

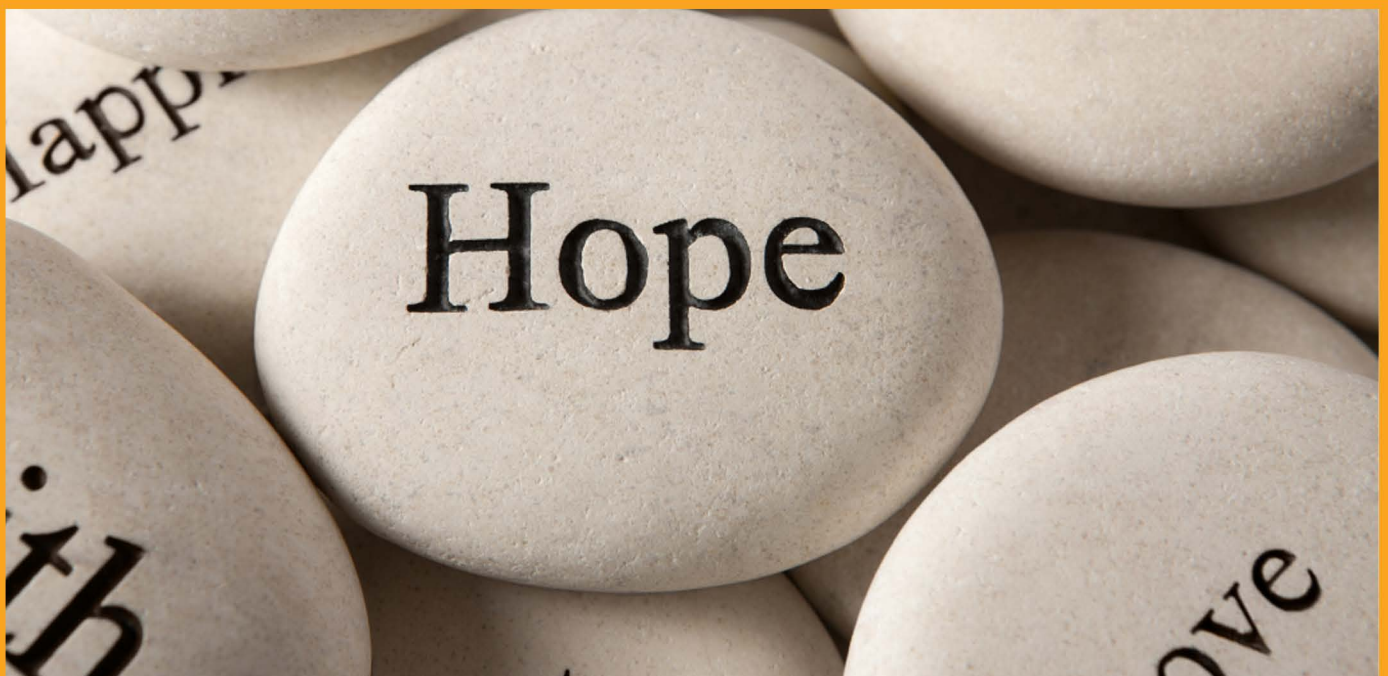
The Weekly News



Dear Church Family,

"I hope the traffic isn't too bad." "I hope the Boks win on Saturday." "I hope I get that job." "I hope it doesn't rain." HOPE. We use the word constantly — and almost always we mean the same thing by it: I don't know what will happen, but I'd like it to go my way. Hope, in everyday language, is a wish dressed in nicer clothes. It is uncertainty with a smile. Fingers crossed. Let's see. Maybe. And so when we open the Bible and read the word hope, we instinctively hear it the same way. We hear wishful thinking, though we're not quite sure. We hear optimism. We hear: let's look on the bright side. But when the Bible speaks of hope, it means something so profoundly different from our everyday usage that it almost seems like we're talking about a different word. What is hope — from the perspective of the Bible, from the perspective of our Christian faith? It is not optimism or wishful thinking. Seven different terms used in the ancient original languages of Scripture point to the deep truth of Christian hope: It is confident assurance in God's faithfulness. Relying with certainty on God's promise.

Claudia



This Week

FRI | 3 JULY

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.

Bible Study Youth | 17:00

Impact Youth | 18:30 - 20:30

A place to build friendships and grow in faith! We play games, worship together, and hear a short message followed by real conversations about life and Jesus. (Grade 8-12)

Contact Troy: +27 74 129 6464 – Eryn: +27 64 501 6873

SUN | 5 JULY

Traditional Communion Service | 08:00

Family Service | 09:30

Ignite Children's Church | 09:30

WED | 8 JULY

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 | 9 JULY

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

HOPE
IS NOT A PHILOSOPHY, *IT'S A PERSON*
JESUS

"For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all.
Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we
do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."

