



Staying Connected 18 August 2024

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07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

In our men's group recently we had a conversation about men in the church - why it is that joining a church community can

be hard for men in particular, and what the church has to offer that is helpful for men. The response was interesting: leaving aside for a moment the 'God-shaped vacuum' in each of us and the opportunity to meet God in community, the deep need that the church can potentially meet for men is relational. Much has been written about the "epidemic of loneliness" in society generally (the US Surgeon General published an 80 page document last year on that subject, subtitled the "Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community") and several commentators note that this epidemic is particularly prevalent among men - we are often "less skilled than women at making friends".

The group shared stories of times they had seen the Church get this right - offering real, life-changing community to men - and the key ingredient seems to have been for that experience to be relaxed and friendly, as opposed to intense and 'spiritual'. Often the most effective of these groups had a low-key connection to a church, even meeting off-site. In such groups, the major focus is simply on offering friendship and community (much like our Social Knitwits ladies group). I'm not sure that a men's knitting group would have too many takers :) but is there something informal we could start to offer community and friendship for men within and beyond our walls?

On a related subject, we are busy tidying up and re-organising our many books at WMC. I have heard several people suggest that a bookclub would be a great way to get people together over a shared interest ... does that give anyone any idea they'd like to run with?



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Bible Readings

18 to 24 August 2024

Sunday John 6 : 51 - 58

Monday Psalm 101

Tuesday Acts 7 : 9 - 16

Wednesday Mark 8 : 14 - 21

Thursday Psalm 84

Friday Romans 13 : 11 - 14

Saturday Luke 11 : 5 - 13

Sunday Flowers Team : Teaching Morning

The Sunday Flowers Team is down to four people and they would like to welcome new members. So if you would like to be part of this wonderful ministry, a teaching morning will take place on Saturday 24 August at the church. (Each person will do a Sunday arrangement by copying Robyn Lapin). If, after attending, you are still keen then you will be paired with one of the existing team members until you are confident to go solo. Please contact Gene on 083 2572034 or Robyn on 083 8823742 to confirm your attendance.

Ladies Corner Event

Please join us at the next 'Ladies Corner Event'.

(A WMC Ladies Event Fundraiser.)

Topic : Living on the Altar

Theme: Black and Gold

Date / Time : 18:00 on Friday 30 August

Cost : R600 for a Table of 4.

For more information please contact Nosipho on 082 3608018.



Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre : Fundraiser

Come and enjoy a wonderful night of entertainment in support of a worthy cause. All proceeds go towards providing care and protection to orphaned and vulnerable children.

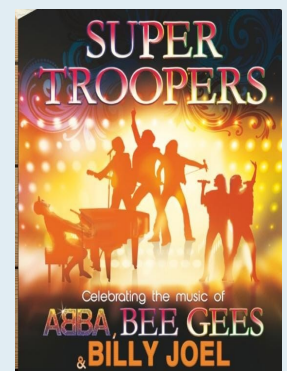
Venue : The Barnyard Theatre - Suncoast

Date : 6 September

Time : 18:00 for 19:00

Tickets : R220.00 per person

For bookings please contact 031 : 464 6555 /
pro@ethelbert.co.za





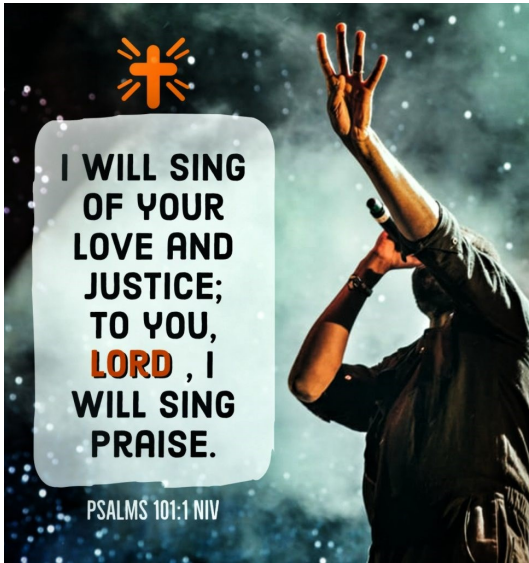
The Flowers in Church this week are in celebration of the 51st birthday of Nosipho Makhanya on 19 August 2024.

happy birthday

Birthdays this coming week

Nosipho Makhanya Monday 19 August
 Cathy Keats Tuesday 20 August
 Marjorie Tarbett Friday 23 August

If your name should be listed here, or if there are any errors, please contact the church office.



I WILL SING OF YOUR LOVE AND JUSTICE; TO YOU, LORD, I WILL SING PRAISE.

PSALMS 101:1 NIV

Let's Stay Connected!

Please help us stay connected with you by letting the church office know any changes in your contact details.

Church Bank Details

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



PRAYER REQUESTS

Derek Gallichan

Lynda Goosen
 Helene Herbst
 Sané Ndlovu

Lynese Morris

Roxanne Cappell
 Letitia Norris
 Horizon Farm
 James Dunford
 Raymond A. Blom
 Sue Carter
 Cameron Smith
 Brandon Walker
 Shirleen Prydderch
 Dorothy Foster
 John Cave
 Zayden Govender
 Shelley Reed

Atrial Fibrillation - In Hospital - High Care
 Cancer - Treatment Tests
 Further treatment - Endometriosis
 Recovering - Hip Replacement Surgery / Cancer diagnosis : Pray for hope to be included in Clinical Trial
 Strength and Support Pregnancy
 Strength and Peace
 Financial Stability
 Cancer
 End Stage Dementia
 Strength and Support
 Multiple Sclerosis
 Effects of Long Covid
 Bipolar Treatment - Thank you for prayers
 Recovering from Surgery
 Cancer
 Kidney function Improvement
 Motor Neuron Disease / ALS



Ongoing Prayer

Stephen Adams, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Janita Downing, Debbie Ivins, Evelyn Kolbe, Megan Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Sherwyn Sullivan.



"On behalf of the Trustees, Management Committee, Staff and Residents we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the donation of clothing for our residents. This donation will certainly boost the wellbeing of our residents of Horizon Farm and is very much appreciated."
Wouter Willemsen, Horizon Farm Trust Management Committee Chairperson

Book Corner at WMC

Please visit the Book Corner in the church lounge. You can either leave a donation in the honesty box in the church office or swap your books. When swapping books please ensure the books you leave behind are in good condition. (There are also a few children's DVDs available.) We are not able to take big encyclopedias or large study books. All funds from the sale of books will be allocated to Mission projects.



We ask you to please remember the finances of WMC.

Please prayerfully and carefully consider your giving, and where at all possible use electronic means to make your offerings and contributions to the church. EFT and Stop Orders can be done online and should you choose, Zapper is another option. Please contact the church office for further information about planned giving.



#TOPS&TAGS FORWHEELCHAIRS



Please continue collecting Bread Tags and Plastic Bottle Tops and drop them off in the kitchen.

