



Coffee & Tea

Please join us downstairs
after the service for fellowship!

ALIGNMENT

Falling in line with God's plans

COME AND PRAY: TUESDAYS, 9AM



The Grace Team

Our next meeting has been postponed to
Tuesday 9th July
(ie there won't be a meeting this week!)

For more info, please contact Hilary (083 216 4744)



Winter Warmth

*Please help us help others
through the cold wet weather!*

Donations of blankets and warm
clothing are always needed.

Wool donations - be it new or leftover balls of
wool - will be much appreciated and be put to
good use!

We encourage everyone to help by
knitting / crocheting squares, scarves,
beanies, gloves, blankets...



**Items can be dropped off at the church on
Sunday mornings or during our office hours
during the week. Thank you!**

BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Monday: Triumph! – 2 Corinthians 2:12-17

The image Paul has in mind is of the army, returning from the conquest of an enemy territory, marching through the streets of Rome in triumph. At the centre of the march would be the army general riding in his chariot leading his troops. Immediately in front of him would be the priests burning incense. In this way, he is painting a picture of Jesus' ultimate victory over the devil. He envisages Christian believers as part of the triumphal march both as those who have been 'captured' by Christ as well as priests who spread the 'aroma' of God's message of salvation.

Tuesday: Open Letter – 2 Corinthians 3:1-3

It was common practice in the ancient world that if someone was being sent out on a new task they would carry letters of recommendation to introduce themselves. Paul himself had carried such letters when he had set out to destroy the church in Damascus before his conversion. Now he has no need of such letters because the Corinthians themselves, by the lives they lead, are his recommendation. It's a challenging thought that we too are an open letter of recommendation for Jesus. What do others 'read' about him in our lives?

Wednesday: Glory! – 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Paul draws a comparison between the original covenant between God and His people which was, in essence the Ten Commandments written on stone tablets and the new covenant written in the blood of Jesus. He recalls that when Moses returned from the mountain top after being with God his face shone with such splendour no-one could look at him. (Exodus 34:30) If that had been the glory of the old covenant, which Jesus had effectively replaced, how much more glorious is the gospel of salvation which brings eternal life.



Thursday: Remove the Veil – 2 Corinthians 3:12-18

Paul continues the thought of Moses' reflected glory. He had taken to wearing a veil so the people could look at him. But then he builds on this thought with the image of the people continuing to see through a veil which prevents them from seeing the real truth and glory of Jesus. We too can be 'blinded' by veils of prejudice and ignorance – we see only what we want to see. We can also erect a veil between God and ourselves through our disobedience. If we remove our 'veils' we too can begin to reflect the glory of our Lord.

Friday: Take Heart! – 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Paul is well aware of the critics who continue to malign his efforts, accusing him of lies and deception. We have probably all been misunderstood at one time or another when we have spoken of our faith – it's nice to know we're not alone! He recognises that this, as well as the 'blindness' of unbelievers is the work of the devil (god of this age). He encourages us to remain faithful and continue to reflect the glory of God which is seen in Jesus.

Saturday: Never alone! – 2 Corinthians 4:7-15

I'm sure most of us can recognise Paul's description of the believer's life. We may often feel the walls of outside pressures pressing in on us, but there is always a way out spiritually into the presence of God. Other people may deride and discredit us but God never will. We may become frustrated by circumstances and find ourselves at wits end, but there is always our hope in Jesus to fall back on. We may be knocked down from time to time but, in Christ, we need never be knocked out. The truth of the gospel is that from time to time we will be called upon to suffer as Christ suffered for us. But we need never be alone and never be without hope.



If anyone has, or knows the whereabouts of, this goblet-shaped vase, please contact Cookie (082 431 0346) or drop it off at the church office! Thank you!

CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays:

Kate Mkandawire 9th
 Jenilee Mosdell 9th
 Maureen Pezaro 10th
 Harry Millson 11th
 Jake Phillips 11th
 Vinnie Nkhwazi 12th
 Zanna Mutch 13th
 Terry Sharman 14th
 Mary Yoell 14th
 Hennie Nel 15th
 Judi Slade 15th



This week we pray for our following church members and their families:

Haylett & Margaret Landman
Diana Le Roux
Sylvia Leslie
Surette Louw
Denise Macdonald
Wendy Mackenzie

Praying for each other



PRAYER REQUESTS

Should you wish to join our prayer ministry and be a part of our prayer chain, or if you have a personal prayer request, please contact either

Revd Paul Mosdell 084 523 5352
 or Pat Munro 079 525 2189



WEEKLY SERVICES

Worship Services

Sunday mornings at 08h30
 Everyone welcome!

Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 08h30
 During local school terms
 All ages are welcome!

Contact Anneke May: 073 192 3709

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GIVING

Donations, offerings, tithes and planned giving can be deposited into our church bank account and referenced as such.

If donating toward a specific project or purpose, please reference your donation accordingly.



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BANK DETAILS

St Francis United Church
 Standard Bank,
 Branch (050015)
 Current Account 288098684



ST FRANCIS UNITED CHURCH

9 June 2024

WELCOME

A warm welcome, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to all who are joining us in worship today.

If you are new to our church and would like to become a member, please fill out a fellowship form available in the foyer.

Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-22
 Matthew 7:7-20

Please feel free to contact us!

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