



# Staying Connected 13 April 2025

## Office Details

### Office Hours:

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

07:30  
09:00  
18:30

## From the Minister's Desk

In the penultimate session of our course this week we heard the encouraging truth that, notwithstanding our bad experiences with New Years Resolutions :), it is absolutely possible for God to renew and change us. We need not be stuck - we can be changed!

We looked at three models of how God changes us. The image above shows James Bryan Smith's "Golden Triangle" which lays out what he thinks are the key things that need to be present for God to be able to change us. Smith's model recognises that this is God's work - it is the Spirit who transforms us - but we also have a part to play by being intentional in doing deliberate soul training (practising the spiritual disciplines) in a sustained, ongoing way. The disciplines (practices like prayer, meditation, service, fasting) are not an end in themselves, but, as Richard Foster puts it, "allow us to place ourselves before God so that he can transform us."



Also, change happens best in community. Just like an exercise plan works best with a gym buddy, so being in a small group is the tried and tested way of ensuring that we don't attempt this alone. When others in our group are experimenting and exploring with their soul training, we are drawn in, inspired, encouraged and held accountable. Maybe the best spiritual discipline you can practice this week is the courageous phone call necessary to invite yourself to one of our groups!

And if all of this sounds a bit confusing to you, please go back and watch the course videos ('From the Inside Out' in the learning menu in our app).



**17 April Passover Supper 18h00**

**18 April Good Friday 09h00**

**20 April Easter Sunday 06h30 Communion**

**20 April Easter Sunday 08h00**

## Contact Details

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## Bible Readings

**13 April to 19 April 2025**

**Sunday** Luke 23:1-49  
**Monday** Hebrews 9:11-15  
**Tuesday** Psalm 71:1-14  
**Wednesday** John 13:21-32  
**Thursday** Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
**Friday** Hebrews 10:16-25  
**Saturday** Matthew 27:57-66



Happy Holy Week  
REJOICE IN THE LORD

Paul Bryan  
Russell Untiedt  
Derek Gallichan  
Bruce Perrow  
Walls / Cockerill Family  
Paul Schofield  
Michael Mullan  
Nick Naidoo  
Edwin Trebble  
Tienie Dearham  
Helene Herbst  
Hane van der Merwe  
Haroshen Govender  
Lynda Goosen  
Sané Ndlovu  
Letitia Norris  
Horizon Farm  
Brandon Walker  
Shirleen Prydderch

Health Issues  
Cancer Treatment  
Atrial Fibrillation  
Health Issues  
Tragic loss of Swade Walls (Grandson / nephew)  
Lung Cancer Treatment  
Health Challenges  
Cancer Treatment  
Cancer Treatment  
Virus in her left ear, affecting balance and hearing  
Pain Relief  
At home in rehab therapy and further surgeries  
Cancer Treatment  
Cancer Treatment  
Further treatment - Endometriosis  
Strength and Peace  
Financial Stability  
Effects of Long Covid - Pain and Fatigue  
Bipolar Treatment

## Christ in the Passover

Passover Supper  
Westville Methodist Church  
Thursday 17 April 18h00  
R150.00 per person

Join us in the Westville Methodist Courtyard for an evening of fellowship and food.

RSVP Jane 084 746 2004  
or Deanne 084 206 2248

### Ongoing Prayer

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



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, jackets, socks, beanies, scarves, gloves 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". Thank you.



### Birthdays this coming week

Zama Phungula Wednesday 16 Apr  
Val Benjamin Sunday 20 Apr  
Evelyn Morris Sunday 20 Apr  
David Jordan Sunday 20 Apr

I WILL PRAISE

the Lord

ALL MY LIFE

I WILL SING PRAISE TO

my God

AS LONG AS I LIVE

PSALM 146:2

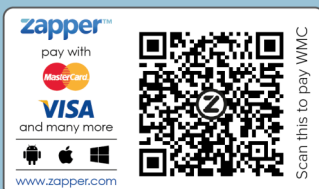
### Pastoral Care



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!

### Church Bank Details

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



Basic English classes (English as a Second Language) are being offered in the evening at the Westville Methodist Church.

Please contact John Mac Donald on 0843951197 for further details.

# ENGLISH Classes

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
from 5:15pm to 6:30pm and  
Wednesday from 3:45pm to 5:00pm

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