

The Weekly News



Dear Church Family,

We bring our series on the “cost of following Jesus” to its conclusion. We focus on the third man in the story, the imagery of “ploughing”, to learn how serving int the Kingdom of God requires dedication and commitment, not longingly “looking back” at a previous life. While this may be difficult and at times cause some grief, Jesus promises that ultimately, as we follow Him, we will receive joy.

Troy



This Week

FRI | 19 JUNE

Men on a Mission | 07:00 - 08:30 | Church Foyer (Every Friday)

A safe place for men to meet to grow in their faith; to share confidentially; and to care and support one another. The primary goal is to initiate and/or support mission projects within our own church community, as well as the Bitou areas.

Impact Youth Bible Study | 17:00 | Youth Chapel

For young people ages 13–18. A dynamic space to fellowship and grow a dynamic faith!

Impact Youth | 18:30 | Youth Chapel

A place to build friendships and grow in faith. Games, worship, and a short message.

SUN | 21 JUNE

Traditional Communion Service | 08:00 (Fathers Day)

Family Service | 09:30 (Fathers Day)

Youth Service | 09:30

Ignite Children's Church | 09:30

WED | 24 JUNE

Bible Study - Led By Claudia | 10:00 for 10:30 | Foyer (Theme: Biblical Hope)

Journey with us as we dive deeper into the good news of the gospel.

Prayer Group | 12 :00 - 13:00 | Sanctuary

STMC is open during these times as a peaceful place to pray whether quietly on your own or alongside others. We spend time praying for our church, our community, and God's work among us.

Contact Len Vlok: +27 72 373 0698

Young Adults | 18:30 | Youth Chapel

Join us on Wednesday evenings for our Young Adults Fellowship, led by Pastor Troy Rist. Open to ages 18–35, this is a space to build genuine friendships, grow in faith, and encounter God through His Word in a welcoming and uplifting atmosphere.

THUR | 25 JUNE

The Well | 10:00 - 12:00

Treat a friend to something special! See our Sales Table. We are selling some of our Challenge Drive goodies. Stay for coffee/tea and something yummy to eat. The Well is open every Thursday from 10–12pm
Contact Gloria: +27 72 3121 024

Women's Auxiliary Executive Meeting

Only in God there
is fullness of joy.

"You fill me with joy in your presence."

Psalm 16:11



LOOKING AHEAD

FRI – SUN | 26 – 28 JUNE

Family Camp

MON – FRI | 13 – 17 JULY

Holiday Club

Talent Drive

This is a friendly reminder that there is about 6 weeks left for the talent drive, so please be sure to do all you can for it in these last weeks, thank you.

Womens' Auxiliary

Please select the link below for the newest information.

<https://plettmethodist.co.za/about-us/our-organisations/womens-auxiliary/>

Duty Roster

Please select the link below for the newest information.

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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.



Galatians 5:22-23

WHEN PIECES OF YOUR HEART GROW COLD

**“Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold.”
— Matthew 24:12 (NIV)**

This scripture has been on my mind a lot lately.

When I look around, I see how easily people have become cold-hearted—quick to judge, slow to forgive, and often unwilling to show compassion. We know this is one of the signs of the times Jesus spoke about. Yet, as followers of Christ, we are not called to be defeated by it... we are called to guard our hearts.

**In the stillness of the night, a thought came to me:
What if our hearts don't grow cold all at once?**

What if it happens piece by piece?

**Maybe it begins with a small hurt we never fully surrender to God.
Then a disappointment we quietly carry.
A betrayal we struggle to forgive.
A moment where kindness feels too costly...**

And slowly, without even realizing it, a part of our heart becomes hardened.

**Not the whole heart—just a piece.
A corner.
A place we once felt deeply, but now protect carefully.**

And over time, those pieces add up.

Perhaps this is how even those who love and serve the Lord can find themselves becoming weary... guarded... and a little less tender than they once were.

**The danger is not always obvious.
It's subtle.**

**We still pray.
We still serve.
We still believe.**

**But something inside has shifted.
A warmth has faded in certain areas.
And unless we allow the Holy Spirit to reveal it, we may not even notice.**

**God never intended for our hearts to become stone.
His desire is that we remain soft, responsive, and full of His love—even in a world that grows colder by the day.**

So today's reflection is also a gentle invitation:

Ask the Lord to search your heart.

