



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

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MINISTER'S NOTE

29 JANUARY 2023

Society has taught us that we can make it in life through power, accomplishments and wealth. This enhances the idea that we are to be self-made, build up ourselves and make a life. Many have attained positions of power, wealth, and status. At the same time there are those in lower-status positions. Such distinctions have no place among the people of God.

In building an alternative community, Christ offers a different way of being in community with God and with each other. The Christ way gives meaning to our lives and connects us to something bigger than ourselves. Christ invites us to a loving relationship that shapes and forms our lives and longings to be Christ-like. Through this relationship we engage the world in a different way. We live with a vulnerable and open heart which invites dependence on God rather than self-reliance. God values our humility more than our pride. In today's world that sounds more like weakness and foolishness. However, our effectiveness does not depend on being or having people with all the connections, power, or fortunes. God accomplishes his purposes with ordinary people. The value of our work is based on God's gifts, not on our credentials.

May we accept as Christ invites us to enter into the mystery of God's great love for those the world might consider weak, unworthy, unwanted or foolish.

Blessings,

Vuyelwa.

"The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." (1 Corinthians 1: 25, NIV)

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.

Sunday School and Sunday Youth are continuing their series Journeys with John. Make sure your children or grandchildren or nephews or nieces or friends don't miss out. They are all welcome.

Today the parents of our youngest class as well as other new parents are invited to stay after the service and to meet the teachers over tea/coffee in the downstairs lounge.

DMC FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER

Shirley Louw

OTHER NOTICES

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - will recommence Wednesday 1 February at 09h00.

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

BIRTHDAYS

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

Karen Teuchert	29 January
Malcolm Johnston	29 January
Malinda Fryer	29 January
Trudy Van Wyk	29 January
Emuel Kleynhans	31 January
Jacque Geyser	31 January
Cedrick Fortune	2 February
Lynne Fairbairn	2 February
Lynette Ettisch	3 February
Janet Diedericks	3 February
Ron Eastes	3 February
Daniel Van Zyl	3 February
Tania Morland	3 February
Mark Tamine	4 February
Barbara Martindale	4 February
Bradley Case	4 February

SUNDAY SERVICE 29 JANUARY 2023 at 09h00.

PREACHER THANDI NKONZO

UPCOMING EVENTS

FIA (FAITH IN ACTION) - We meet Wednesday 8 February at 09h00 to celebrate Holy Communion. Morning tea at 09h30. All welcome.

SOCIAL CONCERNS - SOUP for MES - We are in **urgent need** of soup. We have been asked to supply 24 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.

Many thanks to the Congregation for the generous support and many donations received throughout 2022. **So many people have been touched by your kindness.**

MES CENTRE OF HOPE

What to do with broken or unwanted electronic equipment? Do not discard in black bins!! Drop at MES Centre of Hope, 37 Queen Street, Durbanville, or 3 Davies Street, Bellville or 110 Alexandra Street, Parow. Contact number - 082 440 7055.

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