

Prayer Ministry

Please come forward as others leave the hall if you would like someone to pray with you



Coffee & Tea

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



Walking Together

through the spring flowers at the Airpark

Sunday 27th September

Meeting at the western gate off the main Cape St Francis Road at 3pm
– **weather permitting**

For more info, contact Clare Millson (073 221 5524) or Colleen Smith (082 673 3754)

*“Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.”*

Psalm 25:5



ALIGNMENT PRAYERS

Falling in line with God's plans

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



BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Monday: Ways not Words! – 1 Peter 3:1-7

Peter describes how a wife's faith should be reflected within her marriage, especially when her husband does not share her belief. He lays emphasis, not on what she says, but rather on her conduct and character: respect, purity and a 'gentle and quiet spirit'. This does not mean that a Christian wife should be weak or voiceless, but rather that she should display an inner Spirit-led strength and beauty. He also reminds husbands that their wives are to be treated with honour. Christian marriage should always be recognised by mutual dignity and understanding. The people closest to us should always experience God's grace through us.

Tuesday: A Different Way! – 1 Peter 3:8-12

Every truly Christian community should be marked by harmony, sympathy, compassion, love and humility. But, over and above that, Peter expresses some practical instructions that may not always come so easily: Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing. Often our natural instinct when someone hurts us, is to inflict them with a similar hurt. But as believers we are called to break that cycle. However, blessing does not mean simply pretending that the wrong meant nothing. It means refusing to allow the other person's behaviour to determine our own response. Christ has given us a different way – forgiveness and love.

Wednesday: What is our Hope? – 1 Peter 3:13-17

It's sometimes hard to take when we are criticised or harshly treated for doing what we know to be right. Peter's encouragement is not to avoid such situations but rather to have confidence in the presence of Christ. We should also be ready to explain the eternal hope we possess whenever the opportunity arises – but to do so with gentleness and respect. Our witness to our faith is not about winning arguments. It's about calmly and lovingly explaining the hope that sustains us. Have you ever taken time out to consider what you understand by the 'hope' that we have in Christ?



Thursday: Conquerors! – 1 Peter 2:18-22

This is a difficult passage, however its central message is clear: Christ suffered, died and was raised in victory. Peter wants all believers who are experiencing anguish and suffering to understand that just as Jesus' apparent 'defeat' on the cross became the triumph of his resurrection, so our difficulties will result in ultimate victory. Our Christian hope does not depend on everything going well in the present. Rather, it rests on the decisive and complete victory of our risen Lord. Whatever darkness we may encounter, we know that darkness does not have the final word. Christ has conquered death and, through him, so can we!

Friday: Life's Changed! – 1 Peter 4:1-6

Peter urges believers to make a decisive break with their former way of life, and to recognise that their priorities have changed. Their primary motive is now to seek, above all, the will of God. Old habits and old relationships may continue to exert a powerful pull, and following Christ will inevitably involve making choices about what we will and will not allow to shape our lives. We can no longer live to satisfy our every desire. Now we should live with the awareness that our choices have an eternal significance.

Saturday: The End is Near! – 1 Peter 4:7-11

Peter tells his readers that "the end of all things is near." But rather than becoming obsessed with predicting when that will be, Christians are to live faithfully in the present. Our love is to be generous; our hospitality should be offered without grumbling; and we should 'gift' others with our service. These simple things may seem small, but they become significant when offered in Jesus' name. Let us prepare for Christ's coming by faithfully serving him today.

Birthdays!

Yolanda Codling 28th

Salita Nyirenda 1st October

Paula Milne 2nd



Anniversaries!

Ivan & Desiree Wood 27th

Graham & Caroline Matthysen 28th

Deon & Sandra Marais 2nd October



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

Brian & Janet Hibbert

Ralph & Viki Hilligan

Senzeni Hleza

Oliver & Cecil Holmes

Bill & Gwen Hughes

Shirley Hunter



**Praying for
each other**

SUPPORT GROUPS

at **St Francis United Church**, downstairs hall

Alcoholics Anonymous - Tuesdays at 17h30

Family and Friends of Addicts & Alcoholics - Last Thursday of each month at 16h30

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: Louise Ackerman 082-722-0402

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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
Standard Bank,
Branch (050015)
Current Account 288098684



ST FRANCIS UNITED CHURCH

27 September 2026

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.

Preaching Today: Rev Paul Mosdell

Scripture Readings:

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

Our Vision

*We are committed to seeing God glorified
in the greater St Francis community
through all people coming into a personal relationship
with Jesus and being empowered by the Holy Spirit
for His service.*

Minister in Charge: Rev Paul Mosdell