Are there pieces that have grown cold?

Areas where love has been replaced with indifference?

Places marked more by self-protection than by grace?

The good news is this—God specializes in restoring hearts.

He can warm what has grown cold.

He can soften what has hardened.

He can heal what has been wounded.

All He asks is that we bring every piece of our heart back to Him.

Let us not become people whose love fades with the world.

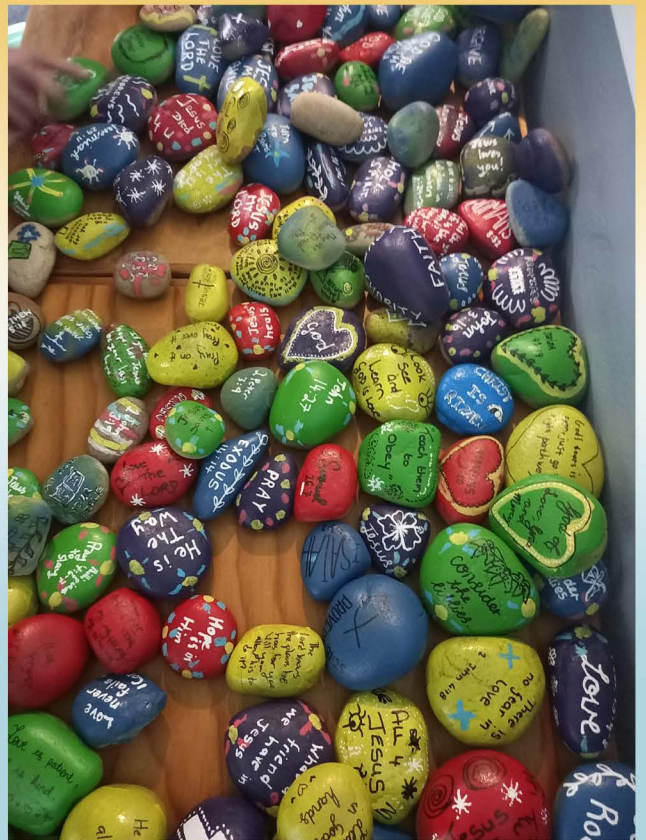
Instead, let us be people whose love endures, grows, and reflects Christ, no matter what we face.

Prayer

**Lord,
Search my heart and reveal any place that has grown cold.
Soften what has hardened and heal what has been hurt.
Teach me to love as You love—fully, freely, and faithfully.
Guard my heart from becoming like the world,
And fill me again with Your warmth and compassion.
Amen. his Weeks Focus)**



A person is crouching next to a large, colorful, abstract sculpture made of painted stones and plastic cups on a paved area. The sculpture is composed of numerous small, smooth stones and plastic cups, arranged in a large, irregular shape. The colors of the stones and cups include white, grey, red, yellow, green, and blue. The person is wearing a dark t-shirt and dark pants. The background shows a paved area with a yellow line and some greenery.



TALENT DRIVES STILL ONGOING

Beautiful Bird Watching | STMC

Join us at our Forest Bird Hide. We are serving coffee / tea and muffins in three one hour sessions every Wednesday. Mornings from 13th May till mid July. Times are 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00. All proceeds go toward our STMC community outreach projects. Four seats per session. R30 pp Kindly confirm bookings with Estelle at 083 4680818



Bobotie at The Well | STMC

We are pleased to announce that Bobotie is available for sale at The Well coffee shop every Thursday, @ R110.00 for two servings. Alternatively, you can place an order directly with Brenda Scott @ 082 894 7282 as part of our talent drive.



Guess the Cakes Weight | STMC

Give a donation and guess the weight of the cake for a chance to win it, on Sunday mornings at the Foyer. Eddie Connell will have a table and is waiting for you!



Religious Bookmarks & Small Potted Bonsai Looking Plants

These two items are being sold for R10 & R30 for the Talent Drive please contact Karen Macaskill for more information: karen@insidemanc.co.za

Handmade Scripture Encouragement Cards

Beautiful, laminated Scripture encouragement cards. Available in themed sets such as The Armour of God, with separate, age appropriate versions for adults, youth, and children. Designed as daily reminders of God's Word.

