



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

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Minister's Note

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In our Call to Worship on Sunday we pray these words: *"Lord God, ... as we come before you in grief and praise this day, comfort us with your presence..."*

We are people of praise! A *"royal priesthood"*, always rejoicing in the Lord, and ready to declare the wonders of the God who called us into his marvelous light (1 Pet. 2:9, Phil 4:4). But we do not hide our tears or mask our grief because God is at work to *"wipe away every tear"* (Is. 25:8, Rev. 21:4). Grief and praise seem an unlikely combination but, in the Psalms, we frequently see despair turn to praise. For example, Psalm 13 starts, *"How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever"* and ends *"I will sing the Lord's praise"* (Ps. 13).

We grieve: Since we last gathered 15 of our families have lost loved ones, see overleaf. Some have lost jobs, incomes or businesses. Others have been overwhelmed caring for the sick and dying. We've not been able to say *"goodbye"* in our customary way to those who have relocated (Val Kemp, the Sookram and Reid families). We feel, also, the grief of a country suffering turmoil and instability.

We praise: The Lord, our Shepherd, is with us even in the valley of the shadow of death, his goodness and love follow us always (Ps 23:4, 6).

God Bless,
Sean

We hold these families, bereaved since we last met, in prayer.

(In some cases lockdown restrictions meant that funerals or memorials could not be held or family could not attend)

The family of Monica Lonie
The family of Gwen Smith
The family of Pat Gibbons
The family of Ivor Thompson
Monica Collins lost her Husband, Bob
Lynette Ettisch and Sandra McCartney lost their Father, Dennis
Wendy Brymer lost her mother
Dolores lost her husband, Aubrey
Nellie and Glen lost their daughter, Candice
Marius Theron lost his sister
Wessel Oosthuizen lost his brother
Michael and Gloria Graham lost their newborn son, Gabriel
Bianca Ekron McLachlan lost her mother, Thea,
Ryan Langeveldt lost his father
Neville & Thereasa Schoeman lost their nephew.

DMC FAMILY NEWS

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

Lizeka Xiphu	13 October
Kyle Eagles	14 October
Vanessa Herbst	14 October
Alan McLachlan	14 October
Willem Van Der Vyver	15 October
Cathy Janse Van Rensburg	15 October
Janine Conradie	16 October
Liza Van Zyl	16 October
Susan Orr	16 October
Karen Garner	17 October
Stuart Reid	17 October

SOCIAL CONCERNS

TYGERBERG HOSPITAL FLOWER & MAGAZINE MINISTRY

- As we are not able to visit Tygerberg Hospital Cancer Wards, we are not in need of magazines at the moment. We will advise when needed again. If you have any magazines please place these in the recycle bins.

We are making an appeal for **non-perishable food items** for our pantry cupboard and for the hospitals. If you can help please deliver to the church office.

BABY CLOTHING (birth - 2 years) donations of quality clothing needed by our Social Concerns ministry.

OTHER NOTICES

DMC's COUNSELING and CARE CENTRE - At some point most of us wonder *"how long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart"* (Ps. 13:2). Don't suffer alone. DMC's Counseling Care Centre is here to listen, guide and heal. Call (Ian) at 082 645 6683. All calls are dealt with in strict confidence.

SMALL GROUPS - The Church will be available to small groups with number limits, but need to follow all safety protocol. For more info please call the office.

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