Romans 8:24-25



LOOKING AHEAD

MON – FRI | 13 – 17 JULY

Holiday Club | 07:30 - 12:00

The time is near for a great experience at the Holiday Club, please do not forget to contact Lynn for any other information:

(R550 for the week or R150 per day)

admin@plettmethodist.co.za or 044 533 3430

WED | 12 AUGUST

Grief Share

If you need someone to share with, please put in your diaries that Grief Share is returning.

Talent Drive

This is a friendly reminder that there is about 4 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

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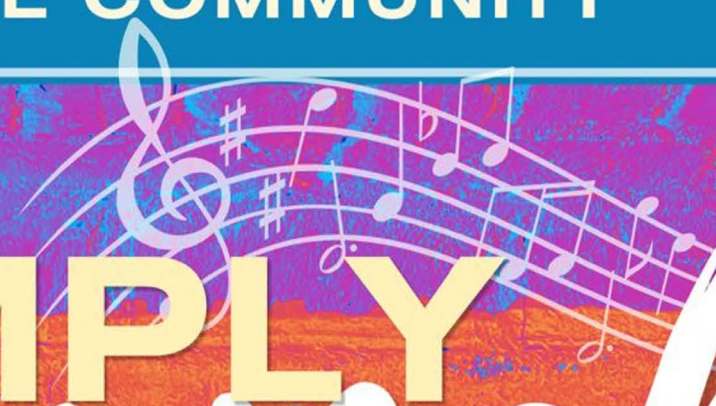
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"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."



Romans 12:12

**A WORSHIP CONCERT
FOR THE COMMUNITY**



SIMPLY *gospel*

COME AS YOU ARE

GREENWOOD BAY COLLEGE HALL

**R120
ADULTS
R60
SCHOLARS**

**30 JULY
2026**

7PM

**All proceeds go to
House Helena
Home of safety**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA QUICKET
OR CONTACT JANE 072 385 4610**



GRACE GARDENS

Dear Congregation,

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated seeds and compost for our Grace Garden. Your generosity is helping us create a beautiful and fruitful space that will be enjoyed by many. Every packet of seeds and every bag of compost is a gift that will help new life grow. We are grateful for your willingness to support this project and for the care you show for our Church Community. May God bless you for sowing into this ministry and helping us cultivate something special together.

"The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest." – Psalm 85:12

Thank you for helping us plant seeds of growth, beauty, and hope.
~ Men on a Mission

GOD HAS NO RIVAL AND HE HAS NO EQUAL

Scripture Focus:

"To whom will you compare Me? Or who is My equal?" says the Holy One.
– Isaiah 40:25

"Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom." – Psalm 145:3

In a world filled with competition, comparisons, and constant striving, we often measure everything—success, relationships, influence, and even spirituality. But today's powerful truth reminds us of something unshakable:
GOD HAS NO RIVAL AND HE HAS NO EQUAL.
There is no one like Him.

GOD STANDS ALONE IN POWER

We may face situations that feel overwhelming—financial pressure, health struggles, broken relationships—but none of these challenges are greater than our God. He doesn't compete for authority. He reigns supreme.

When we truly grasp this, fear loses its grip. Why? Because the One who fights for us is unmatched in power and wisdom.

GOD IS UNMATCHED IN FAITHFULNESS

People can fail us. Systems can disappoint us. But God remains constant.

- When others walk away, He stays
- When plans fall apart, He sustains
- When we feel weak, He strengthens

There is no substitute for His love, no replacement for His presence.

A PERSONAL REFLECTION

I am so often overwhelmed when I stop and reflect on all that God has done for me—every door He has opened, every prayer He has answered, every blessing He has poured into my life. Time and time again, I find myself saying: there are simply no words to describe who God truly is. And the truth is... if I could fully describe Him, I would be making Him too small. He is bigger than my understanding, greater than my words, and far beyond anything I could ever fully capture. And yet, He is personal, present, and deeply involved in every detail of my life. That alone leaves me in awe.

GOD DESERVES OUR UNDIVIDED WORSHIP

Since God has no equal, He deserves our whole heart—not leftovers, not divided attention. Sometimes we unintentionally place “rivals” in our lives:

- Worry
- Money
- Success
- Approval from others

But today is a gentle call back to alignment:

PUT GOD FIRST AGAIN.

