Isaiah 26	1 John 4
26 May	Job 13	26 May	Isaiah 27	1 John 5	26 May	Num 35	Ps 79	Isaiah 27	1 John 5
27 May	Job 14	27 May	Isaiah 28	2 John 1	27 May	Num 36	Ps 80	Isaiah 28	2 John 1
28 May	Job 15	28 May	Isaiah 29	3 John 1	28 May	Deut 1	Ps 81,82	Isaiah 29	3 John 1
29 May	Job 16,17	29 May	Isaiah 30	Jude	29 May	Deut 2	Ps 83,84	Isaiah 30	Jude
30 May	Job 18	30 May	Isaiah 31	Rev 1	30 May	Deut 3	Ps 85	Isaiah 31	Rev 1