
HARK THE HERALD

Table View United Church
August 2019

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Sunday Worship: 9:00am

Including Children's church,
Teen Church & baby facilities.

Office Hours:

Tuesday; Thursday & Fridays
9:00am to 1:00pm



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Farewell from the Croucher's...

Once again thank you for the generous gift and wonderful send off on the 7th July. It was an emotional day with many well wishes and words of thanks expressed by the members. Thanks must also be extended to those who organised, brought food and served on the day. People were so generous and there was plenty to go around, all while those who served, worked tirelessly in the kitchen. I was also very touched by the message book filled with memories, prayers and words of encouragement. I will treasure it closely and reflect upon what was written.

As for my future, I was also wondering at the time of my farewell what tomorrow might hold. I had been given (over the months of Feb to June) 3 options made available to me. Gardens Presbyterian, Bellville Presbyterian and Protea Valley Church. However, one by one these churches who had expressed interest all changed course/timing with one even withdrawing their offer to have me completely. Thankfully the Lord, in his wisdom seemed to have had other plans for us as a family.

Kristin very recently has been given an opportunity starting in Sept/Oct to move to the UK research lab to help integrate their research facility with the US and India offices. This is a wonderful opportunity for her as well as for me to explore and experience ministry in a new context. Currently the plan is 3-5 years in order for Joshua to complete his A-levels and explore tertiary study opportunities. It is at this point where we will re-evaluate the way forward. We have much we still need to organise and do before Sept/Oct, but with the Lords help we will overcome these obstacles one by one. We will rent out our home in the mean time and lease in the UK for now. We are trying to see it as a 3/5 year adventure, which indeed it will be.

Once again, much love and regards to all.

Your friend in the Lord, Bradley

Call Committee Update

Dear Members of Table View United

While we wait for the deadline of applications to arrive on 15 August 2019, we are using the time to fast and pray.

Sandi is leading prayers for the congregation on Mondays 6pm to 7pm at the church. Please join us, even if it is for 10 minutes and even if you don't pray. Your presence is enough.

We are also using the time to sit under the preaching of a variety of preachers. This will give you an excellent opportunity to discern what style or approach suits our congregation best.

The Call Committee will meet after the deadline to consider all the applications. If there is a suitable one, the applicant will be invited to preach with a view to a call.

Thank you for your patience and grace in this time.

Bless you!

Regards

Elmarie Neilson

Know your Elder...

Richard Gee



Our spiritual journey started soon after the birth of Philippa; both Shirley and I committed our lives to Jesus once the miracle of her birth showed us how real He is, that's a story for another day!

In 1995 we relocated to Cape Town opening a branch for the company I was representing. At the time, my mother was secretary at Westville Presbyterian Church and contacted Alex Harrower, Pastor at Table View United at the time, tipping him off of our arrival. Alex visited the next day, inviting us to attend on Sunday, which we did. We felt so welcomed and immediately knew we had found our spiritual home! The Worship group was such an inspiration that I decided to learn guitar and so the journey with our worship group began.

Hobbies and interests include Travel, Hiking, Photography and running. I am also a keen motorcyclist and have ridden a number of adventures with Shirley around South Africa.

One of my favorite verses Philippians 4 11-13 (I strive to achieve)

"... I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength..."

I was born in Liverpool, UK and emigrated to South Africa with my parents and brother in July 1969, landing on African soil as Apollo 11 launched to the moon. Our Beatles Haircuts caused quite a stir with the then short back and sides norm for SA boys!

On a trip to Liverpool in 1983, I met Shirley, fell madly in love and decided to stay, only returning to SA after we married in 1988 (took her that long to say yes).

We have a son Craig, living in Melbourne and daughter Philippa living in Cape Town.

Would YOU like to join our Library Team?



**Help
Wanted**



- 📖 Do you love books ... reading ... and people?
- 📖 Are you willing to be on duty one Sunday each month

for one hour – ½ hour before & after the Service?

That's all – you don't have to be a 'library pro'!
😊

If YES; please speak to Jeanette Thomas or one of the other Library Team members.

“These are a few of my favourite authors”

We are blessed with a richly-stocked library at TVUC, featuring a wide range of fiction and non-fiction writers. As a voracious reader, I have spent many happy hours with my “book friends” and their creators - and it is my privilege to share some of these with you.

