



DURBANVILLE
METHODIST
CHURCH

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

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PREACHER'S NOTE

9 May 2021

Today I am going to be faced with many choices.

As I get up to face the world, I can look around at the people and creatures that my Creator has put in my care, and choose to love them as He does, here and now. Or I can be glued to my social media and news channels and feel that creeping despair at the world and its brokenness.

As I drive to work, I can let in that taxi in front of me, knowing that he is just trying to make a living getting as many people to and fro as he can. Or I can get a little closer to the car in front, stare ahead with a clenched jaw, and mutter "Not here bud, go and try your tricks somewhere else."

In that morning meeting, where it is so obvious that someone has not done what was asked, and is caught out lying or stretching the truth, I can be gracious, and give them a face-saving way out and another chance. Or I can have had enough, and take them to the cleaners. I mean, how many times must I ask? "Just do your job man!"

I can choose, quite within my rights, to be angry, and despair, and live under a cloud. Life is tough, and unfair, and the world is broken. And I can choose to fight tooth and nail for my place in it.

But I can also choose not to. That's a more difficult road. And why on earth would I do that?

Because Jesus is the Son of God. Because I know that, believe that, and have experienced enough of Him to know that He cares for me. Because I'm trying to follow His way, because He has a plan to rescue the world, beyond just me. And that involves seeing others before myself, understanding that they too are having a tough time and need a helping hand. Because I can't do that myself, I lean on Him, listen to His voice among all the others, and make the right choice.

The choice that can make all the difference.

The difference between despair and noticing the little kindnesses. Between a thankful hand wave in the traffic and increasing irritation and risky driving.

PREACHER'S NOTE CONTINUED

Between a private heart emoji WhatsApp after the meeting and a stony silence. Between licking my knee, rolling over and asking for her stomach to be rubbed, and slinking off to be somewhere away from the shouting. Between a community trying, in each interaction, to be a little better, and one where the brokenness just keeps growing.

As I sit here on the edge of my bed, I know - many choices today. Lord, please. Be with me.
Blessings, Andrew.

DMC FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER

Betty McMaster

Ingrid Oates & family

OTHER NOTICES

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

ASCENSION DAY Thursday 13 May there will be no service in the Church. A Service will be sent via WhatsApp/Online. The Church Office will be closed.

DMC BANKING DETAILS - MCSA Durbanville Society,
Standard Bank, Tyger Manor, Branch Code: 050410,
Account Number: 275125750.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Bev Kokott	9 May
Buddy Vorster	9 May
Sarah Mac Mahon	9 May
Mercia Georghiou	9 May
Nondumiso Mofokeng	9 May
Grant January	11 May
Samantha De Kock	11 May
John Whittaker	11 May
Gregory McNaughton	12 May
Wayne Koral	12 May
Peppa-Rae Jewell	12 May
Doreen Johnson	13 May
Avril Reid	14 May
Sheila Gradidge	15 May
Darwin Van Rooyen	15 May

SUNDAY SCHOOL & SUNDAY YOUTH CONTINUE to MEET

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.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY - SOCIAL CONCERNS

In keeping with the Methodist Church tradition, May is known as the **"Blanket & Jersey"** month. All donations of new or good secondhand jerseys, jackets, coats, track suits, beanies, bed-socks, scarves, blankets and knee-rugs will be greatly appreciated.

THUTHUZELA, CANSA CARE, TYGERBEARS, KARL BREMER & TYGERBERG HOSPITAL

are once again appealing for instant noodles, soup, peanut butter, coffee & tea. Toiletries including roll-on deodorant, face cloth, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, pocket size pack of tissues & feminine hygiene products.

BABY CLOTHING (birth - 12 months) donations of quality clothing needed by our Social Concerns ministry.

SOUP KITCHEN - Our stocks are depleted. We are making an appeal for frozen soup as we will be serving soup from 7 May at MES Durbanville. 10 Liters needed each week. If you can help please deliver to the church office by Thursday.

BIRTHDAY & OTHER GREETING CARDS

Available at the office. R5 each.

THANK YOU.

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