DURBANVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

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

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PREACHER'S NOTE **30 JANUARY 2022**

Find Your Voice

Lyn and I love to ride our bikes in the wine and cattle farms north of Durbanville. We're alone under the blue sky, in the vineyards and fields that stretch for miles, sharing them only with sheep and cattle. And blue cranes. It's a real treasure to come across them as they glide effortlessly past, stride with their long legs, or jump around and chase one another. They also have a lovely cry, echoing over the fields - a sound that brings to mind the beauty of God's creation and His gift of life to all of His creatures, who celebrate it in full voice.

I don't know about you, but I find I'm battling to find my voice in these times. I see God's people all over struggling to understand this changed world, trying to fit what we see into what we understand of God, what He's doing in the world, and our role in that. Our comfort zones are crumbling, and many are battling to sing their songs.

Our reading this week comes from the beginning of the book of Jeremiah, where God calls him. "Before you were born", God says, "I knew you, I set you apart, and I gave you a very special job to do in my Kingdom". "I have put my heart into your heart, and my words into your mouth, and I need you to share those into the situation where you find yourself."

Jeremiah didn't have an easy time just because he was called. The people didn't listen to him as he wept, and pointed out their hard hearts, their disobedience, and their idol worship. He saw what was coming, and was there to experience it first-hand. But, and here's the lesson I think: As His dear children, God puts His heart in ours, and His words in our mouths, which we need to share with a hurting world. We are called to use our voices even in tough times. Not because it's easy, but because it matters. Dearly. It's what we were created for, and the way we bring glory to our Creator.

Blessings, Andrew.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & SUNDAY YOUTH

Eleven DMC members set aside time to serve as teachers/helpers each Sunday. We look forward to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the children and teenagers. Please pray for us and encourage parents to bring their children so that they too may get to experience God's love.

DMC FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER

We pray for the safety for our Sunday School children, teachers and parents
Those who are unemployed
Those who are grieving for family members and friends who have died
God's grace, strength and healing for our doctors and nurses

BIRTHDAYS

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

Emuel Kleynhans	31 January
Jacque Geyser	31 January
Lynne Fairbairn	2 February
Cedrick Fortune	2 February
Janet Diedericks	3 February
Ron Eastes	3 February
Daniel Van Zyl	3 February
Lynette Ettisch	3 February
Tania Morland	3 February
Pam Dorrington	3 February
Bradley Case	4 February
Mark Tamine	4 February
Marlene Murphy	5 February
Colleen Mesarcik	5 February

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

NAMAQUALAND

Ivan from Namaqualand is in need of a used printer to assist the school children with printing.

OTHER NOTICES

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - will recommence **Wednesday 2 February at 09h00 in church.**

WEEKLY CHURCH NOTICES

If you would like a copy of the weekly Church Notices, but do not have an email address please contact the office and we will arrange for you to receive it each week.

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

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