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# HARK THE HERALD

Table View United Church  
February 2020

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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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# From the Pastors desk...

TEA FOR TWO



On 15 December 2019, I was ordained into the Ministry of Sacrament and Word of the UPCSA. It's a day I never thought would come, not because it took so long (seven years after completing my studies), but because I never actually wanted to be a minister.

I had a plan, and although others had tried to do what I wanted to do before and not succeeded, I was adamant that I could do it. My plan was to be a youth worker until the day I died, and to prove to the church that this was something possible, and not only possible, something that was vital.

That plan changed in January 2016, when I had a conversation with the minister I grew up with, Rev Rod Botsis, and he said to me, "Maybe it's Jesus telling you that you are ready for the next step." Seeing as I didn't kick against the suggestion that time round, I began the process, and three years later, I was ordained.

## *Rev Andrew Snyders.... Its official*

At one's ordination, one is presented with a red stole. The stole is the servanthood symbol of a minister, representing the towel that Jesus wrapped around His waist when He washed His disciples' feet.

Although the stole can be in any colour, the UPCSA, and many other denominations, chose the red stole to be the colour of any celebration, and so the red celebratory stole is given to the person being ordained.

Initially for my ordination, I wanted a six panel stole (i.e. six images), and that each of the panels be given to one member of the six congregation I have been involved with until my ordination.

Unfortunately, that was not possible, but my mother never forgot this idea, and so she decided she would make my stole, and in doing so, incorporate image that could be both Biblical, but also symbolic of each congregation, much like the initial idea. The rest of this letter will be me explaining each design to you, starting with...





## Bellville Presbyterian Church

Naturally, the Biblical connotation of this image is that of the Parable of the Sower. The reason it connects to Bellville Presby (BPC) is that BPC is the congregation I grew up in. My parents were married in that congregation, I was baptised, I confirmed my faith, and I began my journey into Christian leadership in that congregation. BPC is the place where, for me, the seed of ministry was sown, and more importantly, the seed of a relationship was sown.

## Durbanville Presbyterian Church

Next up is Durbanville Presby (DPC). While I was studying theology, I was still a member at Bellville. The youth group was dwindling, and so it was decided that BPC and DPC would combine their youth groups and form one united group called Exit (the idea being we exit our old life and enter our new through Christ).

The "t" in the logo was a simple cross, and so the logo of the youth group was quite simply a cross



## My stole story..... continued



### Goodwood Presbyterian Church

After I completed my studies in December 2012, I went to work at Goodwood Presby (GPC) initially as their part-time youth worker (2013), and then as their full time youth worker (2014-2016). It is here that the Lord solidified my love for ministry, and particularly my love for youth ministry. Walking with the Lord as I walked with the teens grew me into the man I am today, in love with the Lord, in love with the Church, and in love with ministry. (Also, I was almost always barefoot while there, hence the two bare feet for the image!)

### Stellenbosch United Church & Retreat Presbyterian Church

As I mentioned earlier, in my last year at GPC (2016), I met with Rod, and I decided to begin my journey to ordained ministry. However, in order to do that, I needed to attend Discernment Weekend in June 2017, and so I needed a job for one year. Enter Stellenbosch United (SUC). I worked there for one year as their Youth Worker and Researcher, essentially a youth work consultant, where they hired me for the year to assist them in building a strategy for their youth ministry going forward. The bunch of grapes is to symbolise that congregation



The year following that (2018), I began my probation, which is my practical year before ordination. I did my probation at Retreat Presbyterian Church (RPC). Although full of challenges, I loved that year, as the people I encountered were just beautiful people. They treated me so well there, and they entrusted me with so much. It was an absolute privilege to work with the people of Retreat, and to teach them. The wheat stalk and the cup symbolises that congregation as RPC is where my journey into ordained ministry of sacrament began.



