



Coffee & Tea

Please join us downstairs after the service for coffee, tea and fellowship!

FAITH FOR DAILY LIVING

The daily devotion booklets for **Mar/Apr** are available in the foyer for a donation



ALIGNMENT PRAYERS

Falling in line with God's plans

**COME AND PRAY WITH US:
TUESDAYS, 9AM**



Needed!

We are appealing for takkies / track / tennis shoes to donate to a tennis outreach for teenage boys and girls between the ages of 12 & 15. If you have any to part with, please drop them off at church during open hours.

For more info, please contact Clare Millson (073 221 5524)

BIBLE STUDY NOTES



Monday: Wretched Man! – Romans 7:14-25

I'm sure we've all felt like Paul at one time or another. The good things he was determined to do somehow got overwhelmed by the things he knew he shouldn't be doing. It was as though there were two persons living in one body. What it clearly shows us is that knowledge of right and wrong and our human determination are not enough. Trying to follow a moral code will, of itself, not give us the strength to resist sin and temptation. The only way to achieve any success in overcoming our sinful nature is through the power of the Spirit.

Tuesday: Identified Righteous – Romans 8:1-4

This is another difficult passage! In last Monday's study we saw how, in Jewish culture, a man's identity was inextricably tied to that of his family and the nation. Therefore, because Adam sinned all mankind was deemed to be sinful. Paul now brings the counter-argument to that thought. Because Jesus came to earth, fully human, and lived a life of complete obedience to the Law, those who believe in him are now characterised by his righteousness. Men and women of faith are saved because, although they were once identified with Adam's sin, they are now identified with Jesus' righteousness.

Wednesday: Where are You Headed? – Romans 8:5-11

Paul contrasts two lifestyles. A life dominated by the sinful nature and one that is governed by the Spirit. The sinful nature is antagonistic to God and leads to inevitable spiritual death. Whereas the Spirit-filled life leads to peace and eternal life. The evidence of a life pleasing to God is one in which the Spirit of God 'lives'. Remember last Tuesday's analogy. Just as we physically live in the air and draw that air into our lungs to maintain life, so we live in the presence of God and, thru' faith, we 'breathe in' the Spirit of life.

Thursday: Adopted! – Romans 8:12-17

Here we encounter another of Paul's great metaphor's – adoption. When we give our lives to Jesus, we are adopted into God's family. This idea had several important implications in Jewish Law. Firstly, everything of the adoptee's old life would be deemed null and void. The adoptee would then gain all the rights of a legitimate heir in the new family and was regarded as having started a brand-new life! Every believer is divinely adopted and the Holy Spirit is the confirmation of our adoption.

Friday: A New Creation – Romans 8:18-25

Back to earth with a bang! Paul recognises that the things he has been describing are not presently evident. In fact, Nature is itself cursed as a result of man's sin (Genesis 3:17) and is therefore also 'looking forward' to the coming glory. But that glory should be anticipated with eager hope. Although the Christian lives in a world of sin, he or she also 'lives in Christ' and should be looking forward enthusiastically to a new life of love and freedom.

Saturday: Teach Us to Pray – Rom 8:26-27

Paul tells us what we already know – we don't know what to pray for! But the Holy Spirit can come to our aid. There are two reasons we are in this plight. Firstly, we do not know the future – therefore we could pray for something that could eventually be to our detriment. Secondly, we have no real idea of what is ultimately for our benefit. For these reasons, God often has to ignore our request or, in fact, do something that seems wrong to us, but is for our eventual good.

'Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.'

Psalm 46:10

Celebrations!

Birthdays:

Craig Northwood 10th
Portia Nyirenda 10th
Trevor Kitson 11th
Leon Ruijgrok 14th
Joshua Nkhata 15th
Peet Vermaak 15th

Anniversary:

Gerald & Bev Phillips 9th



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

Peet & Cody Kemp
Leon Ruijgrok & Dot Ker-Fox
Trevor & Cookie Kitson
Darwin & Tiwonge Kondowe
Francis & Catherine Kondowe
Peter & Kathy Kopke

Praying for each other



Prayer Requests

If you have a personal prayer request,
please contact either

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



**Should you wish to join our prayer ministry
please contact either Rev Paul or Pat Munro**

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.



BANK DETAILS

St Francis United Church
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Branch (050015)
Current Account 288098684



ST FRANCIS UNITED CHURCH

9 March 2025

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.

+ *First Sunday of Lent*

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Luke 4:1-13

Please feel free to contact us!

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