DURBANVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

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

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PREACHER'S NOTE **25 AUGUST 2024**

WE HUNGER - JESUS FEEDS

This week in our sermon series from the Gospel of John, we meet Jesus at a crossroads in His ministry. He has demonstrated amazing powers, multiplying meager supplies to feed thousands, and healing all who come to Him. Crowds follow Him around, hoping for the next miracle.

But as they listen to His teaching, they are confused. He's speaking of Himself being the bread of life, the living water, and they don't understand. He is of course speaking metaphorically, spiritually, but life is tough, and they are thinking back to when God fed their ancestors in the desert with manna. They need a new heavenly feeding scheme.

So they drift away - this man, with such potential to meet their needs, but talking about stuff that isn't about what they need. They prefer their Jewish customs and rules - at least you know where you stand - the requirements are quite clearly spelled out: Do these things, and God will bless you. None of this deeper complicated stuff.

As the crowds turn away, Jesus turns to his closest and asks them - you too? My reading of their response is: Lord, we don't understand you either, but who else could we follow? You have the keys to life.

Does that resonate? Do you feel that faith is just too complicated? Do you wish that God would just spell out what He wants, so that you can be in good standing with Him, and He can bless you and keep you?

In preparation for Sunday, let me leave you with this thought: perhaps our society is at the same turning point? Where we are so absorbed with what's in it for us that we expect God and His provision to be centered on our needs, and we turn away when we realize that He is calling us deeper and wider? Blessings, Andrew.

READINGS: John 6: 56-69

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.
How do we think and feel when we feel someone is being unkind to us? David had two opportunities to kill King Saul, but he didn't. In 1 Samuel 24 and 26 we read about David's beliefs on this.

DMC FAMILY NEWS
PRAYER
Norma Ball, Lucie Bell

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

SERVICE & GENEROSITY
SOCIAL CONCERNS
CLOTHING NEEDED - We are in need of kiddies clothing ages 7 to teens, especially for boys.

BIRTHDAY and OTHER GREETING CARDS
Available at the office. R5 each. Funds go to FIA.

UPCOMING EVENTS at DMC CONTINUED
The BLHG presents MUSIC MUSIC MUSIC on Saturday **5 October** at DMC at 18h30. Entrance fee - adults R20.00, school pupils R10.00. Music Quiz, Musical Items, Community Singing and Lots of Prizes. Selection of finger foods from R15.00 - R20.00. Contact Ray Crocker 074 426 1322. See notice board for more info.

D4J PRAYER DAY FOR SAPS DURBANVILLE
Please try and join us on **Tuesday 27 August** at 18h00 at Doxo Deo Langeberg Church to pray for the Police. If unable to attend, please pray at home during the day. For futher details speak to Pam Chapman,

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

Robbie Pretorius	25 August
Jaco Leygonie	27 August
Janine Eagles	28 August
Melanie Saroglou	29 August
Gordon Ludski	30 August
Natalie Van Zyl	30 August
Madeline Adams	30 August

SUNDAY SERVICE 25 AUGUST 2024
PREACHER ANDREW BOAKE

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

UPCOMING EVENTS at DMC
HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY SERVICE 8 September
We ask those who are able to bring non-perishable food gifts which will be distributed to our various outreaches and seeds and seedlings for our veggie garden.

DMC WOMEN-IN-CHRIST - Invites you to join us for a POTTERY MAKING WORKSHOP at DMC on **Saturday 14 September** from 12h15 - 14h30. Call Tamryn 076 954 6966. All ladies & girls older than 10 are welcome. No entry fee but donations of non-perishable food items are welcome. Bring your apron and a smile.

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 or weekly Offerings, you can continue to do so - these payment methods will remain in place.

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