



14 SEPTEMBER

Westville Methodist Church STAYING CONNECTED

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BIBLE READINGS

14 September to 20 September

Sunday Luke 15:1-10

Monday Psalm 94

Tuesday Jeremiah 5:18-31

Wednesday Luke 22:31-33, 54-62

Thursday Psalm 113

Friday Romans 8:31-39

Saturday Mark 12:41-44

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



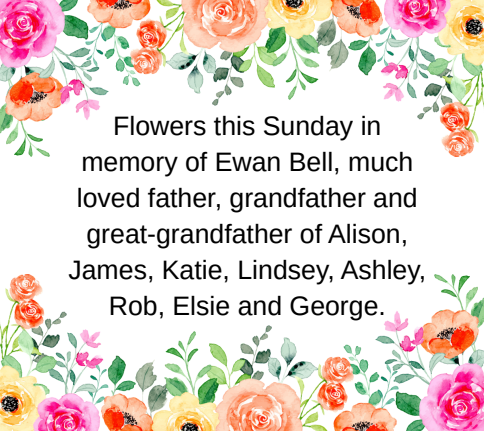
Every year in September, the senior leadership of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa gathers for Conference. If you're not familiar with the language, that's another word to add to your Methodist lexicon - Conference (not a conference), but a gathering of leaders at Conference. Yes, it's a bit confusing :)

This year, Conference is special: it will be preceded by a three day Mission Congress, which is the culmination of a journey over the last couple of years that our church has called the Pilgrimage of Renewal. Beginning with a call from our Presiding Bishop, Rev Pumla Nzimande, the MCSA has been listening to feedback from members and communities, asking ourselves where we need to grow and be renewed and what that will look like. The Mission Congress will involve nearly 400 delegates from across the sub-continent and our aim is to discern what God is saying to us in the areas of Spirituality, Discipleship & Evangelism; Prophetic Witness & Social Justice; Leadership, Governance and Ministerial Well-being; Sustainable Resources and Innovative Communication; and African identity and contextual theology.

Our deep hope is that this will be more than a talk shop and that the findings of the Congress will shape the decisions to be made at Conference this year in wise and practical ways. I will be privileged to be a part of the Mission Congress (and will be heading up to Joburg after the 09h00 service). Please pray that God will speak and we will hear during this important week.

MISSION OF THE MONTH





Flowers this Sunday in memory of Ewan Bell, much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather of Alison, James, Katie, Lindsey, Ashley, Rob, Elsie and George.



Wishlist

Non perishable food

Clothing for babies

Clothing for children 3 to 8 years

Toys such as:

Buckets and spades

Bats and large balls

CHRISTMAS MARKET



6 DECEMBER
9:00AM - 1:00PM

38 Jan Hofmeyr Rd, Grayleigh, Westville



Birthdays this coming week

Channing Proctor Wednesday 17 Sep

Joe Dearham Friday 19 Sep

CHURCH BANK DETAILS

Acc: Westville Methodist Church

Acc No: 58880668126

Bank: First National Bank

Branch: Westville

Br Code: 223526

Eddie Marnies
Aubrey Beard
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
Lynda Goosen
Sané Ndlovu
Letitia Norris
Horizon Farm
Brandon Walker
Shirleen Prydderch
John Cave
Zayden Govender
Shelley Reed

