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# THE HARK

Table View United Church  
February 2021

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## **Sunday Worship: online**

Including Kid's Ministry,  
Teen's Ministry & baby  
facilities.

## **Office Hours:**

Thursday  
9:00am to 1:00pm



## **Contact Details:**

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## **Minister:**

Andrew Snyders – 084 453 8191

## **Kids's Ministry:**

Jacqui Cameron – 083 375 1353

## **Church Secretary:**

Volunteers  
021 556 2374

## **ManCo Chairman:**

Ray Cameron – 082 371 4841

## **Treasurer:**

Claudine Batangana – 083 398 0743

## **Banking Details:**

**ABSA BANK**

**Branch Code: 632005**

**Account Number: 407 254  
2525**



zoom



Instagram

# What is happening during the lockdown

Even though you can't attend the services at the church

- Sermon's are being filmed
- Sermon's are being voice recorded
- Sermon's are written up
- The following communication channels are used



**WhatsApp**

**facebook**



**YouTube**



**We are closed until there is a change with the Covid restrictions. Should you wish to receive the online version of the service please whatsapp your name and number to Jacqui on 0833751353**

# From the Minister's desk...

To my beloved family at Table View United Church



It has been two months since I last wrote to you. In those two months, we have celebrated our Thanksgiving service, been through the four weeks of Advent, Celebrated Christmas, entered a new year, started up confirmation classes and started an Alpha course. Oh, and we closed the church for a second time...

Well, actually, that last statement is a little untrue. See, if there's one thing that has been on my mind for many years, but was pushed to the front since the beginning of the pandemic is the question, "What is the church?" Some treat the church like a country club, where we pay our monthly fees for exclusive entrance and treatment, where the church exists to serve them. Others treat the church as a conscience calmer, as if going to church gives one some brownie points which you may cash in with God when you slip up, a way of saying, "Yeah, I messed up now, but hey, at least I go to church." Some treat it like a family gathering, a coming together to see familiar faces, tell jokes, brag about the big fish you caught the other day, or swap recipes for that lovely dip on the bring and share table.



# But what is the church??

The typical answer given to this question is, “the church is not the building but the people.” And that is probably one of the most understated but true clichés. The church is indeed the people and not the building. And if anything has proven that statement, it’s this past year. Of the sixty-three services I have had to oversee so far at the time of writing this article, and that includes the service I came to preach with a view to call, twenty-five have had no “in-person” gathering, in other words, no service at the building. That’s just under 40% of all the services I have had to oversee. And yet, despite those numbers, the church continued. We met online over YouTube or Zoom, while others sat listening to the audio sermon or reading the script. Was the church closed for the second time in December, no. Because it wasn’t even closed for a first time in March. The building was locked, sure, and we couldn’t gather in person, but the church was not closed.

See, the church is the body of Christ. It is all of Jesus' followers around the world publicly professing that Jesus is their Lord. That's the church. And that will always be the church. After all, the Greek word *ekklesia* which is translated as "church" in the Bible literally just means a gathering of people. We haven't had to redefine what the church is this past year, we've just had to change our understanding that a gathering doesn't have to be people physically together in the same room.

Last year, as I have mentioned a number of times before, I joined an online Alpha group. Those who have done Alpha before always ask "But how does it work online?" and doubt whether it could work. Well, I never doubted, but I was asking "How?" I saw how, and I was blown away by it and how effective it was. And so I went on a mission wanting to run an Alpha course here at TVUC, still focussing on an in-person course, but having an online element as well. Well, as it turned out, we were unable to have the in-person course and the whole thing moved online. We started it on 20 January, and it was well received by all who attended. I look forward to the rest of the course to see how God is going to work in the lives of those attending as we look forward as well to July when we will hopefully run another one aimed at those outside the church.



## From the Minister's desk cont...

Looking inward, towards those already in the body of Christ, as I mentioned earlier we have also started our confirmation classes with five of our young people beginning the journey to make their own personal and public profession of their faith in Jesus Christ, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit. I'm so excited for this as one of the projects I undertook in hard lockdown last year was to write up the confirmation curriculum, and if you'll allow me to blow my own whistle this one time, I think it's pretty good! These are great young people, and I ask that you please keep them in your prayers this year as they journey together with me, their families, each other, and their mentors in preparation to make this commitment. Their names are Jean-Luc (Faith) Batangana, Ethan Cameron, Caitlyn Hacker, Katherine Lott, and Aaron Pfothenauer.



