
THE HARK

Table View United Church
May 2021

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Sunday Worship: online and in person

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

Office Hours:

None at the moment

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Jacqui Cameron – 083 375 1353

Church Secretary:

None at the moment
021 556 2374

ManCo Chairman:

Andrew Snyders – 084 453 8191

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 OPEN,

**However, 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



For quite a while now I have been challenged by the things the church does not speak about. And the challenge is, if we are not speaking about it, where are the people hearing the Godly argument from, if they are hearing it at all. You know those topics I am talking about, the taboo ones, the ones which our grandparents would say, “We don’t talk about such things in public.” For men and women of all ages pornography is a problem. What about sex? Do we truly speak about it and engage people on the topic, or do we just say, “Only in marriage” and leave the conversation there. What about Godly management of our finances, or our households? What about divorce? Have you ever had a fruitful discussion in the church about homosexuality, the meaning of marriage, and the gender fluidity debate currently happening? Or what about the question of race and white supremacy?

These and so many other discussions and issues plague our world and yet, rarely, do we as Christians engage with these things. We just say, “Oh, that makes me uncomfortable.” Or “Well, I believe it’s wrong, so I’m not going to talk about it.” Or, “You must be insane to agree with this.” But we have to ask ourselves why we truly are unwilling to engage on these topics. We have become so reliant on ministers and ‘trained professionals’ to help answer these questions that we say to those speaking to us about these things, “Oh, you should chat with the following people” and often point them to the ministers.

But here’s the catch. WE ARE ALL MINISTERS. One of the central tenets of the reformation which happened in the 1500s and which still forms part of the life of the church today is the belief in the priesthood of all believers. What this means is that ministry is not just in the hands of a select few ordained clergy, but that every believer everywhere carries the title of priest, that we all stand ministering to people pointing them to God. And if we truly believe that, then, when people engage with us on these topics, instead of shutting them down, we should point to God and say, “I believe the following” or “I cannot agree with this” and then give the reason, “Because God...”

The church is seen as a gilded hall by many, a place where you cannot run and shout, where holiness abounds, and where only the truly perfect are allowed in, or at least the hypocrites who claim to be perfect but actually are not. It is not seen as a place to get messy, a place to really wrestle with what it means to follow God in the world today. It's a place where people who are nice people but sometimes not so nice, gather once a week to sing out praises to an invisible God to make themselves feel a little better about life, then go back to the same old lifestyles they had before

But imagine if we were Christians who truly followed Jesus. Who, like Jesus, would interact with the poor and the outcast and point out the flaws of the religious elite, not to shame them, but to point them to God as we point everyone to God. Imagine we were a church who was willing to sit down with people and ask, "How does the gender fluidity debate factor in in our understanding of God and the Bible?" "How would Jesus truly react to a homosexual couple walking through the doors of a church?" "How do I love my neighbour who is putting all his money into alcohol instead of properly caring for his family?" "How can I talk to my friend who is going through a divorce without making them think that they have committed the ultimate sin in letting their marriage fall apart?" "Do we see Jesus as a white man?"



In short, the real question behind all of this is how can we truly be like Christ in a world which is rapidly changing and yet facing no brand new issues at all? Are we, my dear family, willing to get our hands dirty, where we will be willing to sit and listen and the point to Jesus? Or, will we just shut down and shut out because we do not like to talk about these things?

The key point here is being like Jesus. Imagine He reacts to our issues the same way we react to the issues of others. Would we truly believe we serve a loving God at that point, or will we, like many, shut Him out because we don't want to serve a God who doesn't listen to me and the struggles I face in this world, and who's followers don't listen either.

Just some food for thought, my dearest family.

With love

Andrew

Kind Regards,
Rev Andrew Snyders | Minister

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Even God has a sense of humor

Bill and Cathy Nicholl together with their daughter Karen, arrived at TVUC from the local Assemblies of God. At first I thought Karen was Karin, because of the Scottish pronunciation of Karen.

Shortly after his arrival, Bill set up a system in an attempt to secure jobs for the unemployed. Bill a businessman, who had previously faced retrenchment, based his family business on Godly principles. Hence the plates on his car HIS ENTERPRISES.