Let Him be the center, not just a part of your life.

A SIMPLE REFLECTION

Ask yourself:

- What have I been comparing to God's power in my life?
- Have I allowed anything to take His rightful place?

Lay it all down today. Nothing and no one can take His place.

PRAYER

Lord, today I acknowledge that You have no rival and no equal. Forgive me for the times I placed other things above You. Help me to trust in Your unmatched power, rest in Your faithfulness, and give You my whole heart. You alone are worthy. Amen.

FINAL THOUGHT

When you remember that God has no rival, your problems shrink in perspective. When you remember He has no equal, your confidence in Him grows stronger.

STAND FIRM IN THIS TRUTH TODAY:

THE GOD YOU SERVE IS INCOMPARABLE.

"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him."



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.

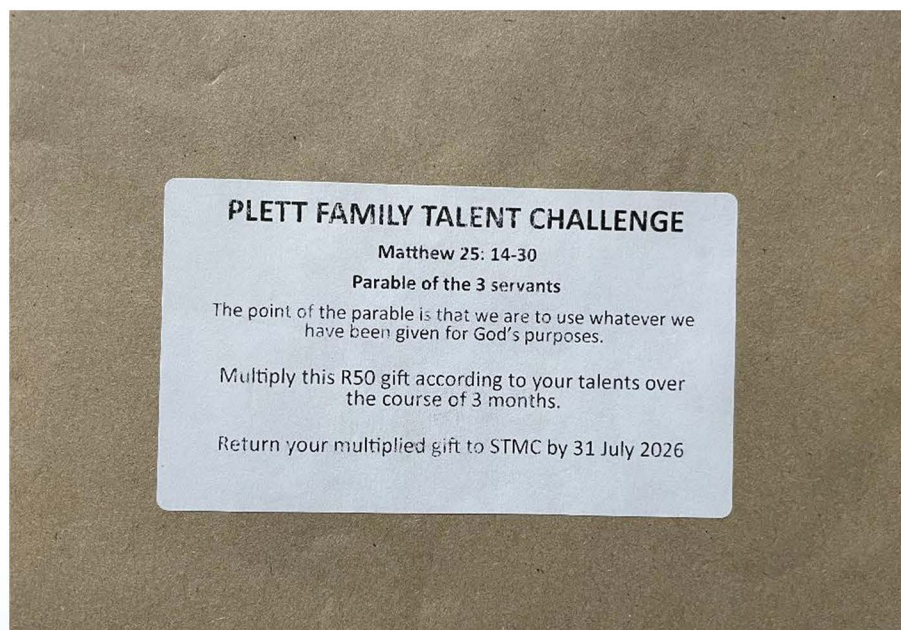
The Perfect Lemons

For all your lemon needs, there will be lemons being sold on Sundays and if you require more information:

Contact: Doreen Butterworth | 083 282 1167

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". The poster is decorated with snowflakes, holly leaves, and a sleigh with reindeer. Two circular callouts say "EVERYONE WELCOME!" and "SHOP LOCAL SUPPORT COMMUNITY SHARE THE JOY". At the bottom, icons represent "UNIQUE GIFTS & HANDMADE CRAFTS", "FESTIVE TREATS & REFRESHMENTS", "LIVE MUSIC & CAROLS", and "KIDS' ACTIVITIES & GAMES". The event details are "15 DEC 2026 | 9am - 3pm | ST. THOMAS METHODIST | 1 MULLER ST, PLETT". A banner at the very bottom says "FAITH COMMUNITY HOPE LOVE" with heart symbols.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sunday to Sunday 05 July - 12 July

Helen van der Merwe

Andy Webb

Ronnie Derbyshire

Joan Hyde

Joan Spencer

Alan van der Handel

Rozanne Jakins Koorts

Theresa du Plessis

Doug Barrett

Dawn van der Walt

Tracey Dixon

Anne Melamdowitz

FAMILIES FOR PRAYER

Maria & Derick Smith

Belinda Snyman

Sharmla Soloman

Joan & Kenneth Spencer

Joan & Andrew Stead

Dave Sproston

Sue & Richard Stephenson

Cathy Stephenson

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

In his great mercy, He has
given us new birth into

living hope

through the
resurrection of
Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:3

THE WEEKLY, EVERY FRIDAY

| TELEGRAM AND MEMBERS EMAIL |

**And now may the grace of our
Lord Jesus Christ, and the
love of God, and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us now and forevermore,
Amen.**

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