## **We entered this year ready to continue to embrace the uncertainty of dealing with a global pandemic.**

We entered this year with higher numbers of Covid in our province than ever before. We entered this year with a curfew and with beaches closed. And we entered this year with a temporary ban on religious gatherings. But little do people know that despite the ban on religious gatherings, we still gather. The churches are not closed, the people still gather. But we gather in our homes as individuals and families, tied together by an invisible thread made up of the love for God, each other, and ourselves. We don't gather together physically, but we gather nonetheless, over Whatsapp messages and Zoom calls, over YouTube videos and phone calls. The body of Christ is not dead and shut down, but much like Christ Himself, we are alive and functioning.

Let us continue this year filled with the hope, peace, love, grace, and mercy which God gives us. And may we know the importance of bringing those things to people who so desperately need it. We might no longer “go to church”, but we never should have anyway. We should always have **BEEN** the church, and we can continue to do that every day. We don't need a building to do that. All we need is God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and each other.

Onward, Christian soldiers!

With all the love in my heart for you, my beloved socially distanced family

Andrew Snyders



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

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# A Practical Approach to Corona Virus Epidemic

Dr Mike Smit

## GENERAL FACTS TO CONSIDER

- **God is in Control**

**PHILIPPIANS 4:6** Do not be anxious or worried about anything, but in everything (every circumstance and situation) by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your (specific) requests known to God.

There are many myths and conspiracy theories about this virus and the vaccine in circulation. Only God (Our God) has all the facts and the Truth.

- **Be spiritually alert, but do not run ahead of God!**

**PROVERBS 28:26** He who leans on, trusts in, and is confident of his own mind and heart is a (self-confident) fool, but he who walks in skilful and Godly Wisdom shall be delivered.

For all practical purposes we must accept that the corona virus is a respiratory virus transferred from person to person by droplets containing the virus that is released into the environment when we breathe, talk, cough or sneeze.

These droplets that contain the virus is then inhaled through the nose and mouth of the person that is being infected.

Therefore the wearing of masks and social distancing (1.5 to 1.8 meter) is crucial in preventing the spread of the virus.



# Continued.....

Regular washing of hands with soap and water is also important. Getting infected from touching surfaces is remote if you wash your hands and don't touch your mouth and nose.

Getting infected from eating food is extremely unlikely and not proven, as well as from water if you are swimming and keeping your distance from other swimmers.

Transmission into our homes from our shoes, mail or parcels has not been proven.

All our efforts in the prevention of the spread of the virus should therefore first and foremost be focused on the wearing of masks and social distancing.

Wearing of a multilayer cloth mask will help to prevent the spread of the virus by the wearer of the mask and will give some protection to those that are exposed if they wear a mask.

Fleece masks and bandanas performed extremely poorly in trials and should not be used.

**“On behalf of AFM Blouberg – Church on the Rise  
Taking care of one another in order to be our  
“Brother’s Keeper”**

▪ **Social distancing is not always possible and difficult for all of us; therefore we should keep the following in mind.**

1. Wear a good mask covering the mouth and nose
2. Keep your distance (1.5m ) when in conversation with others
3. Stay home if you have a cold or flu.
4. The longer you are in contact with an infected person the higher the chance of being infected.
5. Transmission is unlikely if we wear proper masks and adhere to the 1.5 m rule especially if the contact is of short duration (few minutes). The chances of transmission increases if the duration of direct contact is more than 20 min in a 24 hours period and the 1.5 m rule is not adhered to.
6. Regular washing of hands with soap and water stays important.
7. Do not touch your face with hands that are not washed.
8. The chance of being infected by an asymptomatic person is remote if we adhere to these rules
9. Good ventilation is important during indoor gatherings.
10. Persons with a comorbidity should be extra vigilant and should consider taking extra zinc, vitamin C and vitamin D. (vitamins do-not prevent infections)

And finally demonstrate God's love by considering others and their views and by taking responsibility for your own health at all times.



# Feeding project

As you know we are currently feeding 17 families every week. The supplies **have run out** and we are **desperately** looking for donations of the following food items (17 portions x Weekly)

Maize	10kg
Oil	750ml
Beans	500g
Salt	500g
Sugar	2kg
Tea	200g
Jam	450g
Pasta	500g
Baked beans	410g
Pilchards	400g

# TVUC STATIONERY DRIVE

We are collecting  
any stationery items,  
new and second hand,  
for families in need.

ALL DONATIONS  
ARE WELCOME  
AND APPRECIATED !