After a period of time, when there were very few serving elders, Bill, together with two other members, were nominated and elected to Session. His election to Session was during Rev Alex Harrower oversight of Table View United Church. Pretty soon he became recognised by the congregation as the 'Microphone Man' as he relayed the microphone from one member of church to the next, almost each and every Sunday.

Tribute to Bill

After having been on Session for a period of time, he was persuaded to take up the task of Session Clerk, a responsibility that he handled with aplomb. This he continued to do throughout Rev Bradley Croucher's oversight of the church, up to the arrival of Rev Andrew Snyders at our church. After a short sabbatical, when Elmarie Neilson acted as stand in Session Clerk, Bill returned to Session for a short period of time, only to announce his desire to stand down from Session.

Throughout his attendance at Table View United Church and his service on Session, Bill has always come across as a friendly and dedicated man, an amazing husband and father as well as a proud grandfather. To those of us who know Bill well, we will always remember Bill, drawing you aside and beginning a serious storey, only later realising that it was another classic Bill Nicholl joke.

Ecclesiastes 9:7

“Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has already accepted your works.” Bill certainly has a merry heart.

Well done Bill, may God's light continue to shine through you and your family.



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.

WATCH THIS SPACE
New home groups
coming soooooon

May Birthdays

- 1 Ann Davidson
- 1 Norman Gibbins
- 2 Bobby Jutzen
- 4 Joan Cowing
- 4 Malcolm de Kock
- 5 Robert Neilson
- 5 Jimmy Mangulenje
- 8 Matthew Marais
- 9 Jacqui Cameron
- 11 Mark Hahn
- 11 Douglas Taylor
- 13 Douglas Argall
- 23 Winsome (Win) Forsythe
- 23 Marco du Toit
- 24 Daniel Wulfse
- 26 Melinda Glanvill
- 27 Pam Gilham
- 28 Elmarie Neilson
- 29 Annelize Augustyn
- 29 Audrey Kingham



**OUR WEBSITE IS UP AND
RUNNING**

WWW.TVUC.CO.ZA

LINKS TO ALL SERMONS ON YOU TUBE

ALL EDITIONS OF THE HARK ARE LOADED

Winter Warmth kicks off again

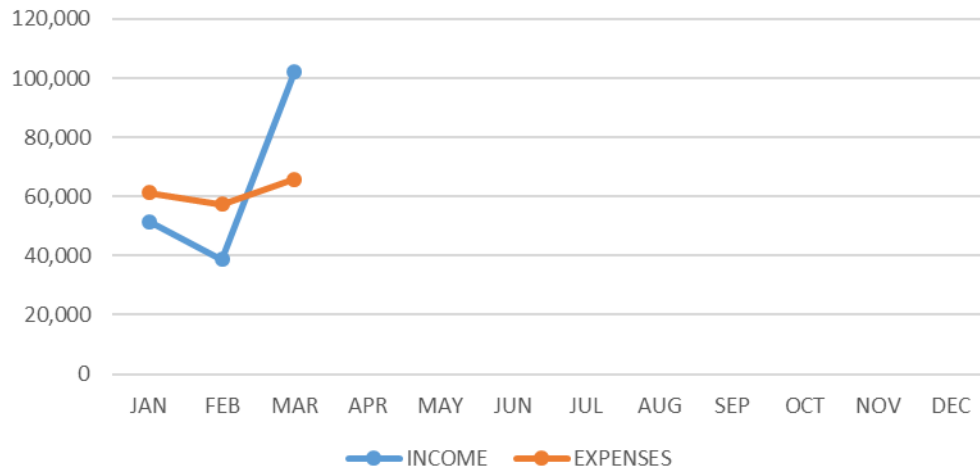
Our target is to
achieve 4000
items by the end
of 2021



Thanks to the
Lott family
for their
donation of
black bags
filled with
clothing

From the Treasurer's desk...

Income & Expenses by Month: Jan - December 2021



2021 so far..

Cumulative we are **down**
-R 8112 for this year as at
January 2021
This includes a MASSIVE
donation of **R40000** towards
food parcels!

Total Balances:

January -R9751 February -R 10973 March +R36499

April May June July August

September October November December

YTD Cumulative – R7663 for 2021 so far

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

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Ministry...

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 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

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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

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.

