



DURBANVILLE
METHODIST
CHURCH

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

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PREACHER'S NOTE

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Hope for Today



In a beautiful little poem, Emily Dickinson pictures hope as a little bird perched in our souls. It sings a tune without words, a tune that is sweetest in the gales of life, a tune that never stops, but keeps us warm in all circumstances. Perhaps you need this picture, today, as you go through some tough things. Perhaps those things have hung around so long that it seems like they'll be here forever. Please know this is not so.

Our Scripture this week is Ephesians 1:3-14. It is about why we have this hope. Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us, adopted us into His family. Ever since then, He has showered kindness and grace on us. He purchased our freedom, and forgave our sins. And no matter the circumstances right now, He has a plan, a good and beautiful plan for the world. He is in control, and is making everything work out according to that plan. As that plan unfolds, His Spirit lives inside us, teaching us and guiding us. As we lift our eyes, and notice God working, hope stirs.

I think these are words we can cling to every day of this week. Our greatest hope is the generosity of our God, who pours reckless grace on us. Reckless because we don't deserve it, and we waste it. But some sticks, some works in our lives, some sings in our souls. Our hope is not for comfort - God uses tough things to grow us. Our hope is that the darkness is slowly giving way to light, as God grows His kingdom, with all of us in it.

In this tough week, as the pandemic rages on, as the winter arrives in earnest, let's notice that grace, and nourish that hope singing in our souls.

Blessing
Andrew Boake

DMC FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER

Elise Timm
Liz Harper
Tina Olivier
Don & Betty McMaster
Gert & Cathy Janse Van Rensburg
Mike & Avril Reid
Maureen Savage
Lucie Bell and Family
Denise Norton's Family
Bronwyn Roelf and Family

BIRTHDAYS

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

Anthonie Botes	11 July
Dianne Mathys	11 July
Derrick Herbst	12 July
Kaylee Garriock	12 July
Deon Booysen	12 July
Adele Hodgson	12 July
Jannie Jansen	12 July
Melanie Neethling	16 July
Brandon Esterhuizen	17 July

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

SOCIAL CONCERNS

We are in urgent need of soup. We have been asked to supply 20 litres of soup each Friday to MES. Please if you could deliver the soup on a Wednesday (frozen) to the church, between 12 o'clock and 2pm, and we will arrange for it to be sent to MES. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & SUNDAY YOUTH

There will be no services, Sunday School or Youth for the next few weeks. Teachers will however be in contact with you to suggest how you can share God's stories with your children. May you be very aware that God is with you even in these strange times. DMC

PRAYER COURSE- PETE GREIG

Are you keen to deepen your and our church community's prayer life? Well, Pam Chapman and Andrew Boake will be starting an 8 week Prayer Course hosted by Pete Greig and Poppy Williams. We plan to run it as a Monday night online Zoom session from 19h00-19h45, starting 26 July. Interested? Pls contact Pam on 082 460 6081.

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

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