It is hard to beat the wonderfully vivid imagination of Lynn Austin, who brings to life some of the less-known Old Testament prophets, such as Isaiah and Jeremiah, Ezra and Nehemiah, in her two masterful series, “Gods and Kings” and “Restoration Chronicles”. Her novels, while fiction, are so real and peopled with such strong characters and such vivid detail about the period, the culture, the land and the sheer drama of the Bible, that I can never read from those books in the Bible again without being drawn into Lynn Austin's rich tapestry.



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In a completely different vein, but equally compelling, are the more contemporary novels of Joel C. Rosenberg, a Messianic Jew who writes thrillers about the Middle East that have the ring of modern-day prophecy about them. In fact it is amazing to realize that he didn't have any insight into the mind of the jihadists who caused the 9/11 terror campaign in America, writing about a very similar plane bombing attack almost a year before it happened! One of his main characters in most of the five novels of his first series, Dr Eli Mordechai, presents some very unusual and less-known Bible passages as explanations for some of the current events in the trouble-torn areas of Iraq, Iran, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Jordan. The novels thus resound with the sense of reading history-in-the-making. I am looking forward to diving into his second series featuring David Shirazi, which is set mostly in the Syrian landscape.

An author with great style and a marvelous 'nose' for a page-turning plot is Davis Bunn. We only have two of his books in our library, *Lion of Babylon* (set in Iraq) and *Elixir* (a medical thriller set in the cut-throat world of pharmaceutical development), but I have read others by this very accomplished and diverse author and I hope we can acquire more in the near future.



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It would be remiss of me not to mention three of my favourite Johns, all of whom write non-fiction books about the Christian life. All have different styles, but all are well-worth reading and re-reading. I have them all in my private collection as well. John Ortberg has the most interesting and unusual titles, such as *If you want to walk on water, you have to get out of the boat*. But we also have *The Life you've always wanted*. Then there is John Eldredge with snappier titles like *Waking the Dead* and *Walking with God*. His passion for God is particularly evident in *The Sacred Romance* and the follow-on *The Journey of Desire*. Finally, there is the somewhat more academic and perhaps more difficult, but oh-so-rewarding John Piper. On our shelves we have *Don't Waste Your Life* and *Desiring God*.

It has just struck me that I have hardly written about any female authors. Please don't assume, therefore, that there are no worthwhile onestime has simply run away with me!

Enjoy one of the best church libraries in the country, in my opinion!

Author Win Forsythe

Birthdays...

AUGUST

- 1 Rosemary Argall
- 7 Nathan Mudenda
- 7 Suzanna Cook
- 10 Kyle Alexander
- 10 Batimala Mwasinga
- 11 Izere Batangana
- 13 Brett Kingham
- 15 Ann Walker
- 17 Tillie Fourie
- 24 Julie Basiak
- 25 Sally du Toit
- 29 Hugh Paterson



Fellowship & Prayer groups

TUESDAY

Ladies Fellowship Group – 9:30 am

Ladies 50 + sharing life and supporting each other, while making use of teaching material & DVDs to study the Bible.

Suzanna Cook – 082 927 3868

Fellowship Group – 2:30 pm

Mixed group of retired pensioners studying the Bible book by book.

Bobby Jutzen – 083 659 7850

WEDNESDAY

Fellowship Group – 7:30 pm

Vast range of ages in the group. We tackle different subjects of Christianity based on the scriptures.

Trevor Alexander – 082 309 7479

Bible Study Group – 10:00 am

Join us on a Journey through the Old Testament. Discover how the New Testament is rooted in The Old Testament.

David Thomas – 072 600 8008

THURSDAY

Ladies Fellowship Group – 10:00 am

Group of ladies of all ages sharing the Word in a relaxed atmosphere.

Michele Hacker – 082 767 8005/021 556-7940

FRIDAY

PRAYER MEETING – 9:00 am

Prayers of Intercession for our church, members, their families and friends.

Carole Marx – 082 771 0709



Ministry news...



footsteps to Kingdom of LESOTHO

OM has a team working in the landlocked country of Lesotho which is encircled by South Africa. We departed from home at 4am on 13 July, for a short outreach, hosted by the Schmidt family (OM) in **Tomaketsa, Lesotho**. Although we only arrived at 11h30pm we were warmly welcomed and appreciated the warm water bottles that were put in our bed. Sunday morning we met the rest of the team at the Church service. This was a service with no time limit followed by a meal with the team after the service.

