DURBANVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

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

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PREACHER'S NOTE 14 AUGUST 2022

A quiet socially awkward little girl watches a film about climate change at school. The other children are concerned about what they see, but soon go back to their toys and their play. She is horrified - she just cannot carry on as before.

She is so affected by what she sees that she becomes severely depressed. Her concerned parents try to coax her out of it. But they start to hear her, and the whole family puts in a concerted effort to do their bit for the environment - they stop eating meat, they stop flying. That positive effort makes her realise that it's better to do something than just be depressed.

She writes an article for a local newspaper. She tries to get the other children at her school involved. She organizes a protest outside the parliament buildings. Nobody comes - she sits alone on the stairs with her sign - "School Strike for Climate". A journalist takes a picture of her, and her parents share her story on social media. The next day she is back - joined by a couple of others. For the next 21 days, more and more join her. Her choice of venue is inspired - the national elections get a climate backdrop. More news feeds cover the story. Her school strikes start to spread, with children across the world standing up and saying "Enough". A year later, 1.6 million people from over 2000 cities in 128 countries participate in a global march. She makes a speech at a climate rally: a little girl addressing thousands.

In 2019, she is asked to address the world's leaders at the UN. In her direct manner, she cuts through the lies and the compromises of the gathered politicians. She calls them out. "I shouldn't be here - I should be at school. But I need to because you have failed us". The discomfort in the room is palpable. The truth, spoken by a shy little girl, is a spotlight.

PREACHER'S NOTE CONTINUED

If she can be so grabbed by something important, what about you? The world needs truth spoken to power. What truth has so seized you, that you just have to speak? Perhaps just for a time as this, you have been given a word?

Blessings, Andrew.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.

We look forward to providing stories, activities and insights which are relevant to the children of today. In our broken society, they need his companionship and lordship more than ever.

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

Mike Reid
Neil Munn
Catherine Rae

BIRTHDAYS

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

Jaco Janse Van Rensburg	14 August
Malcolm Neethling	14 August
Eileen Barnes	14 August
Lulama Dotwana	14 August
Terry Miller	15 August
Reynier Louw	16 August
Stuart Hopwood	16 August
Estelle Nortier	17 August
Kareline Masterson	17 August
Diane Bishop	18 August
Mireille Sabbatini	19 August
Edmund Atkinson	19 August
Sharon Mabe	20 August

SUNDAY SERVICE 14 AUGUST 2022 at 09h00. PREACHER ANDREW BOAKE

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUP AND BREAD FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL - 26 AUGUST 2022 AT 18H00

We would like to invite all of DMC to join us for a Soup and Bread evening on 26 August. Please put your name on the list at the help desk or contact the office for catering purposes.
Please join us as we rekindle the flames that covid extinguished. To add some fun please wear a hat.
On the same evening *- The Primary School children will be having a games evening in the downstairs lounge.*
All welcome. (Parents can be upstairs and your children will be looked after downstairs).

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.

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

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