DURBANVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

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

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PREACHER'S NOTE 15 JANUARY 2023

The trip back from a holiday always seems longer than the trip there. Perhaps its the disappointment of a holiday finished compared to the excitement of one stretching out ahead. My Mom and Dad were keen caravanners and wildlife enthusiasts, and Kruger Park holidays were a firm family favourite - lazy summer days punctuated with early morning coffee and rusks at a waterhole, looking for elusive leopards in trees, and skottel breakfasts at picnic spots.

But as we headed back along the highway to Nelspruit, the world that was left behind for a glorious couple of weeks suddenly loomed and knotted my stomach. Parking the car and caravan in the high school parking lot, and unpacking the school stuff for the weekly boarding, we seemed to be watched by all the big boys and masters, ready to make life uncomfortable again. I had to go from a safe space to a careful watchful defensive space in a matter of minutes.

Finishing a Christmas holiday always takes me back there. How to face life in the valley again after a mountain top experience? The mountain top beautiful, wonderful, and the valley crowded and messy, with people jostling for position and after their own gain.

As you start back into the valley, may you know that our Lord has your back. He also didn't fit in, and had to fight to make a place for you and me in an antagonistic world. He's fiercely for us, fiercely protective of us, and right there when we need him. Know that as you step forward from your holiday into a new year.

Blessings, Andrew.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.
Sunday School & Youth reopens 22 January 2023.
Please encourage any families you know to bring their children to join us. And please pray for all who will be involved there - parents, children and teachers.

DMC FAMILY NEWS
PRAYER
Shirley Louw
Millicent Fairbairn
The Family of Yvonne Engelke on the passing of Yvonne's mom, June Parkes

THE WEEKLY PRAYER LIST will commence 23 January 2023.

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

Gloria Graham	15 January
Evan May	15 January
Jarryd Gilpin	15 January
Anthea Koral	18 January
Cheryl Botes	18 January
Heather Munro	18 January
Deon Ponto	19 January
Juanita Smedley	19 January
Ankia Holtzhausen	20 January
Tamryn Gwenossis	21 January
Emi Heuvel	21 January

SUNDAY SERVICE 15 JANUARY 2023 at 09h00.
PREACHER ANDREW BOAKE

UPCOMING EVENTS
Sunday 22 January
Covenant Holy Communion Service at 09h00.

DISCIPLESHIP 3 COURSE will resume on 23 January 2023.

SOCIAL CONCERNS
Many thanks to the Congregation for the generous support and many donations received for our Christmas appeal and throughout 2022.
So many people have been touched by your kindness.

OTHER NOTICES
MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - will recommence Wednesday 1 February at 09h00 in church.

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

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