



DURBANVILLE  
METHODIST  
CHURCH

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

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## Minister's Note First Sunday in Lent 21 February 2021

"Teen hero surfer" read the headline and naturally I "clicked" for the story<sup>1</sup>. We love stories of heroes. We're inspired by acts of bravery like that of 13-year-old Lourens who said "I just had the instinct that if I did not go in that boy would have died...". We've rightly celebrated heroic efforts of healthcare workers during the pandemic.

A popular song from the 80's<sup>2</sup> has the lines, "I'm holding out for a hero 'till the end of the night, He's gotta be strong, and he's gotta be fast And he's gotta be fresh from the fight"

That's a "romantic" longing for a "knight upon a fiery steed". But there is also a sense in which it captures a universally human longing. Like the disciple, Peter, and his contemporaries who longed for a hero, a Messiah, who would save them; conquering the Romans and making their nation "great again".

Peter was outraged when Jesus taught that, as Messiah, he would suffer and die (8:31ff). A crucified saviour is not the hero we would have asked for. But He is the One we need. And when, by grace, we "survey the wondrous cross"<sup>3</sup> we discover He is the hero "so amazing, so divine", he "demands my soul, my life, my all".

God Bless,  
Sean.

<sup>1</sup><https://www.news24.com/witness/news/kzn/teen-hero-surfer-i-knew-that-if-i-did-not-save-him-he-would-have-died-20210208>

<sup>2</sup>"I'm holding out for a hero" (Bonnie Clyde)

<sup>3</sup>See the hymn "When I survey the wondrous cross" by Isaac Watts

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School and Sunday Youth resume this Sunday (21<sup>st</sup>). While some venues may have changed, our desire to share the good news about Jesus has not! We look forward to providing stories, activities and insights which are relevant to the children of today. In our broken society, they need his companionship and lordship more than ever.

## DMC FAMILY NEWS

### PRAYER

Our Sunday School children & teachers  
God's grace, strength & healing for our doctors and nurses  
For those who are unemployed

### Ryan Langeveldt

We congratulate Ryan on his appointment as Circuit Steward and join the Circuit on thanking God for his willingness to serve at the Circuit level. Ryan has faithfully served DMC as Society Steward and we are grateful to him and his family for the sacrifices they have made.

## BIRTHDAYS

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

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|--------------------|-------------|
| Michael Miller     | 21 February |
| Ken Coetzee        | 21 February |
| Alta Fraser        | 22 February |
| Dave Garriock      | 22 February |
| Ray Crocker        | 22 February |
| Alida Weppenaar    | 23 February |
| Helen Crebo        | 23 February |
| Dirk Smit          | 23 February |
| Linda Muzambe      | 24 February |
| Edith Price        | 25 February |
| Phakamisa Ndzamela | 25 February |
| Erica Waller       | 25 February |
| Alayne Visser      | 26 February |
| Valda Oliver       | 26 February |
| Henk Hanekom       | 26 February |
| Karen Mulder       | 26 February |
| Eduard Morland     | 27 February |
| Carol Shepperson   | 27 February |
| Jacques Du Toit    | 27 February |
| Jesse Haupt        | 27 February |

## SERVICE & GENEROSITY

### SOCIAL CONCERNS - SOUP KITCHEN

We have not supplied soup for the soup kitchen for some time. Our clients are still getting a meal each afternoon supplied by MES. A suggestion has been made that each church donate fruit on the day they would normally supply soup. The number of clients per day are 40. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause you are most welcome to pay funds into the DMC account with reference - MES-Fruit. Thank you.

## OTHER NOTICES

### MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

Every Wednesday morning at 09h00. All most welcome.

### DMC's COUNSELLING 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 Counselling Care Centre is here to listen, guide and heal. Call (Ian) at 082 650 5790. All calls are dealt with in strict confidence.

**DMC BANKING DETAILS - MCSA Durbanville Society**  
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