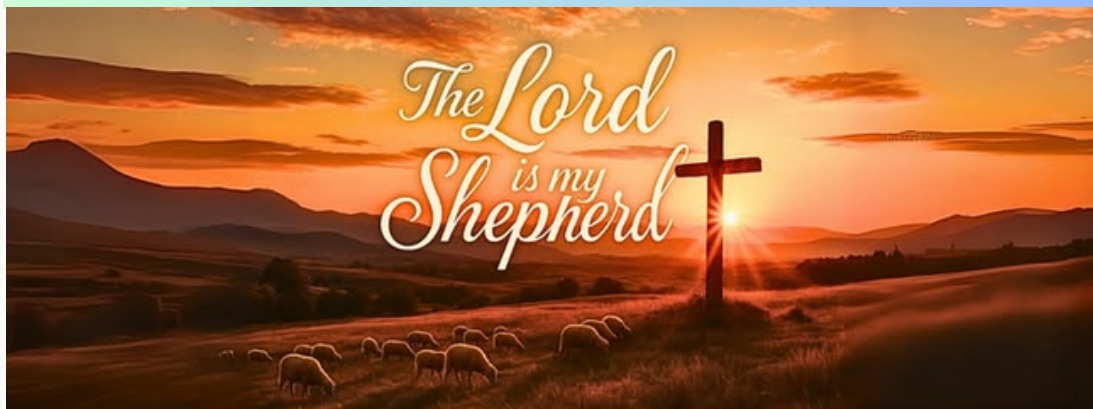
WMC Prayer Requests

Renal treatment
(Megan's Woolridge's twin brother)-Starting cancer treatment
Post Surgery Recovery
Pain and possible tumours, awaiting 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
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.



2025 YTD	Actual	Budget	Over/Under
Total Income AUG 25 YTD	R185094	R203295	R18201 Under Budget
Total Expenses AUG 25 YTD	R191676	R194965	R3289 Under Budget
Net Surplus YTD	R63027		

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Vulindlela

OPEN THE WAY

IMPACT REPORT
JULY/AUG
2025

God's Word in Action

Leviticus 25:35

"If any of your fellow Israelites become poor and are unable to support themselves among you, help them as you would a foreigner and stranger, so they can continue to live among you."

Matthew 25:35-36, 40

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."



What an incredible two months it has been for Vulindlela! July and August were filled with transformation as we watched the men in our program not only gain valuable new skills but also grow spiritually. We are deeply grateful to each one of you who has made this mission possible. Your love, prayers, and support are changing lives.

How You Can Continue to Help

We are also looking for volunteers to:

- Teach practical skills
- Lead a weekly Bible studymentoring men who are eager to grow spiritually
- Pick up and delivery of prepared food to Westville Methodist Church on Tuesdayand Thursday afternoons

The saying is true: many hands make light work. Together, we can continue to bring hope and transformation.

A team from America joined us to carry out much-needed construction repairs at Giba, our outreach campsite. Giba continues to be a safe place for connection, spiritual healing, and restoration—a space where hurting individuals, both children and adults, can step away from hardship and encounter hope.

Eight men from Vulindlela were selected to assist and gain practical skills in painting, tiling, and bricklaying. It was inspiring to see their confidence soar as they discovered how capable they truly are.

STORIES OF TRANSFORMATION

- **Michael's Journey:** Michael has been a faithful member of Vulindlela from the start, walking all the way from Chesterville every Tuesday and Thursday to attend meetings. He was also one of the men selected for upskilling at Giba. He had been earning R150 a day, but recently shared the good news that he now has additional work earning double that! A testimony of God's faithfulness when we simply say, "Yes Lord, I am here."
- **Thabiseng's Breakthrough:** While jogging one morning, I met Thabiseng Khubala, who has moved from unemployment to working five days a week. He credits the lessons he learned at Vulindlela—especially about presenting himself well for job opportunities—as key to his success. Now he can pay rent, buy food, and repay debts. His words were: "Wow, I need to come and tell the men that the stuff you guys tell us really works! You really care about us!"
- **Sbahle's New Beginning:** After just four months in the program, Sbahle Khabanyana has found full-time employment as a driver. He sent us a heartfelt message: "Thank you for not giving up on me and for speaking the truth in love." Sometimes, the truth is hard to hear—but it is often what leads to real change.

A CALL FOR PRAYER

Not every story is easy, but we believe what is impossible for man is possible for God. Please pray for Themba Sparks, who is currently living on the streets, struggling with alcohol, and feeling cut off from his family. May he find hope, healing, and a new path forward.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

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