



# Staying Connected

5 March 2023

## Office Details

### Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 08:30 to 14:00  
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### Sunday Service Times:

07:30  
09:00  
18:30

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## Bible Readings

### 5 to 11 March 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	Matthew 17 : 1 - 9
<b>Monday</b>	Psalms 128
<b>Tuesday</b>	Isaiah 65 : 17 - 25
<b>Wednesday</b>	John 7 : 53 - 8 : 11
<b>Thursday</b>	Psalms 95
<b>Friday</b>	Ephesians 2 : 11 - 22
<b>Saturday</b>	John 4 : 1 - 6

## From the Minister's Desk

Over the last month I've written about the four practices that we offer to our members at WMC to help us mature as disciples of Jesus – namely, to CONNECT in small groups, to SERVE faithfully, to GIVE generously and to WORSHIP regularly.

When it comes to the practice of regular worship,

we speak about "going to church" on Sundays, but it would be better to say that we gather as the church on Sundays (because the church is the people, not the building). Semantics aside, what happens on a Sunday is a vital part of our weekly rhythm as disciples of Jesus. Coming together in worship helps to re-align us with the heartbeat of God and remind us that we belong to a wonderful community of Christ-followers.

Our worship is not just communal however – we also need to make space for regular private worship: time spent in silence, in prayer, in the Scriptures, with God. There are a wealth of excellent materials available to us to help establish and maintain a daily devotional practice. Two apps worth considering are Lectio365 and PrayAsYouGo, as well as our own WMC web app, which provides access to daily prayers and readings, the Quiet Moments, and an electronic copy of Faith for Daily Living.

I'm looking forward to being in worship with you this Sunday – online or in person – see you then!



## Milestone Birthday Celebration

Michael Bishop celebrated his 50th birthday on Wednesday 1 March. To celebrate this milestone birthday we will be having a special birthday tea after the 09:00 service on **Sunday 5 March 2023**. All welcome.

## Oasis Ladies' Ministry

*Celebrating the cords that weave women together.* Join us for our Oasis Ladies' Ministry meeting at 09:30 on Saturday 11 March. Cost R20. RSVP to office@westvillemethodist.co.za .

## WMC Education Project

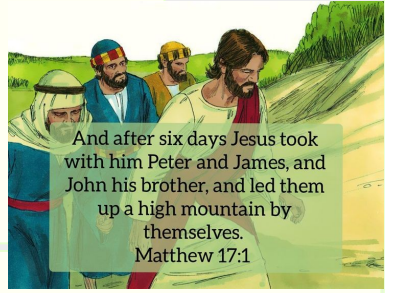
WMC tithes on a monthly basis to the Education Project incorporating The Right to Write, which runs English Literacy and Computer Classes at WMC during the week. For further information, please contact John Mac Donald on 084 3951197 or Sally Baumann on 083 3256385.



The Flowers in Church today are to celebrate the milestone birthdays of Michael Bishop (50) on 1 March and Mo Taylor (80) on 28 February.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

- Baby Brianna Belling (Lung Infection Control - In the NICU)
- Shirleen Prydderch (Sleep Apnoea / Bipolar Treatment)
- Stephen Adams (Heart Transplant Surgery - Recovering)
- Andrew Kenny (Pancreatic Cancer)
- Sané Ndlovu (Endometriosis Treatment)
- John Cave (Cancer - Back pain)
- Cynthia McNaughton (Stroke in Eye – Improvement)
- Janita Downing (Macular Degeneration)
- Zayden Govender (Kidney function - Has Improved)
- Mike Hoole (Frail)
- Debbie Ivins (Autoimmune Disease)
- Florrie David-Sullivan (Frail)
- Shelley Reed (Motor Neuron Disease/ALS)
- Yvonne Wegerle (Recovering)



**Condolences to Margaret Hänel and Family on the death of Sieggy Hänel on Monday 27 February.**

WITH *Deepest* SYMPATHY

## Ongoing Prayer

Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Gwen King, Evelyn Kolbe, Linda Lodge, Wendy McGregor, Megan Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Steve Smith, Sherwyn Sullivan, Marjorie Tarbett, Shirley Whelan.

**Speakers needed**

Our Children's Ministries Group is needing speakers that can be attached to a laptop or a cellphone. If you are able to help in this regard, kindly contact the office. Thank you.



"Thank you so much for all the beautiful handmade beanies, jerseys, dresses, track suits and knitted toys that KidZaid received this week from WMC. It was such a wonderful surprise. Please extend our most sincere thanks to your talented crafters. I have combined it with another donation of clothing and it is all ready for delivery and distribution to our 4 beneficiaries (Embizeni, 1000 Hills CC, Candyfloss and COC)."

**Mary-Ann, Chair : KidZaid Trust**



**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*

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, Priaalex, Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, Ingwe, Thembaletu Sewing Centre, Khethiwe Rehabilitation Centre, The Westville Baby House and the WMC Sewing Empowerment Ministry.

This amounts to R 11 600 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.**



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