



THE SCC TIMES

Dear SCC Family,

Recently, we were reminded of the call for Jesus' followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matt 5:13-16). Over Easter, we were reminded of God's grace in overcoming sin and its consequences through the death and resurrection of Jesus. It's this life-changing gospel message that we are to live out (as salt) and proclaim (as light). That's exactly what Jesus commanded His disciples following His resurrection:

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

Post His resurrection, Jesus' followers have a new MISSION. The kingdom of God comes through the proclamation of the gospel as His followers witness to Him – testifying to His work on the cross paying for sin and securing forgiveness, and to His resurrection from the grave overcoming death and providing eternal life. Those disciples are to be the first witnesses – that is their new mission on earth. But it is the mission of every subsequent generation too – yours too, if you claim to be His follower.

At the heart of our witness, is a MESSAGE. Witnesses testify to what they've seen, heard and touched first hand. Their message is to proclaim the truth about Jesus, and to call people to repentance, forgiveness and faith in His name. The message has not changed – it is still the message we proclaim as those who heard and believed. There can be no other message apart from this ... this is the gospel!

Our mission is God-given and the MEANS to fulfil it is God-Himself. That's why Jesus tells them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for the Spirit (1:4-5) ... witnessing is a spiritual calling not just a physical one. The growth of the Kingdom lies not just in the Word of Jesus but in the power of the Holy Spirit – He'll give them the words & the ability, the boldness & the courage. They will receive the power of God to fulfil the purpose of God – and so will you if you step out in faith to witness.

We need God's power given the MAGNITUDE of the mission. The true people of God are not only found in a geographical country called Israel but come from every nation, tribe & tongue. Hence, they must witness *in Jerusalem, Judea & Samaria and to the ends of the earth*. The magnitude of the mission is much bigger than they imagined. We too must have a large, magnanimous view of our global mission – we are to witness to Constantiaberg, Southern Suburbs, South Africa, Africa and the world!

Now is the time for kingdom growth through the witness of Spirit-filled men and women of God who, themselves, are trusting Jesus and following Him faithfully. May the Easter season we've just remembered, motivate you to be on mission in your families, neighbourhoods and spheres of influence. May God embolden you accordingly.

Yours in Christ, Luke

BIRTHDAYS in APRIL Edition 10

- 1 April: Justine Stewart
- 1 April: Josh Giles
- 2 April: Paige Cronje
- 3 April: Lika Odendaal
- 4 April: Jess Schacht
- 5 April: Claude Dennis
- 6 April: Des Inglesby
- 7 April: Roald Besselaar
- 9 April: Jenny Inglesby
- 9 April: Cruz Jeppe
- 12 April: Luné Odendaal
- 14 April: Penny Gill
- 19 April: Simon Pooler
- 23 April: Ingrid Peters
- 28 April: Carah Mulligan
- 29 April: Dave Lumby

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 April
Duncan & Paula Snyman
- 8 April
David & Tiffany Venter
- 14 April
Scott & Penny Gill
- 17 April
Leigh & Kyla-Rei Mulligan
- 20 April
Paul & Desiree Joubert
- 27 April
Mike & Ursula Morris



UPCOMING Dates for your Diary

- 06 April** - TWELVE23 (Young Adults Fellowship)
- 10 April** - Prayer Meeting at 19:30 (venue tbc)
- 14 April** - SCC Hike - (Contact Debra Lumby - 072 016 5511)
- 15 April** - Council Meeting (venue tbc)
- 20 April** - Ladies Games Afternoon
- 21 April** - Kids Leaders (Bible Tots) Meeting
- 28 April** - Kids Leaders (Gr R - 3) Meeting
- 28 April** - SCC Hike
- 04 May** - Men's Fellowship
- 04 May** - TWELVE23 (Young Adults Fellowship)
- 05 May** - SCC Hike

"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where He lay". Matthew 28: 6



CONSECRATION Ceremony of Rev. Dr. Siegfried Ngubane

The Consecration and Installation Ceremony of The Most Rev. Dr. Siegfried Ngubane as the new Presiding Bishop of REACH-SA was nothing short of monumental!

With over 500 people gathered, including 13 distinguished visitors from beyond South Africa's borders, representing 8 countries, the ceremony was a vibrant tapestry of unity and diversity. The Rev. Stephen Kaziimba, Archbishop of Uganda, delivered an inspiring sermon that stirred people's hearts.



“if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

Please Pray:

Thanksgiving:

- Opportunities for personal growth and learning.
- Interim church venue provided by SIM.
- Successful completion of the two Explore Course Modules.
- The #Run4Wheels Fundraiser.
- Discipleship opportunities that we have been given in our ministry here.

Prayer Requests:

- The unbelieving young man whom Michael is meeting with weekly.
- Explore students writing exams in June.
- A suitable (and affordable) venue for CCL.
- The weekly Growth Groups for consistency and spiritual growth.
- That the #Run4Wheels fundraiser will be successful and that we will be able to get a vehicle soon.

NEWS From Our Mission Partners:

Michael & Renee Watson



Greetings from a rainy and cool Lusaka!

We are currently supposed to be in the midst of Zambia’s rainy season but for weeks now it has been dry and hot with no rain, but God has answered the prayers of the people of Zambia after a rather long dry spell. On Sunday, Michael and I decided to go camping. Monday night, while we were out there in our tents, the floodgates of heaven opened and it has been rainy since then.

