DURBANVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

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

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PREACHER'S NOTE 28 APRIL 2024

We're heading back to work and to church, getting more involved, yet somehow we're still tentative, reserved. In the past few years, we've retreated behind walls, tinted car windows, busy schedules and masks. If we're being honest, we quite enjoy our independence and detachment.

Until we are hurting. Then, a terrible loneliness gnaws at us - for all the self-help books on Amazon, we can't heal alone. God knows that, and gave us a community to belong to, to be our strength and solace when we're hurting. It was always His intention that we should live holding out our hands to others. The Lord knows, we'll need those hands sooner or later ourselves.

I came across an obscure ancient Jewish writing recently, that describes a community practice long abandoned, yet so sorely needed. On the holiest of days, Jews would walk the dusty roads to Jerusalem, climb the stairs to the top of the Temple Mount, and enter the courtyard. They would turn right, hundreds and thousands of them, and walk in a circle in that holiest of places – a sacred pilgrimage.

But, some, those who were broken hearted, would turn left. They would walk against the flow. Those walking from the right would notice a downcast face of an approaching person, ask them "What breaks your heart?", and listen to their story. They would then bless them: "May the One who dwells in this house comfort you". Total strangers would see someone in their pain, be with them, and hear them. The broken-hearted don't need rescue, they need someone to walk alongside. And God provided that in a beautiful ancient, forgotten practice, so needed in the world today.

The broken-hearted are all around us. If we're being observant, we can notice those who need a sympathetic ear, a hug, an encouraging word. When heartache visits us, we'll be so grateful of the same.

Blessings,
Andrew.

READINGS:
1 John 4: 7-11, 19-21, Galatians 6:2

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.
Acts 4:32 - 5:11: The Holy Spirit used Peter to teach God's family (and us as well) how to live as followers of Jesus.

DMC FAMILY NEWS - PRAYER
Those who are unemployed

Kindly inform the office of members who have been admitted to hospital.
Please contact the office if you have any prayer request.
Tel. 021 976 0598

SYNOD HELPERS & ACCOMODATION NEEDED - 23 May - 25 May
Cape Gateway Circuit will be hosting Synod this year. DMC will be the main venue and we URGENTLY need your help. We are needing safety and security and technical people to help on a roster basis (2 hourly shifts). If you can assist please complete the sign on sheets at the help desk.
We will also be setting up charging stations for laptops and phones and we are requesting the loan of any spare extension leads and multi-plugs. Please inform Ian Houston if you are able to assist in this regard. Please mark your extension leads and multi-plugs clearly with your name and drop them at the Church on or before 12 May. They will be available for collection after Synod from 26 May. Thank you.

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

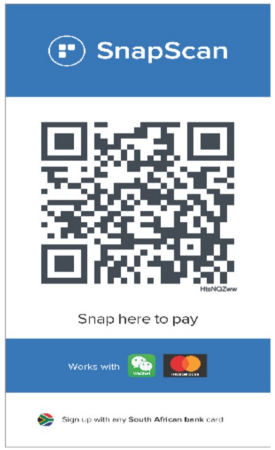
Margarete Van Der Merwe	28 April
Anna-Beth Aylward	29 April
Thereasa Schoeman	30 April
Anne-Marie Houston	30 April
Willem Henning	1 May
Patricia Groenewald	1 May
Hilary Maxwell	3 May
Irene Chitter	3 May
Shelagh Johnston	4 May
Wessel Oosthuizen	4 May

SUNDAY SERVICE 28 APRIL 2024
PREACHER ANDREW BOAKE

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICE
Every Wednesday morning at 09h00. All most welcome.

D4J PRAYER WEEK - DMC Prayer day is Thursday 9 May. Sign up sheets are at the help desk.

Sacrificial giving can be done via EFT:
MCSA DURBANVILLE SOCIETY - Standard Bank, Tyger Manor, Branch Code 050410, Account Number 27 512 575 0. Thank you for your generosity. Through your giving we are able to continue our various ministries.



Please see the new Snapscan QR code for you to use.
If you are contributing via EFT, Cash and or weekly Offerings, you can continue to do so - these payment methods will remain in place.

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