



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

DURBANVILLE
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CHURCH

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Minister's Note, First Sunday in Advent 29 Nov. 2020

"I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way" (1 Co 1:4-5).

We seem to have adopted "Black Friday" from America. I think we would be richer, though, if we paid more attention to how our American brothers and sisters spent Thursday! They celebrated "Thanksgiving".

Practising gratitude is especially important in difficult times. As Theologian Miroslav Volf tweeted: *"We need gratitude most when it's hardest to practice; in times of trouble. The root of gratitude? The belief that, given the reality of God, goodness is more basic than any trouble we [or the] world may be in. So we look for the good in us and around us and rejoice in God and everything good."*²

The season of Advent is a good time to grow in gratitude. I encourage you to follow an "Advent" devotion at home³. Using an Advent wreath and candles is especially fun with children. Each evening, when you light the candle, name something for which you are grateful. For truly, in Jesus, we have been enriched in every way!

God bless,
Sean.

¹None of those puns intended

²<https://twitter.com/MiroslavVolf/status/1332023651542073344?s=20>

³I recommend Trevor Hudson's "Pauses in Advent" (around R88 in Kindle: <https://tinyurl.com/y4cvtuom>)

SUNDAY SCHOOL - It is "WOW TIME"

That's right! It's time to admire God's Marvellous, Amazing, Incredible, Wonderful & Magnificent Creation.

At the Holiday Bible Club to be held here at DMC in the last week of the school holidays.

Programme includes expert but quirky speakers, activities relating to the topics, midmorning snacks, games & competitions.

Mornings: 18 - 21 January 2021

Children from 8 to 13 years

R30 per day or R100 for the 4 days.

Register ASAP with MORAG VENTER or PATRICIA GROENEWALD.

PS. BRING YOUR FRIENDS. RSVP 021-976 0598.

BIRTHDAYS - We wish you God's Richest blessing as you celebrate your special day

Margaret Pietersen	29 November
Mark Luff	29 November
Nyameko Pepu	29 November
Neil Rix	30 November
Jimmy Siewertsen	30 November
Jacques Roelf	1 December
Elise Timm	1 December
Fabian Lakay	3 December
Bronwyn Botha	4 December
Barry Masters	5 December
Liezl Botha	5 December

OTHER NOTICES CONTINUED

DURBANVILLE CHILDREN'S HOME - WEEKEND JOBS

We are currently looking for weekend jobs for our children of Grade 10 and above for 2021. It is essential that their skills are sharpened for when they enter the workforce in the future. Can you please email fundsadmin@durbanvillekinderhuis.org.za or call Soulvay at 021 975 6822.

JAN KRIEL SCHOOL - DOMINIC'S STORY

To view Dominic's touching story use the link below:
<https://jankriel.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/JK-liggie-2020-Eng-web-1.pdf>.

See notice board for more info.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

SOCIAL CONCERNS

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.

CLOTHING (from birth to teens) donations of quality clothing needed by our Social Concerns ministry.

OTHER NOTICES

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

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.

CAR GUARD - We would like to give Patrick a small bonus at the end of the year. If you would like to donate something please speak to Yvonne.

DMC BANKING DETAILS - MCSA Durbanville Society
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