



DURBANVILLE
METHODIST
CHURCH

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

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MINISTER'S NOTE

13 AUGUST 2023

All that is taking place in our world gives a feeling that the boat of our life is far from land right now. The night is dark, the waves are high, and the wind is strong. There is every reason to be afraid. It begins in my heart, your heart, and the heart of the world.

As Jesus did to the disciples who were caught in a storm, today he is imploring us to have a life-giving courage, a courage grounded in the "I Am" of Jesus: I am the light of the world; I am the way; I am the truth; I am the life; I am the good shepherd; I am the resurrection. It is the same "I Am" of the burning bush that gave Moses the courage to lead the Israelites out of their bondage in Egypt.

The world needs the life-giving "I Am" courage. Life giving courage seeks reconciliation and the well-being of all people. Ultimately, life-giving courage manifests the heart of God and it looks, speaks, acts, and loves like Jesus. Life giving courage does not mean we won't be afraid. It is, rather, the means by which we face our fear. We need to find our own way of taking back our hearts and living with this life-giving courage.

Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I," (Matthew 14: 27). I hope you and I are afraid enough to take heart, and to never stop taking heart. Hear Jesus' words again as he says: "Be courageous, I Am."

Blessings,

Vuyelwa.

LECTIONARY READINGS:

Ps.105:1-6,16-22,45, Genesis 37:1-4,12-28, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.

We live in an age when our Christian teachings are constantly being challenged. It is more important than ever, therefore, that parents ensure that their children are taught the truths contained in Scripture. Our lesson plan for this term: 'Be brave, but obey' highlights the stories where we see our holy, almighty God at work. Make sure your children and grandchildren do not lose out!

DMC FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER

Gottfried Weber, Doreen Johnson, Phil Smit

Kindly inform the office of members who have been admitted to hospital.
Please contact the office if you have any prayer request.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the church today are donated by Tippie Wyrley-Birch in memory of several family members and friends who passed away this year and from the funeral of Mary Grobbelaar.

In place of flowers today Gordon Ludski have made a donation to the Pantry Cupboard in loving memory of Mercia. Gone but not forgotten. Gordon and family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST - after the service Gustav Krös will be giving feedback on his trip to South Asia. A short slide show and discussion +/- 30 minutes. Please try and join.

BIRTHDAYS

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

Tia Rabehasy	13 August
Erina Bothma	13 August
Eileen Barnes	14 August
Francois Visser	14 August
Jaco Janse Van Rensburg	14 August
Lulama Dotwana	14 August
Terry Miller	15 August
Stuart Hopwood	16 August
Estelle Nortier	17 August
Karelina Masterson	17 August
Diane Bishop	18 August
Mireille Sabbatini	19 August
Edmund Atkinson	19 August

SUNDAY SERVICE 13 AUGUST 2023

PREACHER THANDI NKONZO

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

Every Wednesday morning at 09h00. All most welcome.

SMALL GROUP - If you would like to join a small group please let the office know.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

SOCIAL CONCERNS - CLOTHING NEEDED (newborn - 5 years) - Donations of quality clothing needed by our Social Concerns Ministry.

SOUP CONTAINERS - We are in need of 2lt ice cream containers. Please leave at the help desk.

MES - Vouchers are available at the office, R50 per booklet - details on the board in the foyer.

DONATION OF FURNITURE

Windsor Park is looking for furniture to furnish their Manse for the new Minister starting in our circuit on the 20 December. If you can help please let the office know.

Sacrificial giving can be done via EFT :

MCSA DURBANVILLE SOCIETY - Standard Bank, Tyger Manor, Branch Code 050410, Account Number 27 512 575 0.

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