



Staying Connected 5 January 2025

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07:30
09:00
18:30

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Bible Readings

5 January to 11 January 2024

Sunday Jeremiah 31:7-14

Monday Isaiah 60:1-6

Tuesday Psalm 72

Wednesday Ephesians 5:15-20

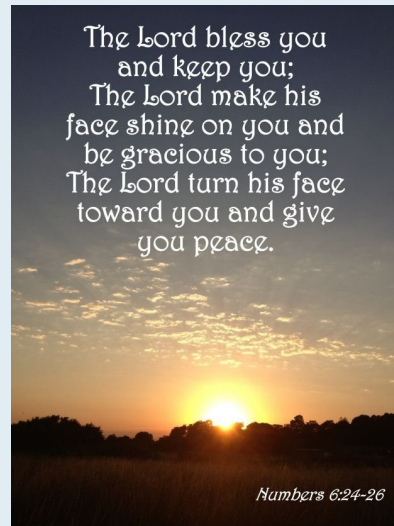
Thursday Psalm 29

Friday 1 Corinthians 2:1-10

Saturday 1 Corinthians 2:11-16

From the Minister's Desk

I have a clear childhood memory of my father complaining bitterly that there were a couple of Red-chested cuckoos that had their nests within earshot of his office at work. He didn't call them cuckoos though (he used their nickname - 'piet-my-vrou') and he said their calling early in the morning drove him nuts. Maybe you have some of these in your garden ...



Recently though, a conversation with a game reserve guide changed my mind about these birds. Themba told me that these birds are beloved in his community - he described their early morning call as a traditional alarm clock, telling everyone that it is time to get up and get to work (their isiZulu name is Phezukomkhono which means "roll up your sleeves").

A whole new way to hear that familiar bird call and a helpful song for the start of a new year! I hope that 2025 has started well for you and your families and that as we roll up our sleeves for the new year we find that 2025 offers us many opportunities to meet God and partner with Him in His work in our community. May God bless you in the year ahead!



There are numerous Bible Study Groups that meet throughout the week in private homes and in the church building. Some groups meet in the evenings after work, but there are also quite a few that meet during the day. There is an opportunity and a time to suit everyone. For a full list of the current groups available, please see the leaflet in the church foyer or contact the church office

**Do we have your contact details?
Have your details changed?**

LET THE OFFICE KNOW



**Keep up to date with all the news
and events taking place at WMC**



Keep In Touch



If you have any family news, births, weddings, family members unwell or going to hospital, please let the office know.

Pastoral Care



Please let the church office staff know if you are ill or going into hospital. Your name will only be put on the prayer list with your consent. We would appreciate your co-operation in this regard so that we can visit or offer help. Letting us know helps us to show care!



Tienie Dearham
Helene Herbst
Hane van der Merwe
Migel Nicolson
Haroshen Govender
Lynda Goosen
Sané Ndlovu
Lynese Morris
Letitia Norris
Horizon Farm
James Dunford
Raymond A. Blom
Sue Carter
Brandon Walker
Shirleen Prydderch
Dorothy Foster
John Cave
Zayden Govender
Shelley Reed

Virus in her left ear, affecting balance and hearing
Pain Relief
In Hospital - off the ventilator
Released from hospital after accident in Portugal
Cancer Treatment
Cancer Treatment
Further treatment - Endometriosis
Cancer : Pain Control / Treatment
Strength and Peace
Financial Stability
Cancer
End Stage Dementia
Post operative recovery and general prayer
Effects of Long Covid - Fatigue
Bipolar Treatment
Recovering from Surgery
Cancer
Kidney function Improvement
Motor Neuron Disease / ALS

When is your Birthday?



Please let the office know if you would like to publish your birthday in the Staying Connected



Ongoing Prayer

Stephen Adams, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Janita Downing, Debbie Ivins, Evelyn Kolbe, Megan Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Sherwyn Sullivan.

Church Diary

Westville Methodist Church is blessed with having many halls and rooms of various sizes. These venues are hired out on a regular basis, with the afternoon slots presently occupied by many community based activities. We currently have a few slots available to hire for 2025, on weekday mornings. Please contact Lauren in the church office for further information.



Book Corner at WMC



Please visit the revamped Book Corner in the church lounge. You can either leave a donation in the honesty box in the church office or swap your books. When swapping books please ensure the books you leave behind are in good condition. We are not able to take big encyclopedias or large study books.

We ask you to please remember the finances of WMC.

Please prayerfully and carefully consider your giving, and where at all possible use electronic means to make your offerings and contributions to the church, even though it may differ from some time-honoured traditions. EFT and Stop Orders can be done online and should you choose, Zapper is another option. .



As you begin this new school year, if you don't know what to do with your **pre-loved school clothes, backpacks, stationery and shoes** (in a good, clean condition), please drop them off at the church office.

Along with Inqwe, there are many children who desperately need your help and, as always, we do our utmost to get these donated items to those that need them timeously.

Thank you.

Donations of Wool

We have a team of ladies that knit for the many outreach groups that we supply knitted items to. If you have any donation of wool, please place it in the black box outside the church office.

Thank you.



Church Bank Details

Acc: Westville Methodist Church
Acc No: 58880668126
Bank: First National Bank
Branch: Westville
Br Code: 223526

