



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

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MINISTER'S NOTE

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Life in this world is not a fairy tale that always has a happy ending! As a result, dark questions of faith, asking "Where is God?" are common amongst the people of faith when they feel the absence of God. The Christian life presents no greater challenge than finding one's way forward with integrity and responsibility when God seems silent and absent. In times like this it is best for us to stand in solidarity with those who feel God's absence and alone. It is not the time to abandon them because of their doubt, but rather to acknowledge that even in the emptiness, they are not alone.

In the story of Job there is a word of hope for the church, for the God whom Job sought has indeed sought us and found us, even in the midst of our suffering. Dietrich Bonhoeffer noted in his Letters and Papers from Prison (1971) that in a world of suffering "only the suffering God can help."

Job's cry and our laments are answered by Jesus on the cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Even in the face of our bitter complaints, we are safe and secure in this good news, we are set free to lament and to argue our case with God. Our gracious God is listening.

Blessings,

Vuyelwa.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & SUNDAY YOUTH

With the beginning of the 4th school term, Sunday School and Sunday Youth will begin to function more normally. Pray that God will use these times to build our children up so that they may know his presence day by day.

PS Does anyone have dolls (Barbie-size) to donate to the pre-school JAM Club? They have been given a lovely doll's house, but have no unbroken dolls. The children rush to play there but are always disappointed.

DMC FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER

Vuyelwa Ntshinga's mother

Denise Dettmer

The family of Margaret (Ethne) Marais

The funeral service of Margaret (Ethne) Marais will take place on Thursday 14 October at 10h00 at DMC. From the Marais Family.

Due to Covid regulations, anyone who would like to attend the service please contact the office.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Mpumelelo Mrwetyana	10 October
Kwadwo Adom-Aboagye	10 October
Lizeka Xiphu	13 October
Fabian Kuhn	13 October
Vanessa Herbst	14 October
Kyle Eagles	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

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

SOCIAL CONCERNS

BIRTHDAY & OTHER GREETING CARDS

Available at the office. R5 each.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Available at the office, R15.00 for a pack of 5. Funds go to FIA.

MES - MEAL VOUCHERS

Please help support MES by buying soup kitchen tickets - R50 a booklet or R5 per meal voucher and handing them out to the homeless. Tickets are available at the church office.

MES - SHOPPING BAGS

We are making an appeal for any clean plastic shopping bags. The Centre of Hope staff are going to teach their less privileged folk to crochet shoppers out of plastic strips from the bags. Please deliver to the church office.



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

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