

In This Issue

- Suffering of the Servant: Mark 14 - 16

Dear “Family in Christ”,

Have you ever faced a situation where you felt you stood completely alone? Perhaps you took a stand for something you were convinced was true and right, but at a crucial moment when the opposition appeared at its strongest, you found yourself forsaken and alone - a terrifying feeling - perhaps one that you’ve experienced in the past or are wrestling with today.

Take courage. You are not alone. Your Lord and Savior went through a similar experience during His arrest, trial and execution. It seemed His cause was lost and His enemies had won. In fact just before He died, even His heavenly Father turned away from Him. **And yet**, His victory [and ours] over sin and Satan, death and hell, was confirmed by His triumphant resurrection on Easter morning.

If you have never done so before, begin today and collect a stockpile of verses for those times when you feel alone. Verses like Hebrews 13:5 - “I will never fail or forsake you” Matthew 28:20 - “Be sure of this-that I am with you always. Hebrews 4:15-16; 12:3. Begin your collection today, keep it handy.. and sing along with one or more of the following hymns... He Lives[! serve a risen Savior], - Hallelujah. What a Savior - Christ Arose [‘Low in the grave He lay] - Crown Him with many crowns - When I survey the wondrous cross - Christ the Lord is risen today!

With much love in Jesus,
Boet and Linda.



- Session Expansion

We are blessed with our new Elders:



Congratulations and WELCOME to our new Elders. Maureen Crawford [being already Ordained] was Inducted while Nataly Vermolen, Skhona Ndlovu, Thandi Mhlongu, Fred and Esmé Bowley were Ordained on 8th March 2015.

Blessings and thanks to Trevor and Sue Douglas

and bless with thanksgiving Trevor and Sue Douglas

as they join their family in the fairest Cape and will soon set up home in Noordhoek. Trev grew up in Toti, met and married Sue here and together with the family have always been faithful, valuable and fully committed servants of this Church. From Sunday School to Session, Board to Bible Study, Work Party to Wiz-kid as a ‘bean counter’ - this is a complete package.... and we are going to miss our brother and sister like mad! “Vos Salutamus” [We salute you!]

Yesterday ain't dead
and gone ~~~~~
Neither is tomorrow.

“Hits of Yesteryear” score in Top Ten

The “bring and braai” was well attended and enjoyed by 40/50 people, young and old.

It started at 6pm and most had braai and “free” salads by 7pm when the band played a selection of mostly old country/rock favorites.

We then had Wimpy and Vanessa singing.

It was a real treat when Liz Heuer (pink) And Maureen Crawford (blue) did their own rendition of Dancing Queen (ABBA) this was entertaining .



The impromptu performance by Dawn Dippenaar (country and western), Anand Enoch, Mustang Sally and others too gave the evening a wonderful feeling of fellowship.

Chantelle and Clinton were really special with their selection of contemporary unplugged songs... such talent!

It was good to have the young ‘uns causing some toe tapping sounds.

The band then played out the evening and the “jol” ended by 10pm.

This was a most successful fellowship/getting to know one another evening with all glory to God.

It also was a chance to say goodbye to friends, and we wish Trevor and Sue Douglas happy new beginnings in the Cape.

If you were not there, make a plan to attend the next social evening. Young and Old - there is something for all - make it your own.

The “boys” did a sterling job setting up the fires and the venue - thanks to all for an amazing evening. This one is going to be a tough act to follow.

We are busy working on the next social get together!!

(Compiled by Jann Stovold and Nataly Vermolen)

**Chantal du Toit
and
Clinton Nookadoo**



**Bob Simpson
Mark Uglietti
and
Jann Stovold
in charge of
braai'ing**



**Trevor and
Sue Douglas
enjoying the
evening.**



7 Hours of Prayer for the Nation at Toti



Denise Kenton preparing to pray.

