



DURBANVILLE
METHODIST
CHURCH

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

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PREACHER'S NOTE

31 JULY 2022

A teenage boy. His Dad has passed away, and he becomes king. God appears to him one night and asks him "What would you like me to give you?" He replies, humbly, "Lord, I need your help and your wisdom to do this". God is so impressed with his answer, He grants him not only wisdom beyond any man before him, but riches beyond compare, and honour upon honour.

In Ecclesiastes, we hear him summing up, at the end of his life. "It is all meaningless" he says, "like a vapour." Someone with no "if only's" - if only I had more money, if only people thought more of me, if only I could be with that woman. Yet, there is a note of sadness, of emptiness. How did he get from being so favoured, to being resigned to the fact that life is empty?

As we read of his life, we see someone so wise, brilliant at building an empire, famous across the known world, pleasure wherever he turns. But that comes at a price - he exploits his people to build his kingdom, marries to build relationships with his neighbours, and compromises his faith as he tries to mix their religions with his. He is confused and distracted at the end of his life.

What might we learn from this, we who have many if-onlys? Even if God grants you everything you could wish for, life isn't measured by your own achievements, your own pleasure or your own fame. These are idols: pursuits that promise much, but ultimately disappoint. Life is measured by the depth of your relationship with your Maker, the journey you walked with Him, and the things you achieved for Him. A lifetime of fulfilment awaits those who pursue these things.

Blessings,
Andrew.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.

Sunday School meets at the same time as the church service. There are 3 groups: two junior classes for those in pre-school and those in Grades R to 2/3, and an intermediate group for Grades 3/4 to 7. We urge you to bring young children to join in so that they can get to know their Heavenly Father while they are young.

Sunday Youth is geared for those in high school.

****Sunday School will meet as usual next Sunday despite the fact that it is a long week-end for school children.***

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!"

DMC FAMILY NEWS PRAYER

June Choice

Ray Crocker

Mike Reid

Neil Munn

Anne-Marie Houston

FLOWERS

The flowers in the church today are donated by Tippiie Wyrley-Birch in loving memory of family and friends who succumbed to Covid.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Debbie Smith	31 July
Gill Kelly	31 July
Jeanette Coetzee	1 August
Bianca McLachlan	1 August
Lyn Boake	2 August
Dawood Koopman	4 August
Megan Marsden	4 August
Juliet Steyn	4 August
Ian Fortuin	6 August

SUNDAY SERVICE 31 JULY 2022 at 09h00.

PREACHER ANDREW BOAKE

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIA (FELLOWSHIP IN ACTION) - will be held at the church in the *Community Lounge* on Wednesday 10 August at 09h30. Please remember your non perishable food items. Thank you. All welcome.

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.

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.

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

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