## **St Kieran's Presbyterian Church (Fish Hoek)**

After my year at Retreat, it was decided that I needed extra experience in order to complete my probation. The UPCSA placed me at St Kieran's (StK) for a final six months where I would be having special focus on pastoral ministry. St Kieran's was just beautiful to me, from the moment I arrived they just loved me, and still do to this day. The fisherman is symbolic of the Biblical instruction to be fishers of men, but also, aside from the obvious fish connotation, my first day off at Fish Hoek, I sat on the beach and watched the fishermen pull in their nets. It was a beautiful morning, and a wonderful moment of watching God's creation.

## Table View United Church

**That's right, you didn't escape the stole! As I said, I wanted six panels from each of the congregations I have been involved with till now. But with Retreat and Stellenbosch combined into one image, my mother included you on this stole as the first congregation I have the privilege to minister as the minister at. See this not as an achievement but as a image of hopeful anticipation to see what God will do not only in our life as a congregation, but also in my life as a minister!**



Scripture Union, Passion Play, Chrysalis and Emmaus, and My Family  
My mother included a few extra symbols in the stole as well. Firstly, the flame that is on the mountain of TVUC is symbolic of Scripture Union's role in my life, seeing as I started volunteering there at the age of 16, and still am involved there. Secondly, we realised after the stole was made that, with it being made of hessian (because I am a pretty plain bloke), there is an element of Passion Play (an amateur theatre production of the last week of Christ's life) involved as well.



# My journey thus far.....

Thirdly, at the bottom of the DPC cross, there is a slight hole. Inside that hole is a scroll with the names of the seven ministers who have been involved in my life till now written on it, much like something the Emmaus and Chrysalis movements do for their camp leaders. And finally, the back of the stole and the neck piece are made up of an old table cloth that my mother uses for our Sunday lunches as a family. She trimmed one of the cloths (apparently it was too long), and used the off cuts to create the back and neck of the stole, so that my family will always be with me when I wear my stole.

And that is my journey in pictures. Seven churches, seven ministers (Rod Botsis, Brent Russel, Tony Robinson, Peter Langerman, Colin Campbell, David van Duyker, and Mike Muller), one family, one Kingdom, and one God!

God bless you, faithful servants of our Lord, Jesus Christ  
Andrew Snyders

Kind Regards,  
**Rev Andrew Snyders | Minister**

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# Know thy Retired Pastor...



## Malcolm de Kock

I grew up in Green Point in a little semi-detached house. The youngest of three boys all sharing one bedroom, I quickly learned valuable life lessons like standing my ground and how to get along with others when they are in your space. My parents sacrificed a lot for us, putting us through CBC, St. John's College, an all-boys school, situated then in Green Point.

My spiritual growth was largely nurtured in Sea Point Congregational Church which had a lively Sunday School of about two hundred and twenty children from tiny tots right up to matric. Particularly formative were my teenage years when we had an amazing teacher who took a personal interest in each of us and who, I found out from him later in life, continued his whole life to pray for each of us

# Know thy Retired Pastor... continued

From there I graduated to our Young People's Fellowship (YPF). Eventually landing on the committee I learned what it was to take responsibility and to organise as we ran our own Bible studies, fun events and camps. At the same time I began teaching 12 and 13 year old boys in Sunday School and eventually became the Sunday School's superintendent which I was eventually to do in two other congregations as well.

There were many other events and organisations that fed into my life at this time. Important though was the fact that young people in my circle of friends were on fire for the Lord. After gaining a B.Com from UCT I worked in business for the next ten years and for the first time in my life moved away from Cape Town, living in Uitenhage, East London and Pretoria. It was in the church in East London that I met the love of my life, Carol, whom I married in 1974. I really don't know what I would have done without her support and encouragement over the forty-five years during which we have been married.

