



Staying Connected 2 February 2025

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Sunday Service Times:

07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

In Jesus' parable of the sower (Matt 13:18ff), the key factor which determines whether the seed will grow and bear fruit or not is the quality of the soil - the parable begs the question, "what kind of soil am I?" We have no power to change the seed or the mysterious natural process that turns a seed into a plant, but we do have some influence over what kind of soil we will be.



This principle applies broadly to all of life, but you can test it in a Sunday service: Pay close attention to how very different your experience of hearing and responding to the word of God is if you 'prepare the soil' before worship, compared with arriving on a Sunday scattered and rushed.

Years ago, I was a part of a small group that started meeting on a Sunday before our church's evening service. After a month of meeting, our group members commented that our experience of the evening service seemed different for us now - we found that we were more present in worship and far more open to God's speaking. It took a while to realize that the reason for this was the preparation of the soil that was taking place in our small group right before the service each week. It made us realize that God is always available and speaking in corporate worship - what varies each week was the extent to which we had prepared for that encounter. That is good news if you are longing to encounter God in worship!

This Sunday is a special moment for us as we renew our covenant with God. I'm looking forward to sharing in the service with you as we gather expectant and ready to meet with the One in whom we live and move and have our being.

We're looking for volunteers to **help serve tea** as well as **lead a tea group of their own**

If you're available and willing to lend a hand, please contact the office.

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Your hospitality will help create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our community.



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Bible Readings

2 February to 8 February 2025

Sunday Luke 2:22-40

Monday 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Tuesday Psalm 56

Wednesday Luke 19:41-44

Thursday Psalm 138

Friday Acts 9:26-31

Saturday Luke 4:42-44

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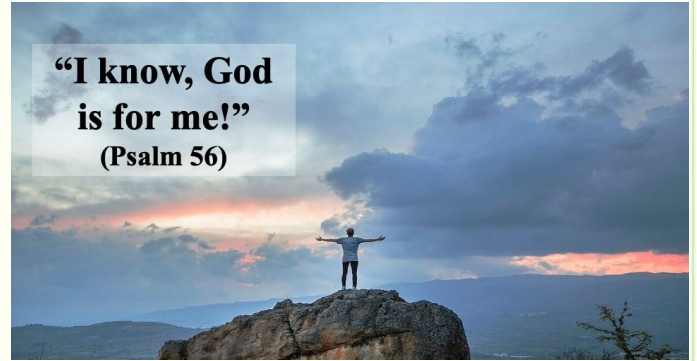
Condolences to the Blom Family and friends on the death of Raymond A. Blom on Sunday 26 January.

The Memorial Service for Raymond Blom Will be held at the Westville Methodist Church on 5 February 2025 at 10h00

*Edwin Trebble
Tienie Dearham
Helene Herbst
Hane van der Merwe
Haroshen Govender
Lynda Goosen
Sané Ndlovu
Letitia Norris
Horizon Farm
James Dunford
Brandon Walker
Shirleen Prydderch
John Cave
Zayden Govender
Shelley Reed*

Eye Surgery Recovery
Virus in her left ear, affecting balance and hearing
Pain Relief
At home in rehab therapy and further surgeries to come
Cancer Treatment
Cancer Treatment
Further treatment - Endometriosis
Strength and Peace
Financial Stability
Cancer
Effects of Long Covid - Fatigue
Bipolar Treatment
Cancer
Kidney function Improvement
Motor Neuron Disease / ALS

**“I know, God is for me!”
(Psalm 56)**



Ongoing Prayer

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

Pastoral Care



Please let the church office staff know if you are ill or going into hospital. Your name will only be put on the prayer list with your consent. We would appreciate your co-operation in this regard so that we can visit or offer help. Letting us know helps us to show care!

Birthdays this coming week

Megan Woolridge Tuesday 4 February
Joyce Reddy Saturday 8 February
Ashley Sellwood Saturday 8 February



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

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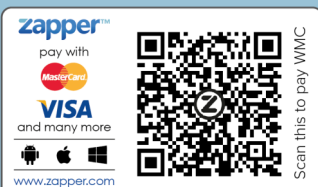
Book Corner at WMC

Please visit the revamped 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. We are not able to take big encyclopaedias or large study books.



Church Bank Details

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



Knit Wits Social

Please join us for a fun and creative morning, over a cup of tea/coffee and cake.

Date: Saturday 8 February

Time : 09:00 - 12:00

Venue : Westville Methodist Church

RSVP: Wendy on 082 3581593