



# THE SCC TIMES

Dear SCC Family,

Our recent sermons have challenged us to reflect on our worship of God, both individually and collectively. To ensure that, at every level, our worship of God is responsive to His gracious love for us (revealed through Jesus) and is sincere (of the heart). In worship, we must honour God with reverence and awe as He rightly deserves. Take a moment to Consider Colossians 3 v 16:

***Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, through psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing to God with thankfulness in your hearts.***

Although it has wider implications, it sets some parameters for proper worship within the church. **Worship must be “by the Book.”** All we do must be consistent with the Bible! The Word must saturate our gatherings. It’s not just that we must be in the Word, but that Christ’s Word must be in us. Through His Word, our gatherings remain Christ-centred and Christ-focussed; and through which the Holy Spirit makes us more Christ-like. Hence, whatever we do in worship, we must be able to support and defend from the Scriptures.

**Our worship must be in community.** While all of life is worship, worship is richer together! “Some believe that because God is everywhere, they can worship God just as well at home ... but, home alone, they will miss out on the communal dimensions of faith – the encouraging friendships and the teaching in the church that help us unlearn harmful habits of sin and develop holy ones” (David Garland). We must be together *to teach and admonish one another*. We cannot worship effectively if we are not in community together.

**Our worship is, in part, through song.** Singing is an important part of worship. God is, of course, both the object of our singing – *to God* – and the subject of our singing – *through psalms, hymns and spiritual songs*. Our singing will reflect different forms and genres, to reflect a depth worthy of the One we sing to and sing about. As we sing to Him, so we encourage one another because our singing teaches God’s Word in a way that glorifies God’s name and grows God’s people.

**Our worship expresses gratitude.** Worship flows when hearts are thankful, delighting and rejoicing in Jesus – “God has broken into our sorrowful state and bestowed upon us such a glorious destiny that it should evoke a joyous thrill.” Our gatherings must be a place where thankfulness abounds, finding expression in listening to God, loving God and praising God wholeheartedly. Sometimes, in our thankfulness, we’ll be overcome with tears; sometimes stunned to silence; other times we’ll be moved to sing with all our heart, proclaiming God’s goodness from the roof-tops!

So, when we gather, let’s worship neither as consumers pursuing our own self-interests; nor as concert-goers to be entertained, but as the community of believers proclaiming the excellences of our God every time we meet!

Yours in Him, Luke

## BIRTHDAYS in NOVEMBER # Edition 15

- 03 November: Aimee James
- 05 November: Ellie Peters
- 13 November: Lisa-Claire Dowdle
- 15 November: Erin O’Carroll
- 21 November: Juliet Lubbe
- 23 November: Madeleine Odendaal
- 24 November: Adaya Morris
- 25 November: Mandy Theron
- 26 November: Sheldon Cairns
- 29 November: Niki Giles
- 29 November: Sarah Lumby

## WEDDING Anniversaries

- 4 November  
Chip & Kath Malan
- 12 November  
Dale & Ilhaam Smith
- 18 November  
Ross & Vanessa Pickford  
Brian & Werna Nel
- 28 November  
Bruce & Janine Heyns
- 30 November  
Simon & Bex Pooler



### UPCOMING Dates for your Diary

- 02 November - Cutting Edge Youth Rally
- 03 November - Kids Leaders (Gr R - 6) Meeting
- 04 November - Kids & Youth Leaders Meeting
- 11 November - Cape Area Council (REACH-SA)
- 17 November - Teen Leaders (Gr 7 - 12) Meeting
- 18 November - Magnification Meeting (TBC)
- 24 November - TWELVE23 (Young Adults Fellowship)
- 25 November - Community Group Leaders
- 02 December - Council Meeting
- 04 December - Ladies Christmas Dinner
- 07 December - Men's Fellowship
- 08 December - Family Carol Service & Picnic at 18:00
- 13 - 18 December - Crossword Youth Camp
- 22 December - SCC Hike
- 24 December - SCC Christmas Service at 16:30

*"Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me". Psalm 86: vs 6 - 7*



### CUP CAKE Fundraiser for Cross Word Camp

The Youth got together on Saturday, 12 October to decorate cupcakes. They decorated over 220 cupcakes. There were some amazing creations.



On the Sunday morning the Youth sold the cupcakes along with soft serve ice cream after the morning service. We are happy to announce that SCC was super generous on donations and the funds raised amounted to: **R9,724.33**

**Thank you to everyone for your support**



### SCC Confirmation Service

On Sunday, 6 October Southern Cross Church (SCC) had the great joy of hosting a Confirmation Service, where eight of our teenagers publicly confessed their faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. This special occasion was witnessed by their church, families and friends who came to support and encourage them.

*Photo from left: James Burger, Christian Stewart, Hendré Odendaal, James Malan, Rev. Luke Giles, James Giles, Sarah Lumby, Luné Odendaal, Kayleigh Cronje, Bishop Siegfried Ngubane*

## NEWS From Our Mission Partners: St Luke's Church

*"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all"*

1 Corinthians 13: vs 14



### Getting to Know Emmanuel Mupfure, serving at St Luke's Rocklands in Mitchell's Plain



#### A Little Bit About Me...

I was born in Zimbabwe in 1998 and moved to South Africa in 2008 as a refugee. I've spent most of my life in Cape Town. By God's grace, a big part of that time has been dedicated to knowing and serving Jesus as my Lord and Saviour.

