



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

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PREACHER'S NOTE

9 OCTOBER 2022

There's nothing quite like landing in hospital to get you to re-evaluate your life. I went for a GP check-up because I was feeling funny, and an hour later found myself in a ward in Durbanville Mediclinic with a drip in my arm. My blood sugar levels were through the roof. The next few days were spent as a pincushion, with all sorts of needles being stuck in me, from blood sugar tests to insulin injections. Two weeks later, I'm a newly diagnosed diabetic, with a new blood sugar measuring machine and 22 pages of dietary rules. All good though - caught in time (just, apparently), and a plan of action.

I found myself thinking how it is that we can be living with danger bubbling under the surface, and we don't know it or act on it until a serious life-changing event. Thinking back though, there were signs. Signs of sugar lows during exercise, an increasing need to drink everything in sight, and blurred vision. Each of these I thought were just silly things that happen, and I didn't think they were signs of something deeper.

I think that organizations are the same. There are signs that something is wrong, but in the busyness, and as isolated incidents, everyone ignores them. And in churches, I think those signs are also there - the community does fewer things together, they focus inwards rather than being God's helping hands and feet in the world, they are more engaged in jostling for position and nit-picking small irritations than living God's kingdom. In my reflections since my surprise Mediclinic visit, I'm thinking we at DMC need to notice where we're experiencing symptoms of something deeper, and then deal with the underlying causes, before a life-changing event surprises us all.

Blessings, Andrew.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.

The fourth term session of Sunday School will start next Sunday. We remind you how important it is in this day and age that your children and grandchildren are given the opportunity to hear about Jesus Christ and his love. We would love them to join us.

DMC FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER

Pieter Grobbelaar

Flowers

The flowers in the church today are donated by Athol & Lucille Beeforth.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

CHURCH FLOWER ROSTER 2023 - If you would like to donate towards flowers in 2023 please add your name to the list at the help desk.

BIRTHDAY & OTHER GREETING CARDS

Available at the office. R5 each.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Available at the office, R15.00 for a pack of 5.
Funds go to FIA.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Grace Adom-Aboagye	9 October
Mpumelelo Mrwetyana	10 October
Kwadwo Adom-Aboagye	10 October
Fabian Kuhn	13 October
Lizeka Xiphu	13 October
Kyle Eagles	14 October
Vanessa Herbst	14 October
Alan McLachlan	14 October
Cathy Janse Van Rensburg	15 October
Joan Smit	15 October
Willem Van Der Vyver	15 October

SUNDAY SERVICE 9 OCTOBER 2022 at 09h00.

PREACHER ANDREW BOAKE

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIA (FELLOWSHIP IN ACTION) - will be held at the church in the *Community Lounge* on **Wednesday 12 October** at 09h30. **Speaker: Judy Simons from Kendrick House, Thornton.** Please remember your non perishable food items. Thank you. All welcome.

COFFEE & CROCHET - Need a break or just want to meet fellow congregants? Join us **next Sunday** after church for coffee, crocheting, chatting and Christmas cracker-wrapping in the coffee bar!

Food: Bring and Share.

Activity: Patricia will provide yarn, crochet hooks, wrapping paper, sellotape, sweets & toilet roll holders. Please bring any knitted/crocheted bears along. RSVP: Yvonne or Sandra at the office.

OTHER NOTICES

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

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

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