



Staying Connected 8 October 2023

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07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

Before Jesus ascended, he left his disciples (and subsequent generations of Christians) clear final instructions, which we call the Great Commission: "go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28: 19-20).

Author and philosopher Dallas Willard says that the church has largely been successful at making converts of all nations, but less so at making disciples - mature apprentices of Christ who have been taught to obey all that Jesus commanded. Willard calls this "the Great Omission" of the church - a clever turn of phrase :) It's a difficult challenge though, isn't it? It's one thing to tell people what Jesus commands us to do, but helping all of us to actually get there is more complicated!

One way to tackle the challenge is by asking the question, "what is our intentional process for helping believers to become mature disciples of Jesus?" and then designing what many contemporary local churches are calling "a discipleship pathway" - a roadmap for people wanting to grow as followers of Jesus. We'd like to design a discipleship pathway at WMC (and at the same time do some work promoting and resourcing our small groups which are a critical component in the process). If this fires your imagination and you'd like to be involved in this short-term creative project, I'd love to hear from you!



Cup of Fellowship

The WMC Cup of Fellowship has been passed from Brigitta Woudberg to Cathy Keats.

Faith for Daily Living (FFDL)

The Nov / Dec '23 edition of Faith for Daily Living is available from the church foyer and the church office. This very popular booklet "flies off the shelves" so be sure to secure your copy soon.

Digital copies are available on the FFDL website : <https://ffdl.co.za/>



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Bible Readings

8 to 14 October 2023

Sunday Matthew 21 : 33 - 46
Monday Psalm 119 : 49 - 56
Tuesday 2 Corinthians 5 : 17 - 21
Wednesday John 11 : 45 - 57
Thursday Psalm 106 : 1 - 6
Friday James 4 : 4 - 10
Saturday Mark 2 : 18 - 22

Save the Date for a WMC Christmas Market Saturday 2nd December 2023

The market will include a clothes sale, a book sale, a tea garden and many other fun activities. All proceeds will be allocated to WMC mission projects.

If you would like to hire a table at the market (at a nominal cost) to sell homemade eats or crafts, please contact the church office.



welcome TO THE WORLD
BABY BOY

Congratulations to John and Gisela Friggens on the birth of a grand son James John Friggens born to Chris and Lauren Friggens on Thursday 5 October.



The Westville Care and Counselling Centre presents the Westville Community Music Concert on Sunday 15 October from 14:30 to 16:00 at Home Ground Baptist Church
Tickets R70 at the door.



Knitwits Social
Please join us on Saturday 14 October for a fun and creative morning, over a cup of tea or coffee and cake, at the next Knitwits Meeting.
Date : Saturday 14 October
Time : 09:00 - 12:00
Venue : Westville Methodist Church R.S.V.P. Wendy Theunissen 082 3581593
(Please bring a ball of wool to enter a lucky draw at the December meeting.)

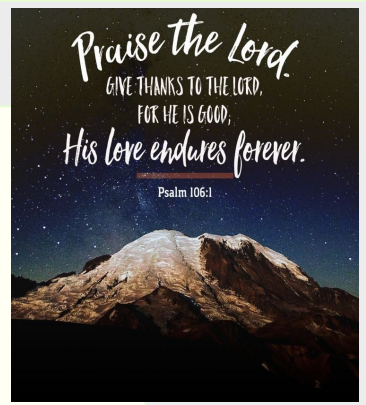
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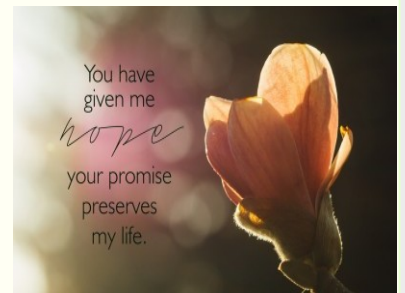
PRAYER REQUESTS

- Shirleen Prydderch (Bipolar Treatment)
- Ursula Rohrs Ameen (Pancreatic Cancer)
- Mike Hoole (Frail)
- Dorothy Foster (Colon Cancer - Treatment)
- Sané Ndlovu (Endometriosis Treatment)
- John Cave (Cancer - Back pain)
- Zayden Govender (Kidney function - Improvement)
- Debbie Ivins (Autoimmune Disease)
- Shelley Reed (Motor Neuron Disease / ALS)



Ongoing Prayer

Stephen Adams, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Rose Chislett, Florrie David-Sullivan, Janita Downing, Gwen King, Evelyn Kolbe, Linda Lodge, Megan Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Steve Smith, St John Spoor, Sherwyn Sullivan, Marjorie Tarbett.



The Bible Society of South Africa



There is a great need for Bibles.

Pill Holders (see photo) are available from the Bible Society. The intent is that these containers be filled with R5 coins and the contents be paid into the Bible Society of SA account. For further information please phone : 031 2074933 or email : bibdbn@biblesociety.co.za



Thank you from The Jes Foord Foundation for the consignment of items delivered to them recently.



Please contact the church office if you would like further information about planned giving or would like to sign up.

2023 YTD	Actual	Budget	
Total Income Sep 23 YTD	R1 716 968.50	R1 768 950.00	R 51 981.50 Under Budget
Total Expenses Sep 23 YTD	R1 715 579.91	R1 784 349.00	R 68 769.09 Under Budget
Net Surplus YTD	R 1 388.59		