I gave my life to Christ during my first year of high school. It was at Trinity Mitchell's Plain, where I read the Bible and felt God revealing Himself to me through His word. Since then, I've never looked back.

#### Set Apart for Service

I jumped into serving at church in any way I could and by the time I was finished high school it was clear that no matter what career path I took, ministry was a must. In God's plan, I spent my gap year serving at Trinity Mitchell's Plain. The following year I enrolled at GWC for ministry training. Since I was passionate about working with kids, I started with the certificate program. I then felt a strong urge to dive deeper, so I went on to complete the Bachelor's degree and graduated in 2021.

After that I spent 2 years doing my Curacy at Trinity Mitchell's Plain while also connecting with Luke Giles (who was in Tokai at the time). And now, here I am! At the beginning of May, I started a new role as Assistant Minister at St Luke's Rocklands, working alongside Leonard Ritchie.

Now that I've joined the family, I'm excited about being part of the ongoing relationship with Southern Cross. My hope is to continue growing this relationship by making Christ known to the children's families and young people in Mitchell's Plain. Rocklands is definitely a challenging area, but like many places, it's also full of gospel opportunities. There are children, families and young men and women who are eager to receive the message.

#### Things to be Thankful for and Pray for:

- The fact that the church in Rocklands have people that are sympathetic to the challenges that are being faced in the community and are willing to engage and reach out with the gospel to their fellow neighbours.
- For the ministries that are being started and are ongoing.
- For God to open doors in homes, so that we may give them the gift of hope for eternal life, which is found only in Jesus.
- For our Holiday Club which we are collaborating with Rocklands Baptist to reach the community, so that we may engage the children with the gospel and give them hope in a broken community.



## GETTING TO KNOW our SCC Family SPOTLIGHT on DAVID VENTER

### TELL US A BIT ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

I am married to the prettiest graduate from UCT in 2004 - Tiffany (if you were wondering I took a very scientific poll) - and we have 3 kids Oli (12), Mitch (9) and Lucy (7).

### TELL US ABOUT YOUR CAREER ?

I head up the Milpark Education School of Financial Services. Our school offers undergraduate and post-graduate qualifications, all online.

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

In my spare time I love to spend time with my family and friends around a braai and or watching sport.

### WHAT MINISTRY ARE YOU INVOLVED IN AT SCC?

I am a co-leader of the Thursday night bible study which takes place at the Mulligan's home, I teach Sunday School for the Grade R-3 group and I am on the Church Council.

### TELL US BRIEFLY HOW YOU BECAME A CHRISTIAN?

I was raised by Christian bible believing parents, who did an admirable job raising me and my siblings with an understanding of the Bible. They were very diligent in taking their baptism promises - in relation to raising all of us seriously and ensured we were involved in the church community life as soon as they could. I recall making a commitment of faith as a young child at about 8 - while having a quiet time with my mom. When asked this question I am always weary of anyone assuming it was a straight forward story from there on of a perfect obedient teen to wonderful young adult to amazing husband. It has however been a story of God's grace in my life where he has held me in his hand from beginning to now.

### WHAT MOVIE DO YOU ENJOY WATCHING?

Rudy / Book One summer:  
America 1927 by Bill Bryson

### NAME A BAND/MUSIC YOU ENJOY LISTENING TO?

Literally everything except for classical

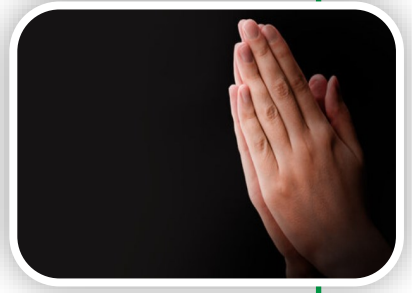
### WHAT'S YOUR DREAM HOLIDAY DESTINATION?

Most amazing place ever visited is Cappadocia ... I would like to go to Iceland one day.



## MATTERS for Prayer

- Pray for our ongoing commitment to love God wholeheartedly, to love people authentically and to love the Bible deeply...as we make mature disciples of Jesus in ever increasing number
- Give thanks for the recent meetings to plan for 2025 and beyond...pray that our plans will come to fruition and that our people will be served faithfully through them.
- Give thanks for the recent youth fundraiser and the generosity of our people enabling us to financially help send a number of our teens on Crossword Youth Camp '25 as well as sponsor five teens from St Luke's Church, Mitchells Plain.
- Pray for the newly established "Facilities Fund"... that, as people contribute to it, it will become a helpful resource to secure more suitable facilities, whether through renting a venue in the short term or purchasing our own property in the long-term.



*“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him and He helps me. My heart leaps for joy and with my song I praise Him”.*

*Psalm 28:7*

## CHURCH Finances

We are so grateful to God for your ongoing partnership as you give regularly towards our operating expenses, mission partnerships and special projects (both at SCC & further afield). Here's an update of our current financial situation:

	Income	Expenditure *	Surplus / (Deficit)
Jan to August 2024	1,252,576	(1,197,330)	55,246
September 2024	131,244	(160,520)	(29,276)
<b>Year to date</b>	<b>1,383,820</b>	<b>(1,357,850)</b>	<b>25,970</b>

\* our monthly anticipated expenditure is R157,500.00

**Please use the following ways to support gospel work in partnership with us.**

### Via EFT



Southern Cross Church  
072104791  
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Please reference deposits  
(e.g.: offerings, buildings, missions, etc.)

### Via SNAPSCAN



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