# Malcolm de Kock... continued



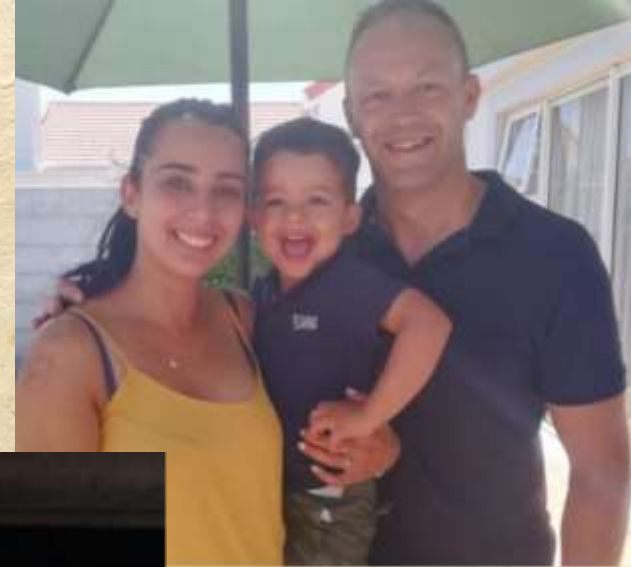
Immediately after a two week honeymoon we flew to England where I studied for my honours degree at what is now known as the London School of Theology. This followed the clear call of the Lord, which I initially fought against, but to which I subsequently submitted. In retrospect I would not have done anything else with my life than serve the Lord in this way.

On my return to South Africa, after applying for ordination in the Presbyterian Church, I was posted at the age of thirty-three to a tiny congregation in Roodepoort and informed that I would probably oversee its closure. This was not the sort of news to excite a new entrant into the ministry. Fortunately the Lord had other plans. The congregation grew substantially and saw the influx of young married couples and the birth of many babies.

# Our family started.....

at the same time with the birth of twin girls, only one of whom survived, and two years later a boy – Nicola and Justin. Nicola is unfortunately divorced and has a nine year old adopted son, Max. Justin is married to Erroleen and they have a two year old son, Asher. So we are proud grandparents of two lovely grandsons.

Back to the ministry. We spent seven years in Roodepoort, fourteen in Kempton Park and thirteen in Hillcrest.



# What has been your emphasis?



My emphases in each of these congregations has been: the development of small groups; annual church camps; teaching and preaching; Alpha; ministry by the people; contemporary worship and; children's and youth ministry. Through these I have often seen remarkable growth in the lives of many individuals. Also important were social and fun activities through which friendships were formed and strong bonds built.

The most "exciting" time of my ministry was to be involved in the charismatic renewal of the eighties and nineties when God poured out his Spirit in sometimes remarkable and astounding ways. It was awesome to witness the mighty power of God at work. However, even more impressive is seeing people being drawn to Jesus and their lives being changed. Such is the grace of God.

Now well into retirement for the last eight years I have been privileged to serve the Lord part time doing pastoral visitation in the Durbanville Presbyterian Church and preaching there, as well as elsewhere, several times a year. They say that a minister never really retires and I seem to be proving the point **article by Malcolm de Kock**

# Birthdays...

## FEBRUARY

- 
- 4 David Thomas
  - 5 Jean Clark
  - 9 Jason Kingham
  - 9 Dianne Marais
  - 9 Norma Smit
  - 12 Gillian Beukes
  - 14 Ingrid Paterson
  - 16 Elaine Bletsoe
  - 16 Sue Mwasinga
  - 22 Sarah Basiak
  - 26 Caitlyn Hacker
  - 28 Claudine Batangana

# 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**

## FRIDAY

### **PRAYER MEETING – 9:00 am**

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

**Carole Marx – 082 771 0709**



# From the Treasurer's desk...

## Income & Expenses Year to Date



Cumulative we are up R88 000 for the year as at December 2020

## Income & Expenses by Month: Jan - December 2019



# Youth



# Update by Katherine Lott

As many of you may know, the TVUC youth class recently completed the 13-week Alpha youth course. The series attempts to answer many of the questions that young or new Christians may have, such as: "how do I read the Bible?"; "does God still heal today?"; "in what ways does God guide us?"; "who is Jesus and why did he have to die?"; "who is the Holy Spirit and what is His role in the believers life?"

The series also deals with many of our modern problems and concerns. The videos contained street interviews filmed in Nigeria, Kenya and South Africa and often touched on topics that youths could relate to and were relevant to South African culture, lifestyle and interests.