The following items  
are needed:

- Ballpoint pens
- Coloured pens
- Pencils
- Colouring pencils
- Kokis/Markers
- Crayons
- Highlighters
- Erasers
- Sharpeners
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- School glue
- Calculators
- Reading books
- Lined writing books
- Exam pads
- Notebooks
- Textbooks



Please drop off all  
contributions at the  
church on Thursdays  
from 09h00 to  
13h00





# 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**

## 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**

### **Home and Fellowship Group-10:30am**

*Mixed group studying various subjects at Paul and Win's home, 25 Sundown Terraces, Bishops Bend*

**Win Forsythe- 082 391 8309**

## THURSDAY

### **Ladies Fellowship Group – 10:00 am to 11:30 am**

*This facilitated group of ladies meet weekly to Fellowship and pray*

**Mary Logan – 072 049 6570**

## FRIDAY

### **PRAYER MEETING – 9:00 am**

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



**All Temporarily closed  
due to Covid**

# January Birthdays

- 1 Jamie-Lee Beukes
- 1 Erroleen de Kock
- 2 Ronel Pfothenauer
- 8 Emilio Da Mata
- 9 Mike Reed
- 12 Eric Glanvill
- 13 Jaeden Muylaert
- 19 Lize Druker
- 20 Arther Sierra
- 26 Marianna Kritzinger
- 28 Ethan Cameron
- 29 Faith Batangana
- 30 Malcolm Davidson
- 30 Mark Whitehouse



# February Birthdays

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



**OUR WEBSITE IS UP AND  
RUNNING**

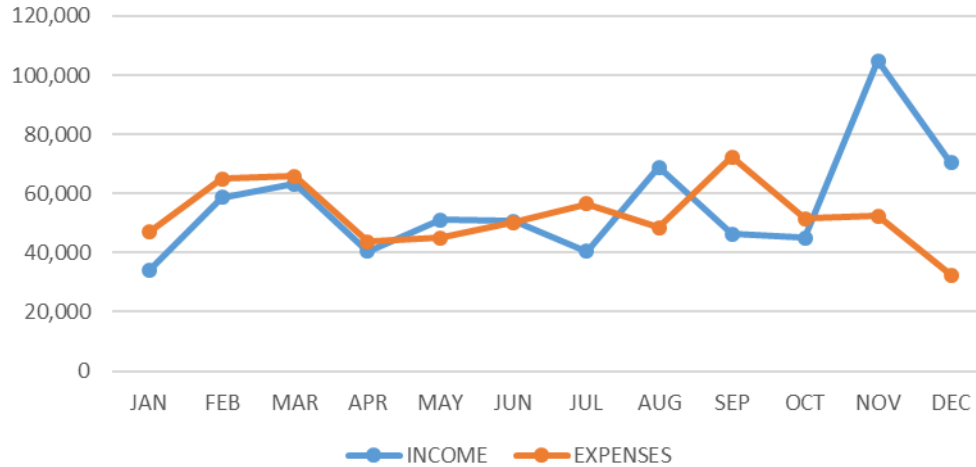
**[WWW.TVUC.CO.ZA](http://WWW.TVUC.CO.ZA)**

**LINKS TO ALL SERMONS ON YOU TUBE**

**ALL EDITIONS OF THE HARK ARE LOADED**

# From the Treasurer's desk...

Income & Expenses by Month: Jan - December 2020



2020 so far..

Cumulative we are **up**  
**+R43574** for the year as at  
December 2020

## Total Balances:

January -R13026      February -R6259      March -R2616

April - R3249      May +R6003      June +R321      July -R15941      August + R20310

September -R3028      October -R6454      November +R52419      December +R37997

**YTD Cumulative - R43574 (without the thanksgiving offering)**



For your convenience during the shutdown, should you wish to make deposits into our bank account, the details are below.....

**Banking Details:**

**ABSA BANK**

**Branch Code: 632005**

**Account Number: 407 254 2525**

# Ministry...

## 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 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.*

## 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*

## 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

## KIDS MINISTRY LIBRARY

*Treasure trove of books & DVDs for kids and teens.*

Jacqui & Hannah Cameron – 083 375 1353

## MENS PRAYER MINISTRY

Monday 19h00 onwards at the Church

*Intercessory Prayer with men.*

Brian Banks – 083 518 7525



# Pastoral Care...

**Please contact an elder or Andrew** for emergencies, for prayer requests, for them know about illnesses, needs or any pastoral issues. The minister, the elders, and prayer warriors are available at all times and will respond. When you contact them 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 or a meal.