Most of the day is spent on basics of fetching water, cleaning the *poni* (dried maize from the cob), seeing to the animals, doing hand wash laundry, cooking meals and lots of time to chat. **Team meetings** involved church service, prayer meeting, walking quite a distance to pray with folk in their home, doing practical work on the accommodation.

While André was helping with the practical work I (Peggy) had the opportunity to walk with 5 year old Silas Schmidt to meet his friends. I gave him a small packet of sweets. We did **sweet ministry**. We walked to the homes of his friends and Silas gave them 1 sweet each. This gave me the opportunity to not only meet the children who followed us like the Pied Piper, but also to meet the mothers.



Ministry news...



...One mom gave us a bottle of home made canned peaches. When we returned the empty bottle André and I prayed with the mom, children and the grandmother. Our time in Lesotho passed too quickly. **We left Lesotho on Sunday 21st** with heavy hearts, cherished memories and a sadness that there are vast ministry opportunities but not enough manpower.

Prayer: *For the people who are being discipled to disciple others/ For the team in Lesotho to stay focussed /Wisdom for Stephan Schmidt, who leads the team*

Thank you to all who sponsored and prayed for the trip! God is good!

Love *André + Peggy*



Ministry news...



footsteps to Kingdom of LESOTHO



The land, where among other things, a new preschool, a clinic and a vocational training centre are to be created. A new concept for church planting is already being implemented. The goal of the community development work is to show the people on the ground the love of Jesus. The foundation of all ministries will be the discipleship training.



Children's Church Teacher Training



On the 3rd of August a team of TVUC teachers attended the Scripture Union Ministry Training

Topics Included:-

- Modern Day Ministry
- Sports Ministry
- Working with Parents
- Listening to Children.
- Children & Technology

Young Adults News

COMING SOON



TVUC Young Adults group will be running Alpha Youth from 11 August (for 13 weeks)

This will be held in the “Young Adults” room behind the church on Sundays from 9am to 10:30am

Ministry pages...

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

2nd Saturday of the month - 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Bobby Jutzen - 083 659 7850

OPERATION MOBILIZATION (OM)

An international, interdenominational missions' organization, in relationship with churches, sends volunteers from all walks of life into world missions.

Andre + Peggy Kritzinger - 076 782 5107

TRANSFORMED LIVING IN CHRIST

TLC is a personal prayer ministry done in complete confidentiality. You will experience mostly emotional/ psychological healing and also physical healing.

Elmarie Neilson - 082 557 0993

WEEKLY PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

Praying for the salvation, restoration and spiritual revival of Table View, Cape Town and country.

Monday from 18:00 to 19:00 @ TVUC

Sandi Nasset - 082 560 8968

AGAPE TABLE

Delicious baked goods on sale after service - Enjoy a bite to eat with your coffee! All proceeds to Missions Fund. Volunteers to bake/serve appreciated.

Daleen de Klerk - 074 034 4321

BREAD BASKET

Supports families in need by distributing monthly food parcels. Members are encouraged to donate items.

Patricia Maragelis - 084 381 3018

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Meets Mondays 7:45 am

Serving our community in a practical way by providing school kids with lunch.

Patricia Maragelis - 084 381 3018

FRIDAY

PRAYER MEETING - 9:00 am

Prayers of Intercession for our church, members, their families and friends.

Carole Marx - 082 771 0709

CHURCH LIBRARY

Discover an excellent selection of books & DVDs for all ages!

Open **Sundays** & **Weekdays** (Tues, Thurs, Fri 9 am - 1 pm).

Jeanette Thomas - 082 477 1997

CHILDRENS CHURCH LIBRARY

Treasure trove of books & DVDs for kids and teens.

Jacqui & Hannah Cameron - 083 375 1353

WINTER WARMTH PROGRAM

Donations of knitted items and wool for underprivileged babies and children.

Jacqui Cameron - 083 375 1353

PLASTIC BOTTLE TOP COLLECTION

Caps recycled and donated to Operation Smile to change lives for children born with a cleft palate or lip

Jacqui Cameron - 083 375 1353

Pastoral Care...

Cell number – 066 041 5707

This is pastoral hotline is a number for emergencies, for prayer requests, for letting the pastor and session know about illnesses or needs or any pastoral issues. This will enable the pastor and the elders to be available at all times and respond. When you send a message you can say whether it is private for the pastor or whether it can be shared with the congregation and whether there is a need for a visit by an elder.

