



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

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PREACHER'S NOTE

14 MAY 2023

Learning to Fly

My son Dylan is a pilot in West Africa. He works for a charter company operating out of Bamako, the capital of Mali, for the Red Cross, moving people and medical supplies as needed, and for the mines, moving people, supplies and gold. He recently became a captain, a huge milestone in a long journey. That journey started with a small boy rushing out onto the front lawn and pointing at the sky whenever a plane flew over. It continued after school in a frustrating search for funding and opportunities. Then, a long and strenuous training period at 43 Air School in Port Alfred while working in the admin block and the airport control office. A proud moment for Mom and Dad as we were there to see him get his wings, and a nerve-wracking first flight with our son over the coast in a cramped little plane.

This week the theme in the Methodist calendar is Jesus promising His disciples the Holy Spirit. He's not with us physically any more, but is with us in spirit, in our hearts. A pilot's journey can teach us much about our walk with God. We aren't born to fly – we need to learn by studying a whole bunch of topics, practicing everything over and over, especially following the rules laid out, listening to instructors as they help us and correct us, and then remembering all they said when we fly by ourselves. Doesn't that sound like the Christian life? Studying God's Word as He lays out how He intends us to live, practicing that life in all circumstances, and listening to the Holy Spirit as He guides us, corrects us and walks with us on our own particular journey with God? Join us on Sunday as we unpack this.

Blessings, Andrew.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.

"Thank you to all those at DMC who have 'mothered' us over the years. Each one of you has helped us to catch a glimpse of the great love which God has poured out over us."

DMC FAMILY NEWS - PRAYER

Those who are unemployed

FLOWERS

The flowers in the church today are donated by Trevor and Liza May in loving memory of our mothers, Liz Boswell and Rene May. You are always in our thoughts, and to all the other mothers - Happy Mother's Day.

OTHER NOTICES

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

Every Wednesday morning at 09h00. All most welcome.

***No Service on Wednesday 17 May.**

NAME TAGS - After service please leave your name tag in the plastic holders provided and not on the board.

D4J PRAYER WEEK - DMC Prayer day is Wednesday 24 May. Sign up sheets are at the help desk.

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

Avril Reid	14 May
Sheila Gradidge	15 May
Clive Prince	16 May
Trudi Miller	16 May
Betty Coldrey	16 May
Matshema Mogano	17 May
Morné Janse Van Rensburg	17 May
Thomas Needham	18 May
Patrick Ntshaqu	18 May
Lisa Heuvel	19 May
Gideon Van Zyl	19 May
Bernadette Barnes	20 May
Lorraine Hodgkinson	20 May

SUNDAY SERVICE 14 MAY 2023

PREACHER ANDREW BOAKE

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOCIETY LEADERS MEETING - Wednesday 17 May at the church at 19h00.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE - Thursday 18 May at DMC at 09h00 and 19h00 at Gateway. The Church office will be closed.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY SERVICE 21 May at DMC

We ask those who are able to bring non-perishable food gifts which will be distributed to our various outreaches.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY - SOCIAL CONCERNS

In keeping with the Methodist Church tradition, May is known as the **"Blanket & Jersey"** month. All donations of new or good secondhand jerseys, jackets, coats, blankets, knee-rugs, beanies, bed socks, scarves, knitted gloves and track suits for men will be greatly appreciated.

TOILETRY BAGS and KNEE BLANKETS - We are in need of volunteers to sew toiletry bags and knit squares for knee blankets. Patterns will be provided for the toiletry bags, possibly fabric too. For the knee blankets we need double knitting wool.

BABY CLOTHING (newborn - 3 months) - donations of quality clothing needed by our Social Concerns ministry.

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