



Staying Connected

20 March 2022

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07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

In the USA, a recent survey found that "more than half of all Republicans and nearly half of all Democrats believe their political opponents to be 'immoral'." That seems to be a sign of the times, doesn't it? Our world feels more and more polarized – we hold a strong view on a subject (eg: politics, theology, even Covid vaccines) and then anyone who sees things differently is wrong, crazy, or even immoral! At our Saturday men's group last week, we reflected on how Jesus dealt with people with whom he disagreed. It is so striking, don't you think, that those whose lifestyle was very different to Jesus' (think prostitutes and tax-collectors) nevertheless were drawn to him and knew that he loved them despite their differences?

As I think about people with whom I disagree on important issues, I wonder whether they sense my disapproval, or instead experience the grace of God through me? Could that be a practical litmus test for how well we are loving our enemies?



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Children's Church

God's Club Sunday School will be in recess from this Sunday, 20 March until Sunday, 10 April.

If you have any dress up clothes that you would be willing to donate to the Children's Church group, please place them in the black box outside the office marked "God's Club". Thank you.

Hall and Room Bookings

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 do currently have a few slots available to hire, on weekday mornings. Please contact Laura in the church office for further information and costs.

Oasis Ladies Ministry



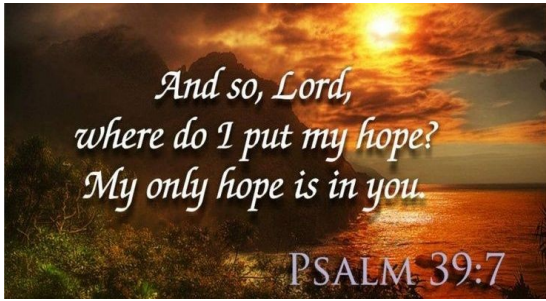
Bible Readings

20 to 26 March 2022

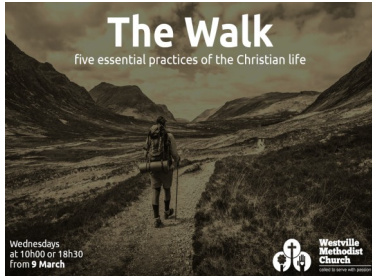
Sunday Psalm 63 : 1 - 8
Monday Psalm 39
Tuesday Romans 2 : 12 - 16
Wednesday Luke 13 : 18 - 21
Thursday Psalm 32
Friday Isaiah 7 : 10 - 14
Saturday Luke 15 : 1 - 10



The Oasis Ladies Ministry met, for the first time in over two years, on the morning of Saturday 12 March. All enjoyed a wonderful morning of fun, fellowship, friends, food and a message of hope.



Just as we are trying to stay connected with you, we also need you to stay connected with us. If you have any family news, births, weddings, family members going to hospital or unwell, please let the church office know.



Lent Series :
Every Wednesday during Lent at 10:00 or 18:30.



The following items can be placed in the black box outside the church office.

Second hand clothes and shoes in good, clean condition
Small household items, in good, clean condition

Blankets / Linen / Towels
Wool / Off-cuts of Material
Non-perishable food items
Books in good condition
Stationery

Thank you

Church Bank Details

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

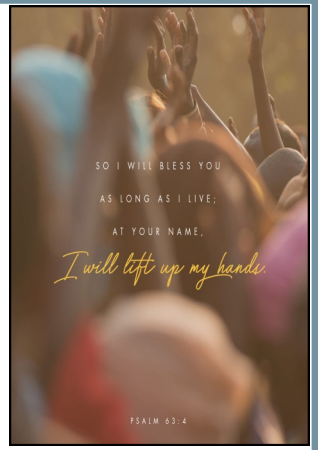
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Please Pray for

- Baby Luca Anderson (Hearing)
- Lorraine Bekker (Recuperating at home)
- Jenny Cave (Cancer - Starting treatment)
- John Cave (Cancer / back pain)
- Janita Downing (Macular Degeneration)
- Siegyy Hanelt (AML - Leukemia - In hospital)
- Amy Harms (Eye Op)
- Mike Hoole (Frail)
- Mary Irving (Idiopathic Pulmonary Disease)
- Debbie Ivins (Tests)
- Andrew Kenny (Recuperating at home)
- Dave and Cheryl McDougall (Business concerns)
- Wendy McGregor (Thymic Carcinoma)
- Megan Moody (Endometrial Cancer)
- Ria Munroe (Cancer)
- Doff Ponsie (Care Facility)
- Mary Quilling (Cancer)
- Shelley Reed (Motor Neuron Disease/ALS)
- Dorothea Reynolds (In hospital - further surgery pending)
- Siswana Family (Family difficulties / Employment needs)
- Steve Smith (Seizures - In Hospital - Serious)
- Marjorie Tarbett (Regaining strength at home)
- Shirley Whelan (Convalescing after Stroke)
- Vera Yon (Lung Cancer)



Ongoing Prayer

Lance Bainbridge, Margaret Bosman, Florrie David-Sullivan, Evelyn Kolbe, Letitia Norris, Judy Odendaal, Nicky Proctor, Sherwyn Sullivan, Geoff Taylor.



Giving



As the weather starts to cool at this time of year, we start to collect and distribute items for **"Winter Warmth"**. This includes blankets, jerseys, socks, beanies or bedding. If you have any of these items in good, clean condition that you would like to donate, please place them in the black box outside the office, marked **"Winter Warmth"**. We have recently received a generous donation of wool. Our "knitters" are delighted. If you would like to knit some new items for the Winter Warmth project, please pop into the office and collect some wool.

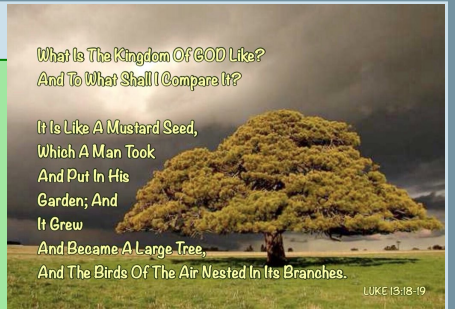


Soup Kitchen : Appeal for Funds A full meal is provided to the indigent folk of Westville four days a week, on the church premises. This is a ministry of the Fraternal Churches of Westville. At present funds are very low. If you would like to donate to this worthy ministry, please reference **"Soup Kitchen"** when making a payment to the WMC bank account.

Finances

In 2 Corinthians 9 : 7 the Apostle Paul writes, **"Let each one give, accordingly as he has determined in his heart, not grudgingly or from compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver."**

So let's reflect on this. The question is not, "What do I need to give? But "How can my giving reflect something of God's love for me?" Give to God what is right, not what is left, God looks at the heart not the hand - the giver, not the gift!



There is no place that you can go where God's love isn't. You'll never be separated from God's love.