Toti joins in "PRAYER for the NATION"

Saturday 21st March – We set aside and spent 7 hours [0800 to 1500] in which time folks prayed both from their homes and in the Church, praying for:

- i. God to intervene in our National Affairs
- ii. The transformation of our Society
- iii. A turning to Christ.
- iv. A people who are called by His name who will humble ourselves and pray.
- v. Wisdom to lead our country in all government positions and departments
- vi. Biblical values and standards in all levels of our Society
- vii. Blessings on families
- viii. Christian freedom in our Society
- ix. Faithful preaching and teaching of the gospel of Christ Jesus
- x. More Christian leaders in government and the private sector.

A great BIG thanks to everyone in the congregation for your generous contribution on our Harvest Sunday, we have blessed many families.



April Birthdays

- 01st ~ Thembelihle Ndlovu
- 04th ~ Ron & Lottie Smith
Anniversary
- 08th ~ Thembekile Chonco
- 13th ~ Ntathu Chonco
- 18th ~ Paul Clark
- 18th ~ Petros Mhlongo
- 25th ~ Sally Clark
- 28th ~ Joan Pienaar

FINANCE

Income for February 2015: R47, 321
 Tithing & Plate R25, 355 (Incl)
 Expenditure for February 2015: R32, 444
 All expenses have been paid.

1 Timothy 6:8

“Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into this world, and we can’t take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.”

Forthcoming Events : April 2015

**Friday, 3rd
Sunday, 5th**

**Good Friday
Easter**

**08:30 Service
08:30 Service and Communion**

CHURCH INFORMATION

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CHURCH BANKING DETAILS

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 Branch Code: 130-826
 Current Acc No. 1304 1344 90
 [Cheque Acc]
God bless you as you seek to honour Him through generosity.



Calendar
APRIL 2015

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Thu, 02		18:30 Worship Practice
Fri, 03	Good Friday 08:30 Service	
Sun, 05	Easter Sunday 08:30 Service Communion	18:00 Praise & Worship
Thu, 09		18:30 Worship Practice
Sun, 12	08:30 Service	18:00 Praise & Worship
Wed, 15		W.F. Committee Meeting 18:00 Board Meeting
Thu, 16		18:30 Worship Practice
Sun, 19	08:30 Service	18:00 Praise & Worship
Tue, 21	09:00 Women's Fellowship in the Hall	
Thu, 23		18:30 Worship Practice
Sun, 26	08:30 Service. Session Meeting in Rev Boet's office	
Wed, 29		14:00 Poinsettia Tea
Thu, 30	08:30 Service	18:30 Worship Practice

Women's Fellowship
 Our Theme for 2015
 "Count Your blessings"

Women's Fellowship News

Hi Folks,

President Denise Kenton welcomed everyone to our March meeting and opened in prayer. We were very pleased to welcome Liz Heuer as our newest member and we wish her a long and happy time of fellowship with us. Devotions were led by Ivers Oldfield.

As our meeting fell on St. Patrick's Day we all wore something green to mark the occasion. It was wonderful to see such a dazzling array of the many shades of green.

We had two "Birthday Girls" in March – Audrey Martens celebrated her birthday on the 8th and Dawn Hillan on the 24th.

Gift Tags are still available at the back of the church at a cost of R2.00 each. Your support is much appreciated.

Women's Fellowship members gathered in the Church Hall to make palm crosses on Friday, 27th March.

Members are reminded to bring something for our "Bring and Buy" table for the April Meeting and on-going, if possible to help swell our funds.

Our guest speaker was Marie Bowker who spoke to us about her trip to Israel. Marie gave a very inspiring talk and as she spoke, we felt that we were being carried along with her as she journeyed through Israel. Marie described her trip as being a very spiritual and moving experience.

Duties for April Meeting:

Tea: Linda Clark & Dawn Dippenaar

Devotions: Nell Tissink.

God Bless,

Esther Drennan.

Secretary: Women's Fellowship