Price – R10 per card.

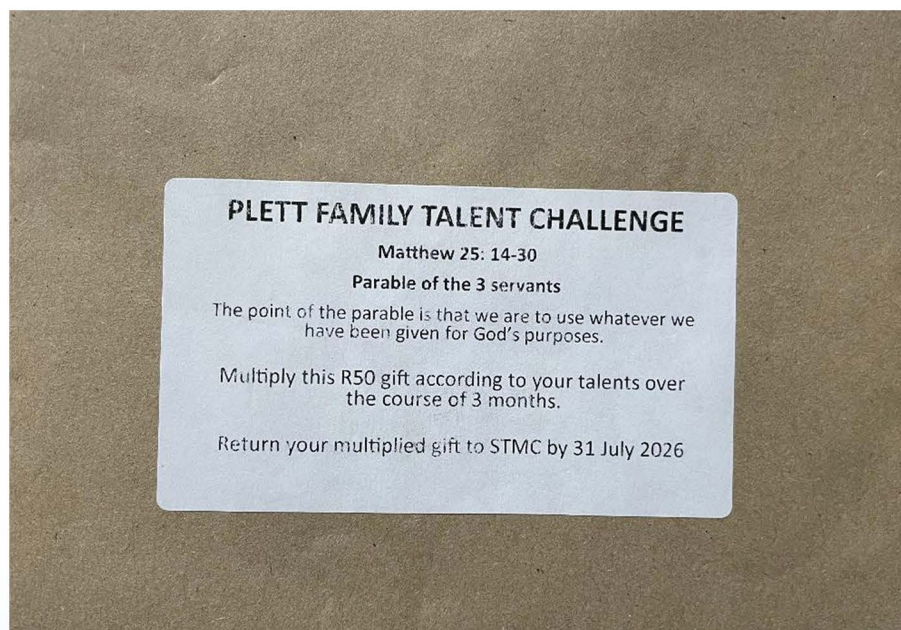
Contact: Cilla | 072 281 7159

Cakes/Treats After Sunday Services

A different member of the church will be selling cakes and treats each week by the coffee machine after the Sunday Services.

R50 TALENT DRIVE ENVELOPE

Hi everyone, there are some envelopes left if anyone still needs it for the Talent Drive.



Please get in touch with Mandy Mortimer and Cheryl De Bruyn, in order to book your stands. For planning purposes.

Thank you.

A festive Christmas market poster. The central text reads "FAMILY Festive CHRISTMAS MARKET". To the left is a circular badge saying "EVERYONE WELCOME!" with a heart. To the right is a circular badge saying "SHOP LOCAL SUPPORT COMMUNITY SHARE THE JOY" with a heart. Below the main title are icons for "UNIQUE GIFTS & HANDMADE CRAFTS", "FESTIVE TREATS & REFRESHMENTS", "LIVE MUSIC & CAROLS", and "KIDS' ACTIVITIES & GAMES". At the bottom, it says "15 DEC 2026 | 9am - 3pm | ST. THOMAS METHODIST | 1 MULLER ST, PLETT" and a banner at the very bottom reads "FAITH ♥ COMMUNITY ♥ HOPE ♥ LOVE".

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sunday to Sunday 21 June - 28 June

**Courtney Bradfield
Anne Louw
Ronelle Thomson
Andrew Pattison**

**Ron Meredith
Magriet Reddering
Attie Viljoen**

FAMILIES FOR PRAYER

Roy & Sanette Seaward

Rose Shearer

Priscilla Shearer

Joan Shepperson

Yvonne Slade

Mike Slater-Jones

Molly Smit

When you have a moment, please add a space in your prayers tonight for these people, Thank you.

SMALL GROUPS

Small groups provide a space for all members to share their experiences, encourage one another in faith, and deepen their understanding of the scriptures. Chat to Rev. Tim if you would like to join a group or have a question 082 463 9692

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NOTICES AND INFO

God's Book by Andrew Ollerton, is available at Wordsworth Books in the Checkers Center.

Daughters of Eden Cloth Pads available for sale contact Wendy Pretorius: 083261 7899

Appeal for disposable sanitary pads contact Sandy Webb: 073 565 5931

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