



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

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PREACHER'S NOTE

17 JULY 2022

The story is familiar, but jars each time I hear it. They find a woman, in the very act. They drag her to the temple, where Jesus is teaching. Elders in the church - what are they doing spying on ladies? Where is the man? They throw her down at his feet, and challenge him - do what the Law demands! They've seen his gentle ways, they've heard his condemnation of church leadership. A golden opportunity to show everyone you can't always be gentle, you must be punished if you transgress. He is cornered, can't but look bad coming out of this. The story unfolds: I wonder again at his calmness when confronted, his showing up of the self-righteous, his quiet personal challenge to the woman to reflect and change.

My first response to the story is comparing my own experience to that of the woman - completely unmerited kindness when I've messed up. Grace shown, detractors silenced. The very reason I serve - out of gratitude.

But recently, there's an added shadow. I'm among the accusers. I've worked hard to be a leader - Lord knows how many meetings, how many power struggles I've endured to get here. But we're united in this: We need to fight to keep the church community on the straight and narrow, fight to stop the world from taking away everything we believe in. And that means standing up to wrong-doing strongly. People who step off the path need to be punished, immediately and publicly. I stand with my stone, righteous and angry.

The most powerful, most righteous being whispers gently in my heart. And I know, put down my stone, and go and weep once again at the rail. Mercy is the only option when I reflect on my own journey.

Blessings,
Andrew.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.

Sunday School and Youth will reopen on 24 July.

CROCHETED/KNITTED CHRISTMAS CRACKER TEDDY BEARS

"There will be a box at the Welcome Desk for crocheted/ knitted Sunday School/Christmas Cracker teddy bears. A **huge thank you** to everyone who is participating!"

The Family Room is open again for your toddlers.

DMC FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER

June Choice, Ray Crocker, Mary Grobbelaar, Mike Reid.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the church today are donated by David and Yvonne Engelke in celebration of God's gift of our daughters Monica and Carmen.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER - BREAD for the SOUP KITCHEN - we need a volunteer to collect bread on a Tuesday & Friday morning between 09h00 - 10h00 at Welgedacht Spar. Please call the office if you can assist.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY - SOCIAL CONCERNS

SOUP for MES - We are in need of soup. We have been asked to supply 20 litres of soup each Friday to MES. If you could deliver the soup by Thursday latest, we will arrange for it to be sent to MES.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Brandon Esterhuizen	17 July
Corné Coetzee	18 July
Clive Staffen	20 July
Christo Dreyer	20 July
Louwretta Drake	21 July
Anthony Lague	22 July
Charles Egan	22 July
Carmen Heuvel	22 July
Nomsa Nkata	23 July

SUNDAY SERVICE 17 JULY 2022 at 09h00.

PREACHER ANDREW BOAKE

UPCOMING EVENTS

DISCIPLESHIP COURSE 3 - starts **Monday 18 July** at DMC at 19h00 in the Community Lounge.

HOME GROUPS are the lifeblood of a local church. Our home groups need a revival, so we're planning a get-together at DMC to get them going again on **Saturday 23 July from 10 - 12** in the Community Lounge. We'd like to invite all those who are longing to be part of a close group to join us. Please contact Andrew Boake.

PRAYER COURSE - Are you keen to deepen your and our church community's prayer life? Well, Ingrid Oates will be starting an 8 week Prayer Course on a **Monday morning at 10h00 at the church, starting 25 July**. Interested? Please leave your details at the help desk.

FIA (FELLOWSHIP IN ACTION) - There will be no FIA meeting in July. Next meeting will be on Wednesday **10 August**.

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

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