

DMC FAMILY NEWS

Prayers

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

Neil Draycott
Kerry Crocker
Brian Stopforth

Flowers

In place of flowers today Marlene Froneman and family have made a donation to Social Concerns in loving memory of Mark and Brian.

Birthdays

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

Richard Foord	11 March
Shelley Tinline	11 March
Elna Staffen	11 March
Thelda Ekron	11 March
Wendy Brymer	11 March
Emma-Jane Van Beulen	11 March
Ryan Eloff	13 March
Joy JV Rensburg	13 March
Mercia van Der Merwe	14 March
Miguel Correia	14 March
Tiffany De Jager	14 March
Oswald JV Rensburg	15 March
Anthony Pietersen	16 March
Donald Hoare	16 March
Michael-Bradley Timm	17 March
Dulcie Flannery	17 March
Wendy January	17 March

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Th 5:16–22).

NEXT SUNDAY: 18 March 2018

Preacher

09h30 Rev Sean McGuigan - Combined Service & Baptism
18h30 Rev Vuyelwa Ntshinga-Yawa

Society Stewards

09h30 Isaac Adom-Aboagye
18h30 Lauren Fick

Welcome and Offertory Stewards

09h30 Liz Harper & Carol Hay
18h30

Help Desk Stewards

09h30 Debbie Smith

Sound Desk Operators

09h30 Simon Conradie
18h30 Arnold Weppenaar

Data Projector Operators

09h30 Daphne Wordon
18h30 Alida Weppenaar

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



www.durbanvillemethodist.co.za

Minister's Note

11 March 2018

Today we read the oldest document in the New Testament: A letter Paul wrote (about A.D. 50), encouraging new converts in Thessalonica who suffered for their faith.

I spent Monday last week with Michael, a Methodist Minister who grew up in Communist East Germany and who knows about persecution. For his family, choosing to follow Christ meant being deprived of State controlled opportunities and comforts. Michael, for example, accepted that he'd never have the opportunity for tertiary study (He now has a Phd!)¹.

I peppered him with questions about life behind the Berlin Wall but one response most moved me: *"I am so thankful my parents kept their faith and kept me in the church despite the struggle"*. Do we Christian parents in South Africa today choose a way of life that honours Jesus as Lord regardless of inconvenience, loss of comfort and disadvantage?

As we ponder that challenge it might be useful to hold our lives against this simple benchmark: *"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, ... Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil"*².
God Bless, Sean

¹Michael will share a testimony about his visit to South Africa at our evening service.

²1Thessalonians 5:16, 17, 21,22

TODAY'S SERVICE

LENTEN SERIES: Friends! *"the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend"*

Our Lenten focus-

Learning about prayer and friendship with God from God's famous friends. Enriching our human friendships

Reading: 1 Thess. 5:5; 12-28, John 3: 14-21

Title: Passion & Perseverance - Praying with Paul

Preacher

08h00 Rev Sean McGuigan

09h30 Rev Sean McGuigan

18h30 Rev Patric Engelbrecht

Society Stewards

08h00 Thelda Ekron

09h30 Andre Nortier

18h30 Rod Dawson

Organist Ian Jefferies

CONTACT NUMBERS & OFFICE HOURS

Minister: Sean McGuigan (h) 021 975 4768
mcguigan@durbmeth.org.za

Seans's day off is Thursday.

Assistant Minister: Vuyelwa Ntshinga-Yawa (w) 021 976 0598
vuyelwa@durbmeth.org.za

Vuyelwa's day off is Monday.

Worship Pastor: Charles Egan (c) 082 582 5012
worship@durbmeth.org.za

Secretary: Yvonne Engelke (w) 021 976 0598
admin@durbmeth.org.za

Receptionist: Sandra Fairbairn (w) 021 976 0598
reception@durbmeth.org.za

Monday - Thursday: 08h00 - 16h00
Friday: 08h00 - 13h00
Office Tel: 021 976 0598
Office Fax: 021 975 1259

Postal Address: P.O. Box 46
Durbanville. 7551.

DMC YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9h30 - 10h30)

Sunday School 2018 has been reorganised so that we can cater for children **from 2 upwards**. Our mission is to introduce all children to their Heavenly Father through stories, crafts and games. Please encourage them to attend regularly and please pray for us all.

YOUTH

Contact Paige Tremlett for details: 074 192 7150.

CHARITABLE APPEALS

SOCIAL CONCERNS

EASTER APPEAL - We welcome donations of small marshmallow Easter eggs and hot cross buns for our various outreaches, old age homes, hospitals, hospices, crèches and our soup kitchen.

TOILETRIES and STATIONERY will be an ongoing appeal throughout the year for our local public hospitals and the many schools in Namaqualand.

PANTRY CUPBOARD - our pantry cupboard is running low. We are making an appeal for non-perishable food items. If you can help, please deliver to the church office or leave at the help desk.

HOMEWORK HANDS - See pamphlet at the help desk.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL SOCIETY MEETING - Sunday 18 March after the 09h30 service.

CHURCH EXECUTIVE MEETING - Tuesday 13 March at the church at 18h30.

FIA (FAITH IN ACTION) - will be held at the church on Wednesday 14 March at 09h30. Topic: "An Easter Message" by FIA Ladies. Please remember your cup-a-soup, 2'noodle, peanut butter, instant coffee, tea & toiletries. All most welcome.

COMBINED MORNING SERVICE - 18 March at 09h30, followed by tea, coffee & snacks and then the ANNUAL SOCIETY MEETING.

COUNSELLING CARE CENTRE PROJECT MEETING

Monday 19 March at the church at 18h30. Ian Dorington will present findings followed by discussion and strategic discernment.

DMC QUIET DAY- Join David Newton for a quiet morning Saturday 24 March at the church, 08h30 for 09h00 - 12h00. Everybody is welcome.

OTHER NOTICES

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - every Wednesday morning at 09h00. All most welcome.

PRAYER for HEALING - first Wednesday of every month at 18h30.

Rev Sean McGuigan will be away 12 & 13 March.

NOMINATION FORM for SOCIETY STEWARD - see at the help desk.