On Sunday afternoon we finally concluded the membership classes for Christ Church Lusaka. During February we had two very significant classes on two consecutive Sundays after church. The classes were hosted at our house after a very delicious fellowship lunch prepared by our ladies. This past Sunday we had a record of over 40 people in our home for the meal and final membership class.



The children’s ministry has been growing and the ministry team is thriving.

Michael has also recently started giving guitar lessons to two teenage boys and a young man in the church (Moses, Gift, and Njovu). These young men have a desire to learn guitar and will hopefully one day be able to help with leading the church worship. While the lessons are teaching them a skill, it also serves to build relationship with the young men. Michael sees this as an opportunity for discipleship and ministry to the youth. We pray that God will work through these lessons to draw these young men to himself.

One of the most rewarding ministries that we are involved with is our one-to-one meetings with people. These meetings could be discipleship or evangelistic meetings. Often they are weekly scheduled meetings while on occasion they are timeously arranged by God. One such a God-ordained encounter happened while Michael was out playing volleyball like he does on a weekly basis (whenever possible).



One evening a conversation started up between Michael and another volleyball player (we will call him ‘John’) after a game. John heard Michael relaying to a friend that he had recently been ordained. John asked about what ordination was and when he understood that Michael was a pastor he eagerly said, “I need to talk to you about something!” Michael arranged to meet with him for coffee and they talked. John was angry with God. He felt that he had been doing so many things to please God but God wasn’t giving him success in his life and business. His expectation was that God was like a genie that will give him what he wants when he does a few good things.

Michael challenged those ideas and took the opportunity to share the gospel with John. The surprising thing was that John had never heard the gospel like this before despite having been to church. The idea that no amount of good works would be able to save him and that salvation is through the work of Christ on the cross alone seemed foreign to him. He was surprised to hear that God isn’t there to grant your wishes but rather to save you from your sin and bless us with eternal life with him. I don’t know if that’s what he wanted to hear but he was definitely given much food for thought.



Thank you for your prayers and financial partnership for the Gospel. We do not take it for granted and we are grateful that you give so that we can be here in Lusaka to serve where God has called us. May God continue to bless you!

GETTING TO KNOW our SCC Family SPOTLIGHT on HANNAH WYATT



TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

I am one of 6 children - My oldest sister is 27 and my youngest 7. My three oldest siblings live overseas; in Brazil, Florida and Washington State. My Mom and two younger siblings stay in Cape Town with me. I also have the sweetest niece and nephew!

TELL US ABOUT YOUR CAREER AND WHERE YOU CURRENTLY WORK?

I am working part time in Childrens ministry right here at SCC. I also au pair, housesit and co-own a photography business.

WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR SPARE TIME, ANY HOBBIES OR INTERESTS?

I love to be outdoors - hiking, seeing friends and drinking milkshakes. I have also recently taken up crocheting and I am working on a blanket (it's going to take a while!) In my spare time I'm often reading or tinkering on some project I have on the go.

WHAT MINISTRY ARE YOU INVOLVED IN AT SCC?

I am mainly involved with the children on a Friday and Sunday. I also attend a Thursday Bible Study and TWELVE23. It has also been a blessing to join the prayer meeting on a Sunday morning.

TELL US BRIEFLY HOW YOU BECAME A CHRISTIAN?

I grew up in a Christian home, but though I heard God's truth it didn't mean much to me until one Sunday during communion. Hearing God's word explained again, God softened my heart and I repented of living my way and turned to Him. Since then it has been an uphill journey, but by his grace, and many special people in my life, God has kept and grown me; and he is still at work.

CAN YOU RECOMMEND A GOOD BOOK AND/OR MOVIE?

I love the Narnia series.

WHAT MUSIC DO YOU ENJOY LISTENING TO?

I have such a wide variety of music favourites so it is hard to pick, so two good ones are: "My worth is not in what I own" by Keith and Kristyn Getty and "American Pie" by Don McLean.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

My Grandad's olives.

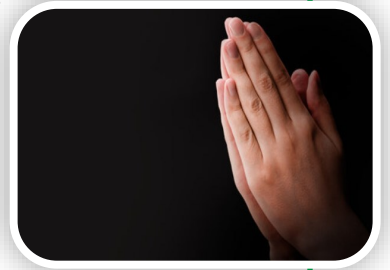
WHAT IS YOUR DREAM HOLIDAY DESTINATION?

Probably a quiet cabin somewhere or anywhere with few people and lots of nature.



MATTERS for Prayer

- Give thanks for Easter and the reminder that God has graciously dealt with our sin and its consequences through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ...paying the penalty, securing forgiveness, conquering death and providing eternal life through Him...pray that some will have come to know Jesus as Lord for the first time this Easter.
- Pray for the upcoming Annual Vestry meeting later this term....and for the election of new wardens and council members. Pray that God will raise up the right people to lead SCC going forward into the next season.
- Pray for our church finances and the generosity of our people to ensure ongoing support for our ministries, missions, partnerships and operating expenses.
- Pray for the ongoing discussions about a long term venue for SCC to facilitate ministry activities and future growth.



“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” John 3: 16

CHURCH Finances

	Income	Expenditure	Surplus
January	128,670	(133,608)	(4,938)
February	99,045	(136,690)	(R37,646)
February year-to-date - 2024	227,715	(270,298)	(R42,584)

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“He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed” 1 Peter 2:24