



DURBANVILLE
METHODIST
CHURCH

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

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PREACHER'S NOTE

19 DECEMBER 2021

Sanctuary



The young girl looked at herself in the mirror, turning sideways to see if the loose-fitting dress hid the bump. Already her Mom had been looking at her quizzically. "Are you feeling alright?" she had asked, again and again. Of course, the constant nausea wasn't helping. The other girls just wanted to talk about the wedding, the food, the dresses, the boys that would be there. They looked and talked right past her - she hid the pain well. Her fiancé was very busy at the carpentry shop, so he wasn't around to chat. And he was the only one who really knew what was going on! Lord, you sure know how to make life difficult!

Her cousin was having a baby (too, she had whispered to herself). What a miracle! But how was she going to cope? She was getting on a bit. She had paused mid-thought. Maybe ...? On impulse, she had packed her things, told Joseph over dinner. "... OK. See you when I see you?" he had said, a bit hesitantly. She finished up, picked up her bags, and closed the door. "In for a penny" she thought.

The door was open, and she peeked in. "Hello..." she ventured. A shriek of pure joy greeted her, a broad smile and a cup of tea rustled up out of nowhere found her sitting at the kitchen table, already relaxing. Elizabeth was bubbly, and positively radiant. She looked at Mary, serious for once, and said: "God is so good. Who would have thought He'd choose us two to start His new kingdom! Mary smiled, and said quietly "Thank you Lord".

Do you need a sanctuary, friend? Somewhere you can go just to relax, feel at home, loved and affirmed? Somewhere you can just be, and think, and get your mind around where you are? My prayer for you is a place to be, where you find just that. After a hard and confusing year, may you find peace, love, and joy in a special place that God has prepared, just for you, because He cares.

Blessings, Andrew.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & SUNDAY YOUTH

We wish all our children, teachers and parents a blessed Christmas and pray God's continued protection on all as they enjoy their holiday and on those who will be travelling. *Sunday School & Youth start again when schools do.*

DMC FAMILY NEWS - PRAYER

John Foreman, The family of Ursula Fortuin

OTHER NOTICES - Rev Vuyelwa Ntshinga will be on leave from 14 - 22 December. We pray God's continued protection on her during her time of rest.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES WILL BE AT 09H30

We still have place for +/-20 people. Please contact the office to book.

****ON-LINE SERVICES ONLY - CHRISTMAS EVE 24 DEC, SUNDAY 26 DEC. 2021 & 2 JAN. 2022.**

The Church Office will be closed from 25 December 2021 to 10 January 2022.

WE WISH ALL THE MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION & VISITORS A BLESSED CHRISTMAS & SAFETY OVER THE HOLIDAYS.

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

Larenza McFall	19 December
Janine Janssen	19 December
Michael Graham	21 December
Emmanuel Mensah	21 December
Josephine During	22 December
Glenn Botha	22 December
Vanessa Lovell	22 December
Antoinette Stockland	24 December
Cynthia Carver	24 December
Devan Atkinson	25 December

SERVICE & GENEROSITY - SOCIAL CONCERNS

MANY THANKS to the congregation for the generous support and many donations received for our Christmas appeal and throughout another "Covid-19" year!

THANK YOU to the ladies who knitted squares, knee blankets, teddy bears and sewed toiletry bags.

For those who delivered donations to various charities

For the donation of clothing, shoes, bed linen, toys, kitchenware etc.

For the team who help faithfully every week to sort, pack and distribute everything received from our congregation.

*Tygerbears, Thuthuzela, CANSA Care, Sivuyele, Namaqualand, the Kinderhuis, MES, a school for very underprivileged children in Ruiterswacht and a creche in Atlantis all say **thank you!!***

So many people have been touched by your kindness.

We wish you all a blessed Christmas and a wonderful 2022. Wendy

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.

CONTACT NUMBERS & OFFICE HOURS

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