



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

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MINISTER'S NOTE

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TRANSFIGURATION - Christians are often regarded as being "so heavenly minded, that they are of no earthly use." And certainly, when we read this week's gospel lesson, and see this week's theme then we can well understand how some might be tempted to get so caught up in the vision of what lies beyond the physical realm of life, that they feel the realities of the struggles of this life are not really important.

However nothing could be further from the truth. The vision of Christ's glory, that is the theme of our lesson this week, was never meant to turn the disciples attention away from their involvement in the very real earthly struggles, but rather to give them a broader context to see how Christ is involved in these very struggles, and to empower them to engage in these struggles in a new and more hopeful way.

Covid 19, poverty, crime, HIV, gender-based violence, corruption, greed, injustice, homelessness, unemployment..... and so the list goes on.

Peter tried to make this mistake as well. He wanted to build a church to "keep Jesus safe" from all of this; or was it perhaps to contain Jesus and thereby ensure their own safety?

The passage makes it quite clear that Jesus would have none of that and continues His ministry of healing and teaching making God's presence and purpose real in these very situations of struggle and pain.

Following our theme of "Discipleship - being Christ to the world" our pause this week and the "peek at His glory" was to give them, and us, a broader picture of God's activity that empowers us beyond the victimhood that we often feel when confronted with all the turmoil, to equip us for Christ-living, bringing transformation.

Let's hear more about how on Sunday!!!

Grace and Peace
David

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.

You are reminded about the opportunity to share in the 'Getting to Know You' event taking place for 45 minutes after church on 20 March 2022. We hope you will all pop in and we hope many of you will participate by showing us what you enjoy doing. Contact Morag Venter for details.

CONFIRMATION 2022 - If you are 15 years and older and have not been Confirmed and would like to join our Confirmation Class, please complete a form at the Help Desk.

DMC FAMILY NEWS - PRAYER

Pam Dorrington, Bronwyn Botha, Eileen Barnes, Barbara MacDonald, Dianne Mathys's granddaughter, Gabriella, Rita Tutu, Fezeka VD Merwe

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.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Carol Shepperson	27 February
Eduard Morland	27 February
Jacques Du Toit	27 February
Jesse Haupt	27 February
Karin Coetzee	28 February
Margaret Grobbelaar	28 February
Jenine Bessesen	28 February
Arnold Weppenaar	28 February
Elizabeth Robinson	1 March
Duval Barnes	1 March
Hein Oosthuizen	2 March
John Sparkman	2 March
Shaun Jardine	3 March
Maaik Pietersen	4 March
Garth Hendrickse	4 March
Normé Jamieson-Luff	4 March
Elsie Breet	4 March
Matthew Jacoby	4 March
Lloyd Chapman	4 March
Simon Conradie	5 March
Chris Laubscher	5 March

OTHER NOTICES

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES - Wednesday 2 March at **DMC at 09h00 & Gateway at 19h00.**

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

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 4 March at 10h00 at All Saints Anglican Church, Durbanville.

FIA (FELLOWSHIP IN ACTION) - will be held at the church on Wednesday 9 March at 09h30. *Speaker: Melinda Van Der Molen.* Please remember your non perishable food items. Thank you. All welcome.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY SOCIAL CONCERNS

Toiletries and non-perishable foodstuffs - will be an ongoing appeal throughout the year for our local public hospitals and various outreaches.

SMALL GROUPS

We are urgently looking for Small Group Leaders. Training will be given. We do have a few people who are looking to join a group.

If you're part of a small group, let us know if you're meeting, or when you plan to start meeting. Please pray about this and let the office know if you are led to start a group.



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