Throughout the series personal testimonies, relating to the theme of each episode, are given. Most of these testimonies commending the Alpha youth series and their faith in general for getting them out of difficult or dark times in their lives and allowing them to turn their lives around and grow closer to God.

**Article by Katherine Lott  
Youth Member**



The Alpha acronym, although it may seem quite unbiblical and unrelated to the series, actually entails much of what is done and what applies to the course:

**A**n anyone can come  
**L**earning and laughter (i.e. having fun)  
**P**asta and pudding (i.e. food)  
**H**elping one another  
**A**sk anything

Though each Alpha group across the world may be run slightly differently, each session begins with food, allowing participants to feel comfortable and connect. The Alpha episodes are engaging and easy to understand, presented by young hosts and including animations, texts and conversations. During each episode there are three discussion questions that the group can discuss together and share their thoughts on. This allows those involved to have an open and non-judgmental environment to speak, ask questions and share personal stories and experiences, whilst still being both educational and enjoyable.



Last, but not least, at the end of each session the youths received a small gift, such as a personalized bible, bookmark, journal and many more.

At the beginning of the Alpha course the youth class each received a seedling, which was planted over into a larger or and to be nurtured and taken care of during and after the course.

The seedling acted as a representation of the development and growth, both personal and spiritual, that each of the youth experienced

Here is a picture of the huge growth I experienced from my seedling over the 13 week period.

**Article by Katherine Lott**



# Ministry pages...

## DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

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

1<sup>st</sup> Tue of the month 9:00 - 10:00 am @ TVUC

Sandi Nessel - 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.*

## FOOD 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

# How does our garden grow? by Rosemary Argyle

Hannetjie's red and green wall inspired me to try and improve the gardens in front of the church. Somehow they looked really tired, overgrown and uncared for. Elisha (our volunteer gardener) and I cleared out the old and we were then ready to plant aloe and succulents to start a new look to the approach and entrance to the church.

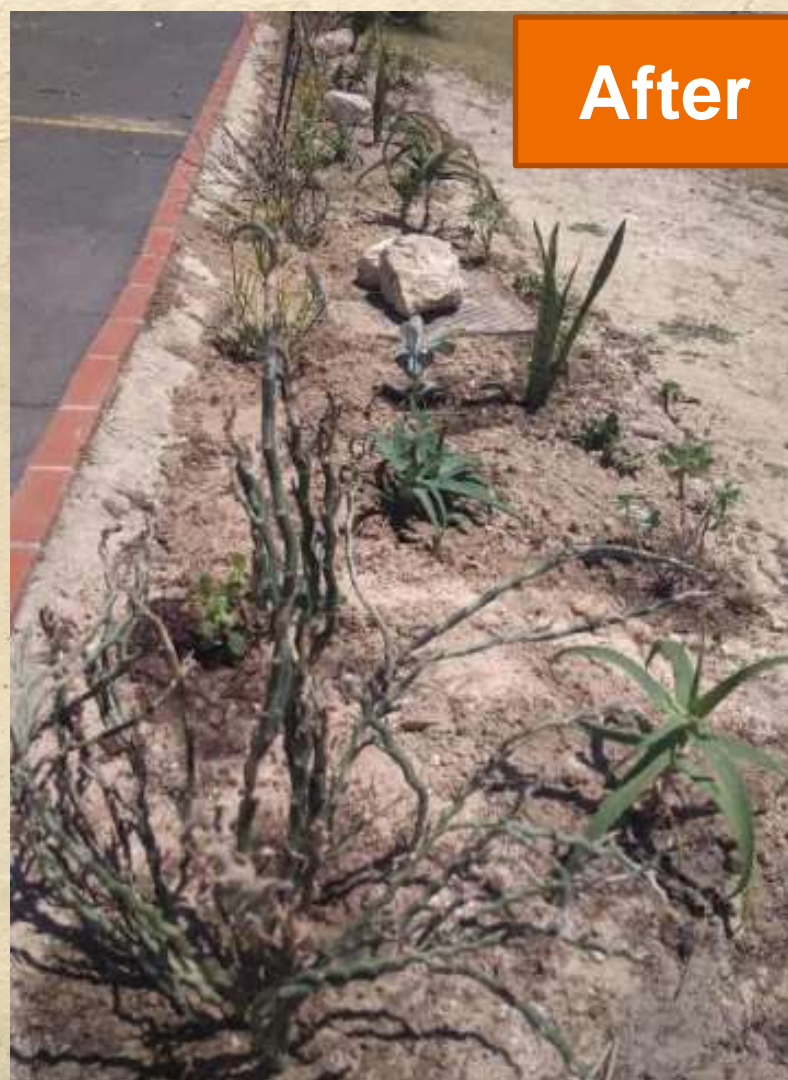
Two weeks ago whilst planting the sustainable and self maintained front garden I was assisted by Justin. This was a great help



