
HARK THE HERALD

Table View United Church
January 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 Pastor's couch...

TEA FOR TWO

In 2006, I attended my first Christian youth camp, and my mind was opened to the amazing world that is Christian camping and Christian leadership. From that moment on, I decided I wanted to become a youth worker because I wanted to be able to experience as many camps as I could, because I fell in love with that form of ministry.

When I felt I was being called into ordained ministry, I had some strong words with the Lord, sounding something like, "I have given up so much already for you, and now you want to take camping away as well, the very thing that brought me into ministry, the form of ministry I love so dearly." Needless to say, the Lord calmed me down, and I decided to take the plunge and enter ordained ministry anyway, but I had a prayer, that the congregation I end up in would be understanding of this side of me, and allow me to continue Christian camps, within reason of course.

Enter Table View United. You have been so welcoming of my love for camping, and so understanding, that you allowed me to do two camps back-to-back in December, and wow, what an absolute privilege it was! The first camp was the Western Cape Presbytery Youth Summer Camp (I know, ridiculously long name, which is why we all just call it Summer Camp). The name of camp this year was *Growth*, and the talks were based on Luke 2:52 - "And Jesus grew in wisdom, stature, and favour with God and mankind." Over the course of four days, 78 teenagers and 30 young adults from about 15 churches in our Presbytery learnt all about taking their spiritual growth into their own hands.

Summer Camp 2019 *Growth*



Western Cape Presbytery Youth Summer Camp

The other camp I attended came directly after Summer Camp, and it was Scripture Union's Teen Camp, where we had one teen from TVUC, Ethan Cameron, attend. Again, we had about 79 teens on that camp, with about 35 young adults leading. This camp's name was *Influence*, and we looked at how we are and should be influenced, and how we go and influence others. I think one of the most profound moments happened on the Thursday morning, where the boys were challenged by the girls on camp to stand up and proclaim God as their God, their Alpha and Omega, and watching all the boys, arm-over-shoulder, singing boldly about God. The girls were so moved, they wept. It was a powerful moment of God's Spirit moving in the lives of teens.

Camping is an expensive, but a beautiful ministry, one I long to see continue in the life of the church, and become fully embraced in the work of the church. I have a few camps I know of for next year, so feel free to ask if you know of anyone who could benefit from it, and if money is an issue, please don't worry, we can always find money!

Continue praying for you teens in the congregation, and in the wider community. They, like many of you, don't live easy lives, but some of them know God. Pray that they will carry God's light into the world bravely and without hesitation, they can be missionaries in their schools and communities, after all, the same Spirit that is in you, the same Spirit that rose Jesus from the dead, are in those teens who know and love the Lord as well. Pray that God uses them powerfully, and continues using experiences like these camps to mould and grow them into His image!

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

Teen Camp *Influence*



Scripture Union's Teen Camp

Kind Regards,
Rev Andrew Snyders | Minister

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Know thy Retired Pastor...



Malcolm Davidson

When asked to share as a retired minister 'where you have come from and where you are right now as a retired minister. We would like to hear about your story and your journey.' Well that covers many years!!! The journey long – not always smooth – some bumps in the road – some potholes – some roundabouts, yield signs and stop streets – and yet on reflection a full and rich life.

I cannot recall a time, either in my boyhood, young manhood or as an adult, when I had no connection with the church. I was fortunate to have been raised in a Christian home where my mother and grandparents, particularly my grandfather, showed wonderful examples of reverence and personal faith. To this day I also remember with gratitude and joy those who in Sunday School and church youth groups (Seapoint Congregational Church) and other youth organisations greatly influenced my spiritual life.

Know thy Retired Pastor... continued

There was a time of critical spiritual growth when I was involved in the planning and launching of the very first Congregational/Presbyterian United Church in Bryanston, Gauteng. The vision and the fruits of that union were and still are an inspiration to me. (It was with much disappointment that plans for a total union between the two denominations fell through.) At this time my faith really started to come alive. No In realising I was a nominal Christian involved in much church work but with no deep, personal relationship with Jesus Christ and my Bible reading and prayer life was erratic to say the least.

Also at this time in my business life as a marketing manager I was given the pivotal role in getting a new industry established in South Africa. (flooring). I was travelling extensively and working long hours. The responsibility was enormous and the stress pressure severe. It was almost too much for me and I realised that I was living all the ramifications in my life in my own strength. It came to the point that I could not go on ignoring my need of God and living with the lack of divine help. On my knees I sought a deeper relationship with God and invited Jesus Christ into my life. What a blessed day it was when I was reborn in the Spirit of God. This gave me a thirst for his Word and I started a journey in studying the Scriptures. From then on the book that I had neglected for so long came alive for me! Bible study became an urgent need and I was hooked and became an avid Bible reader. I was led to join a Bible Study where friends shared and taught this living Word. Where the Holy Spirit was released in me transforming my life. It made me realise the wonderful gift of Christian fellowship in the church and in small groups.

