

Prayer Ministry

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



*Walking
Together*
*through the spring
flowers at the Airpark*
This Sunday afternoon

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)

"The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes."

Psalms 19:7-8



ALIGNMENT PRAYERS

Falling in line with God's plans

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



BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Mon: Sharing in His Suffering! – 1 Peter 4:12-19

We should never be tempted to jump to the conclusion that something has gone very wrong when we experience hardship or suffering for our faith. Peter describes this as an opportunity to share in Christ's sufferings. Of course, this does not mean seeking out anguish or necessarily enjoying such hardship. Rather, it means recognising that following Jesus can sometimes be costly. Peter's advice is to continue doing good and entrust the situation to God. When we cannot control circumstances, we can still trust the One who can. Faithfulness does not guarantee an easy life, but it gives us somewhere to find peace and security when adversity comes.

Tuesday: Lead by Example! – 1 Peter 5:1-4

The image Peter uses to address church leaders is one that is common throughout scripture: a shepherd caring for a flock. Unlike the worldly example of leadership, Christian governance is not about power, status or personal advantage. Leaders are called to serve willingly, eagerly and by example. Our ultimate shepherd is Christ, and all leaders serve under him. This principle extends beyond church leadership. Anyone entrusted with caring or influencing others has an opportunity to reflect Christ's shepherding character. People are more likely to follow an example than a commanding voice. Who has God entrusted to your care or influence, even in a small way?

Wednesday: Cast your Cares! – 1 Peter 5:5-7

Peter equates two qualities that belong together: humility and trust. Our pride tells us that we should accept responsibility and try to manage everything ourselves. On the other hand, humility recognises that we need God. In the same way anxiety often comes when we try to carry burdens that were never meant to be carried alone. Peter does not make light of our concerns and worries. But, he tells us to give them to the God who cares. The God who rules the universe cares for each one of His children. Is there a burden you need to place into God's hands today?



Thursday: Never Panic – 1 Peter 5:8-11

There can be few more powerful analogies to describe the devil: a lion quietly prowling, looking for prey to devour! That's the spiritual danger that faces each and every one of us at one time or another. Peter's answer is vigilance, not panic! We are called to resist evil by standing firm in our faith, knowing that there are millions of believers throughout the world who are experiencing similar struggles. Even more importantly, we should know that suffering is not the end of the story. Our God, in His boundless grace, will restore, strengthen and establish all those who trust him. We may sometimes feel fragile, but our security ultimately rests, not in our own strength, but in God's almighty power.

Friday: Stand Firm! – 1 Peter 5:12-14

This letter closes with a simple but powerful message of encouragement: "Stand firm!" That is the message that runs throughout the whole letter. Christians may face trials, uncertainty, rejection and suffering, but they should never feel abandoned. God's grace is always sufficient. Peter has spoken about hope, holiness, suffering, relationships, service and perseverance, but the foundation of all these is His grace. We do not stand because we are naturally strong. We can stand because God is faithful. The Christian life is not a journey towards self-reliance. It is a journey in which we learn lesson-by-lesson to depend more and more on His faithfulness and grace.

Saturday: Remember! – Psalm 77:11-12

One of the important themes of the Old Testament is God's instruction to His people to look back and recognise the many ways in which He has guided and sustained them. It's a lesson to all of us. As we complete this study of Peter's first letter, let's take a few moments to look back and consider in what ways we have experienced His love, His grace and His sustaining power.

Birthdays!

Gerald Phillips 5th
Cadence Marais 6th
Shona Marais 7th
Rory Nel 7th
Kerry Tudhope 8th
Engela Fourie 9th
Margaret Butland 10th
Joey Ellis 10th



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

Allan & Bernice Impey
Ronel Jamaar
Coleen Jepson
Margaret Job
Richard & Minette Johnson
Mark & Madalyn Johnston



**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

4 October 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 Reading:
Matthew 21:33-46

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