**“What we have realized is that we need more assistance in the form of:**

- **Retaining walls to hold back a bank**
- **Shade plants**
- **Ground covers for the gardens at the back**
- **More succulents**
- **Compost**
- **Potting soil”**

# Sustainable Gardening



# “It’s a start which will take some months to grow”

Within time we will see some real change.

The bed next to the jungle gym is coming on quite nicely as this was started some months back in 2019. In this area we still need ground covers, mulch and bark to retain moisture and rain.

All contributions will be welcome to make our church beautiful

**Article by Rosemary Argyle**



Rosemary is amazing. She has such an eye for gardening and by the time I arrived to help her she had already dug holes and planted one end of the bed. All I had to do was dig holes and repeat the beautiful pattern she had designed. What a pleasure working along side her!” Justin Forsythe



# Transformed Living in Christ

Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free”. Jesus quoted these words from Isaiah 61, and said “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

## What is Transformed Living in Christ?

Transformed Living in Christ (TLC) is a ministry of prayer, enabled by the Holy Spirit, to bring inner healing and wholeness from God to individuals. It is for Christians who desire to grow in their relationship with God and become more effective in their Christian life and service. This prayer ministry focuses on four areas of brokenness in our lives namely:

- wounds or hurts
- sin
- bondage
- contrary spirits.

It seeks to bring healing, forgiveness, renewed thinking and freedom through the grace and love of God.

# How does TLC operate?

The prayer ministry of TLC is set in the context of an integrated one day course comprising 3 parts:  
group teaching  
a time of prayer ministry for individuals called a prayer ministry appointment (PMA)  
prayer vigil.

Participation in all three components is required for those who receive prayer ministry and usually involves a commitment of 1 full Saturday from 8.15am to 5pm.

The prayer ministry appointment (PMA) for an individual may last from 2 to 3 hours. Two prayer ministers conduct the PMA in a private room.

## Who are the prayer ministers?

The prayer ministers form an interdenominational network of Christians. They have a calling from God to prayer ministry and their gifting is recognised by their local church and TLC leadership. Each prayer minister acknowledges God the Father, Jesus the Son of God and the Holy Spirit as one triune God, the saving power of Jesus Christ by his death on the cross and Lordship of the risen Christ in their lives.

## What is the Prayer Vigil?

The Prayer Vigil is guided and led by one of the Prayer Ministry Team and consists of a group of Christians who pray for those who are having a PMA. It is a very special experience of listening to God and includes both those having a PMA that day and other Christians who feel led to participate and would like to grow in their prayer life.

# What makes TLC so special?

It is a gentle, compassionate, balanced and effective ministry led and enabled by the Holy Spirit and is undergirded by sound biblical teaching. Prayer ministers are trained, nurtured and work in teams. PMA's take place in a safe and structured environment and are always covered by prayer. Confidentiality is a key value.

If you are interested in TLC or would like to find out more about this ministry please contact:

**Elmarie Neilson**  
**TLC co-ordinator**  
**0825570993**

# Pastoral Care...

Cell number – 066 041 5707

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

