



Staying Connected 17 August 2025

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07:30
09:00
18:30

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From the Minister's Desk

A recent Barna study in the USA asked the question: "what is your preferred method of discipleship". The most popular response from Christians (38% of respondents) was "on my own". That is to say, discipleship for this group can be experienced without belonging and participating in community life. It may seem easier, less complicated to be "solo Christians", but author Ronald Rolheiser insists that there is no such thing. He writes:

"part of the very essence of Christianity is to be together in a concrete community with all the real human faults that are there and the tensions that this will bring us. Spirituality for a Christian can never be an individualistic quest - the pursuit of God outside of community, family and church. The God of the incarnation tells us that anyone who says that he or she loves an invisible God in heaven and is unwilling to deal with a visible neighbour on earth is a liar, since no-one can love a God who cannot be seen if he or she cannot love a neighbour who can be seen. Hence a Christian spirituality is always as much about dealing with each other as it is about dealing with God".

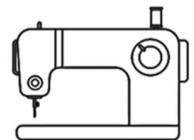


Challenging words! What does "concrete community" look like for you at the moment?



Sew 'n Sews sewing group

The **Sew 'n Sews** meet in the church lounge every Monday morning to sew for the many projects that the church is involved with. If you would like to join them to sew, you are welcome to pop in to the church lounge on a Monday morning from 09:00 to 12:00 or alternatively you can collect projects to sew at home.



Sew 'n Sews

Bible Readings

17 August to 23 August 2025

Sunday	Luke 12:49-56
Monday	Psalms 32
Tuesday	Isaiah 5:24-30
Wednesday	Luke 19:45-48
Thursday	Psalms 103:1-8
Friday	2 Chronicles 8:12-15
Saturday	Luke 6:1-5

The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Psalm 28:7



Mission Of The Month

THE BABY HOUSE

Please continue your generous support by contributing towards our item collection for the children. Every donation counts, and we truly appreciate your kindness and ongoing support.

Thank you!



A Helping Hand Needed for Sunday Morning

There's a lovely senior lady living on Chester Terrace, Westville who would be so grateful for a lift to the 9am service each Sunday. If you're able to offer a ride and brighten her morning, please kindly get in touch with Lauren at the church office for all the details.

Thank you for your kindness and support!

WMC Prayer Requests



Arnie Kerr
Giselle Stellenberg
Chrissie Smith
Joshua Geldenhuys
Doff Ponsie
Annemarie Cave
Russell Untiedt
Bruce Perrow
Michael Mullan
Nick Naidoo
Tienie Dearham
Hane van der Merwe
Haroshen Govender
Lynda Goosen
Sané Ndlovu
Letitia Norris
Horizon Farm
Brandon Walker
Shirleen Prydderch
John Cave
Zayden Govender
Shelley Reed

Post Surgery Recovery
Pain and possible tumours-awating specialised scans
Macular Degeneration
Heart Surgery
Hip Replacement
Knee Replacement
Cancer Treatment
Health Challenges
Health Challenges
Cancer Treatment
Virus in her left ear, affecting balance and hearing
Recovering from Surgery
Cancer Treatment
Cancer Treatment
Further treatment - Endometriosis
Strength and Peace
Financial Stability
Effects of long covid -pain, inflammation & fatigue
Bipolar Treatment
Cancer
Kidney function Improvement
Motor Neuron Disease / ALS

Ongoing Prayer

Mo Taylor, Helene Herbst, The Sullivan Family, Sue Carter, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Janita Downing, Evelyn Kolbe, Megan Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Sherwyn Sullivan.

A Kind Reminder

If you or a loved one have received flowers as part of our **pastoral care ministry**, we hope they brought comfort and encouragement.

We kindly ask that if you still have the **vase or basket**, you return it to the church when you're able. We **reuse these** to continue blessing others in our community, and your help makes that possible.



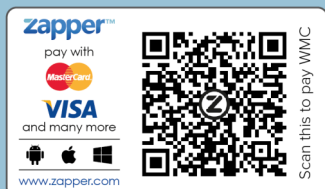
Thank you for being part of this cycle of care and support!

Birthdays this coming week

Bernie White Monday 18 Aug
Nosipho Makhanya Tuesday 19 Aug
Cathy Keats Wednesday 20 Aug
Marjorie Tarbett Saturday 23 Aug

Church Bank Details

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



FINANCE

2025 YTD	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Total Income JUL 25 YTD	R186836	R203295	R16459 Under Budget
Total Expenses JUL 25 YTD	R181676	R194965	R13289 Under Budget
Net Surplus/Deficit YTD	R69609		