



Staying Connected

31 July 2022

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Sunday Service Times:

07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

A few years back we invited the WMC community to come to a meeting and share ideas for our future.

Feedback from that meeting showed **every single group** identifying reviving our youth and children's ministry as absolutely vital for our church. This clearly

was front of mind for everyone, but how were we to see progress, especially post-Covid? Then came a wonderful God-moment earlier this

year as Karen Cockerill and Mbulelo Mandindi came forward, offering to lead our children's and youth ministry respectively, and within no time we had youth and children meeting again during our 09h00 service.

This week at our leaders' meeting we heard from Karen and Mbulelo. Good things are happening in their groups and they are both positive and hopeful. What was clear in our meeting though is that as a congregation we all need to get behind them in practical ways:

- ♦ Karen, Heather and Helen are needing extra hands with the children. From helping with setup, to supporting the teachers (especially this term as they look to give extra focus to the senior primary age group).
- ♦ Mbulelo is keen to explore a Friday night programme, but needs parents on board and extra hands.

Whether you consider yourself a 'youth and children' person or not, we can **all** support what is happening here. Maybe start by popping your head in at the Lower Hall or Youth Room on a Sunday to see what's happening? Or making a point of finding and meeting the respective teams over tea? Or thinking about how to encourage and support the good work that has begun this year?



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Thursday Ladies' Bible Study

The Thursday Ladies' Bible Study is starting a new course on 4 August. The course is Beth Moore's "*Sacred Secrets*", a 6 week video-based study with homework. For more information please contact Glenda Gorven on 082 6557785 (WhatsApp).

Faith for Daily Living

Copies of the Sep / Oct 2022 issue of Faith for Daily Living will be available for collection from the church foyer on Sunday.

New Bible Study Groups

David Jordan is starting a new small group at WMC, focusing on Bible study, Bible readings, meditation and prayer, Christian living and spiritual development, and discussion sessions around topics introduced by Michael. David hopes to meet together on a Tuesday evening from 17:30 to 18:30 at the Church. If you're interested in joining please contact David on 066 115 4447 (WhatsApp) or 082 922 9385 (Phone).

Brenda Siswana is keen to start a group to meet to pray every two weeks on Wednesday evenings (17h30) at the church. Contact Brenda on 079 485 4870 if you're interested

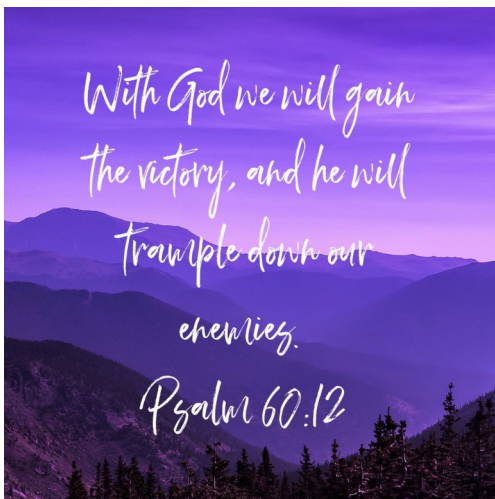
Invitation to Pray

A small group of people meet via Zoom at 14:30 each Wednesday for 40 minutes of prayer for the needs of our church members and community. Please join us. Contact Felicity Cory on 083 5446892 for further information.

Bible Readings

31 July to 6 August 2022

Sunday Luke 12 : 13 - 21
Monday Psalm 60
Tuesday Colossians 4 : 2 - 6
Wednesday Luke 12 : 22 - 31
Thursday Romans 9 : 1 - 9
Friday Psalm 50 : 1 - 8
Saturday Matthew 6 : 19 - 24



Westville Cancer Support Group

The next meeting of the Westville Cancer support Group will be held at 18:00 on Monday 1 August at Westville Methodist Church. All welcome.

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
- Items for Winter Warmth

Thank you

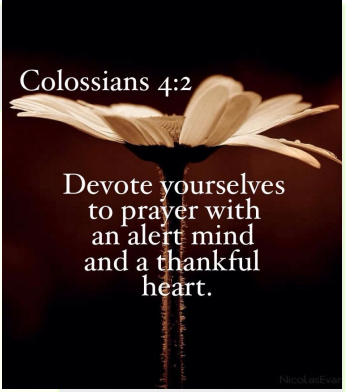
Church Bank Details

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

Derek Gallichan	(Bronchitis)
Den Bromfield	(Heart condition - In Hospital)
Janita Downing	(Macular Degeneration)
Zayden Govender	(Kidney function - Has improved)
Debbie Ivins	(Ongoing prayer)
Megan Moody	(Endometrial Cancer)
Judy Odendaal	(In Hospital - Critical)
Florrie David-Sullivan	(Frail)
Dorothea Reynolds	(Frail)
Jenny Cave	(Cancer - Treatment)
John Cave	(Cancer - Back pain)
Siegy Hanelt	(AML - Leukemia)
Rob Pooley	(Cancer)
Shelley Reed	(Motor Neuron Disease/ALS)
Steve Smith	(Strength to walk)



Ongoing Prayer

Luca Anderson, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Mike Hoole, Mary Irving, Andrew Kenny, Evelyn Kolbe, Linda Lodge, Wendy McGregor, Letitia Norris, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Sherwyn Sullivan, Marjorie Tarbett, Shirley Whelan.

Giving

Special thanks to the children, parents and staff of The Birches Pre-Primary School in Pinetown for their very generous donation of sandwiches, bread, polony, peanut butter, jam and margarine for the Soup Kitchen.



Rainbows and Smiles

Children fighting cancer spend a lot of time in cold hospital wards. Many of the children come from far, outlying rural areas where the winters are extremely cold. Children that have weekly / bi-weekly or even monthly check-ups, sometimes leave home at 3am to get to the hospital and it is really cold at 3am. Please help us keep them warm inside and out by donating any one of the items listed. These can be placed in the black box outside the office, marked "Rainbows and Smiles".



Blankets, socks, gloves, scarves, beanies (these items need to be new) Cup A Soup / Packet Soups and 2 Minute Noodles

Finances



The church tithes to 9 organisations / ministries on a monthly basis according to the monthly income received. These organisations / ministries are: Allowance for running of Fraternal Churches Soup Kitchen, Adult Literacy Programme at WMC, Prialex, Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, Ingwe, Thembalethu Sewing Centre, Khethiwe Rehabilitation Centre and the Westville Baby House. This amounts to R 9 600 each month.

Thank you for your faithful giving. It is a result of your giving that we are in a position to give so generously.