Malcolm Davidson... continued



I committed myself to serious theological study, lasting some 8 years, during which time I became aware of God's call into the fulltime ministry. It was not an easy decision at 50 years old, financial, family, children (3 who were all late teens at the time) – but a decision I have no regrets about. As I write, 35 years on in the ordained ministry, His calling on my life remains true.

I've cause for joy to acknowledge that it was in the life of the church that I met Ann. In fact in true ecumenical style God brought together a Congregational and a Presbyterian which brought about many comments at the time from both denominations – about how far Malcolm might go to bring about union in the church!! We have a God-blessed marriage and a 27 year partnership in ministry. I am thrilled that Ann is by my side, she herself has been like wise called to serve the Lord and I know that God has and will continue to use us together.

The journey has been rich and varied.

Yeoville Congregational Church in Johannesburg – 10 years
Warren Congregational Church in America – 6 years
Melkbosstrand United Church – 7 years - where I had the privilege of bringing together four denominations – my ecumenical heart was filled with joy!
Table view United Church – over the last 17 years - serving as pastor during 2 long leave stints – interim moderator during a search committee time – fill in preacher – and several other areas of teaching and support.

What a journey this has been: 26 years as a Sunday School teacher and Superintendent; many years as a lay preacher, as a theological student, various stints as an office bearer in the Congregational church and ecumenical work; ordained for 35 years and still sharing the Word of God today when called to do so. It is always a privilege to do so and I will continue as God gives me the strength. At the start of this new year 2020 my heart cry is “Lead on God, with Jesus at my side and the Holy Spirit as my Helper let’s continue on this journey together!”



Birthdays...

JANUARY

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- 1 Jamie-Lee Beukes
 - 1 Erroleen de Kock
 - 2 Ronel Pfothauer
 - 8 Emilio Da Mata
 - 9 Mike Reed
 - 12 Eric Glanville
 - 13 Jaeden Muylaert
 - 19 Lize Druker
 - 26 Marianna Kritzinger
 - 27 Henry Butcher
 - 28 Ethan Cameron
 - 29 Faith Batangana
 - 30 Malcolm Davidson
 - 30 Mark Whitehouse

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

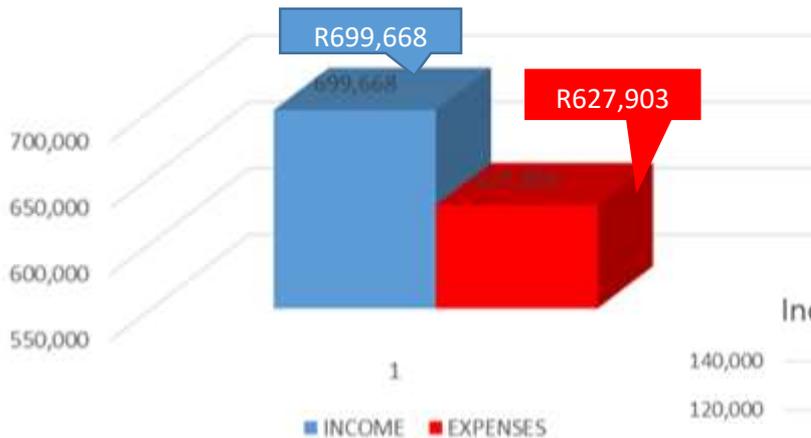
PRAYER MEETING – 9:00 am

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 R70 000 for the year as at November

Income & Expenses by Month: Jan - November 2019



K4C – Kidz 4 Christ

This class consists of grade 4, 5, 6 and 7 students. On any given Sunday there are more than 10 students in a class. The two teachers who run this ministry are Mary Logan and Ronel Pfothauer. Both ladies have a real passion for the tweens (in-between children and teenagers)

They also use the Scripture Union curriculum; however, their material is far more advanced. They use their bible a great deal and have more complex puzzle, games and exercises. These students are always up for a challenge and a debate, and their teachers encourage engaging conversation and questioning.

It is very promising to see what our teenagers of the future will look like as these are smart talented young adults.



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

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

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

1st 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

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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

Ministry pages..... continued



New groups starting soon.....

Young mothers group

Young adults group

Food Basket Ministry



All non perishable items are used to make up food baskets for those in need. Please speak to Patricia Maragelis if you would like to assist, or you can leave items on the table in front of the sound desk. For example:

- Pasta/rice
- Tinned food
- Long life milk
- Cereal
- Biscuits
- Sachets of soup or sauce

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. With love Ann Davidson

