

DMC FAMILY NEWS

Prayers

Please pray for the following people in their time of need:

Piet & Tina Olivier
Ralph Savage
Ron Pepler
Margaret Hall
Jim Patrick
Irene Absalom
Scotty Rae

Flowers

The flowers in the church today are donated by Marlene Fourie and family in loving memory of Coen Fourie.

Birthdays

We wish you God's RICHEST blessings as you celebrate your special day.

Marianne Whittaker	27 July
Joyce Doggart	27 July
Jenna-Lee Sanderson	27 July
Dorothy Olivier	30 July
Dorothy Wolff	30 July
Debbie Stefano	31 July
Gill Kelly	31 July
Leigh Kotzé	31 July
John Robinson	1 August
Jeanette Coetzee	1 August

*The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, their deeds are vile;
there is no one who does good. (Psalm 14:1)*

NEXT SUNDAY: 2 August 2015

Holy Communion will be served at all three services.
A Retiring Offering will be taken up after all three services to assist those who are in need.

Preacher

08h00 Rev Sean McGuigan
09h30 Rev Sean McGuigan
18h30 Rev Sean McGuigan

Society Stewards

08h00 Louis Louw
09h30 Andre Nortier
18h30 Rod Dawson

Welcome and Offertory Stewards

08h00 Thelda Ekron & Freda Davies
09h30 Peter & Eileen Holmes
18h30 Elna Marran & Val Kemp

Help Desk Stewards

08h00 Madeleine Martin
09h30 Dianne Mathys

Data Projector Operators

08h00 Bill Martin
09h30 David Stephen
18h30 Ed Marran

Sound Desk Operators

08h00 Stewart Robinson
09h30 Simon Conradie
18h30 Chris Van Staden

**Growing A Family Aflame,
Sharing God's Love with All**



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Minister's Note

26 July 2015

This Sunday's story of David taking Bathsheba, wife of Uriah, disturbs us. The once beautiful eyes of the ruddy, down to earth shepherd boy darken. He sees, lusts and takes. The ideal king "after God's own heart" has fallen; with terrible consequences for himself, his family and his nation¹.

The story disturbs us because it exposes our own appetite for sin, abuse of power and deceitful cover-ups. It disturbs us because it doesn't take much imagination to see parallels with our own president's moral failings – he took the daughter of a good friend and has been taking ever since, ably assisted by hatchet men like Joab. It disturbs us because the most faithful man, Uriah, is rewarded with death. Many who worship Sunday by Sunday around the world are faithful – yet ignored, abused, despised and killed. Can Uriah and those like him pray with the Psalmist "*all your faithful shall bless you*" (Ps 145:10b)?

There is a glimmer of hope. David will be confronted with the truth (2 Sam 11:26ff). Bathsheba will become mother of a king (Solomon). And Uriah? Uriah features in Matthew's genealogy of Christ ("*David was father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah*", Mt 1:6) - the Spirit's reminder that Uriah has a place in the ancestry of the Way of Christ, the way of the cross, where the faithful are rewarded not with earthy pleasures but with resurrection. God sees, God knows, God blesses.

Sean.

¹"David's double sin (adultery plus murder) is the point from which his other failures begin to emerge, leading to Absalom's rebellion, public humiliation, civil war, the decimation of his family, and squabbles over succession" Wright, N. T. (2002). *Twelve Months of Sundays: Reflections on Bible Readings, Year B* (p. 91). London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

TODAY'S SERVICE

Reading: John 6: 1-21
2 Samuel 11: 1-15

Title: Beautiful Eyes vs. An Eye for Beauty: Seeing the Hidden Costs of Sin & the Secret Rewards of Righteousness.

Preacher

08h00 Rev Sean McGuigan
09h30 Rev Sean McGuigan
18h30 Rev Sean McGuigan

Society Steward

08h00 Sandy James
09h30 Rod Dawson
18h30 W.P. Van Zyl

Organist

Ian Jefferies

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DMC YOUTH

Sunday School (9h30 - 10h30):

An opportunity for all children over the age of 3 to worship and grow in faith through Bible stories and games.

Friday Night Youth

Theme: Youth Alpha Film Series

Topic: Who is Jesus?

Juniors from 18h00 - 19h00 Grade 1 - 7

Seniors from 19h00 - 21h00 Grade 8 - 12

For more information contact our Youth Pastor, Taryn Minnie on 0796940419.

CHARITABLE APPEALS

SOUP KITCHEN - URGENT APPEAL FOR SOUP

Our stocks are depleted. If you can help please deliver to the church.

NEW ROSTER for SOUP KITCHEN

JULY- DECEMBER 2015

Please check your mail boxes for the new roster.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE - We need Data Operators for the 08h00 service and Sound Operators for the 18h30 service. Please speak to Charles if you are interested.

DUTY ROSTERS AUGUST - OCTOBER 2015

Welcome & Offertory/Help Desk/Sound & Data Projector servers please check your mail boxes for the new roster.

Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CIRCUIT QUARTERLY MEETING - Tuesday 28 July 2015 at Brackenfell at 19h30.

CHURCH EXECUTIVE MEETING - Tuesday 11 August 2015 at the church at 18h30.

FIA (FAITH IN ACTION) - Wednesday 12 August 2015 at the church at 09h30. Please remember your cup-a-soup, 2'noodle, instant coffee, tea & peanut butter. All most welcome.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - Wednesday 19 August at the church at 19h00.

Rev Sean McGuigan will be in Benoni at a Superintendent's Training from 3 - 7 August 2015.

Join us for a cup of tea/coffee in the coffee bar after the 18h30 service.