

The Weekly News



Dear Church Family,

In John 15 Jesus states the claim that “I am the true Vine and my Father is the Gardener” The story was clear – we must live connected to Jesus, in order to be connected to God; and in living connected to Jesus, we are able to live fruitful lives for the Kingdom of God. This week our focus is on God “The Gardener” – John 15: 1-4, 8-12. Now, at first glance this reading of God who “cuts away” and “prunes” could present us with a picture of God as aggressive, dispassionate, God as a punishing, throwing away God. A God that we should fear. But, is that what Jesus is saying in the story? Join me to find out. God bless.

Tim



This Week

FRI | 28 AUG

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

Impact Youth | 18:30 - 20:30

SUN | 30 AUG

Traditional Communion Service | 08:00

Family Service | 09:30

Ignite Kids Church | 09:30

WED | 2 SEP

**Bible Study | 10:30 | Reverend Tim
God's Book**

Prayer Group

Grief Share | 14:00 | Chapel

***Note: This is not a closed group – anyone is welcome at any time.**

Young Adults | 18:30 | Youth Chapel

THUR | 3 SEP

The Well | 10:00 - 12:00

Your favourite treats and cakes, please stop by if you have time.

LOOKING AHEAD

SUN | 13 SEPTEMBER

Bowls Day - Bring Salads to Share Please

SAT | 10 OCTOBER

W.A. Hosting a High Tea

WED | 28 OCTOBER

Quiz Evening

**Don't forget to invite Tim to your small groups to discuss God's Book
and
FGV Communion Gathering – 1st Tuesday of Every Month**

NOTICE

**We are looking for old prescription glasses, reading glasses and
sunglasses for people in Bossiesgif.**

Please contact Dennis Folkey at 082 735 0619.

**There will be a collection box for them in Church on Sunday
or you can contact Dennis and he will come and collect
them from you.**

**"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him,
he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."**



John 15:5

DON'T FORGET IN THE CHURCH



Assisting the Offertory Team

If you would like to join the Offertory Team and assist with the collection during services, please contact Lizzy in the office.

Womens' Auxiliary

Please select the link below for the newest information.

<https://plettmethodist.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/WA-August-Newsletter-2026.pdf>

Duty Roster

Please select the link below for the newest information.

<https://plettmethodist.co.za/media/duty-roster/>

GENUINE OR COUNTERFEIT?

Recently, a phrase from a devotional reading caught my attention: “Help me to love genuinely.”

The word genuinely stayed with me. We live in a world where counterfeit products have become increasingly difficult to recognise. Modern imitations often look almost identical to the real thing. The packaging is convincing, the branding is familiar, and at first glance it can be hard to tell the difference.

It made me wonder whether the same can be true of love.

Romans 12:9 says: “Love must be sincere.”

Or, as some translations put it: “Let love be genuine.”

Genuine love is real, authentic, and sincere. Counterfeit love may look similar on the surface, but its motives are different.

Counterfeit love may seek recognition. It may keep score of favours given and received. It may appear kind when people are watching but disappear when sacrifice is required.

Genuine love is different. It seeks the good of others without looking for a reward. It shows kindness even when no one notices. It continues to care despite inconvenience, disappointment, or the need for healthy boundaries.

The challenge is that counterfeit love can sometimes fool not only others but also ourselves. We may become so good at appearing loving that we never stop to ask what is happening in our hearts.

That is why Paul's words are so important. He does not say that love must be impressive or noticeable. He says it must be sincere.

As followers of Christ, perhaps this is a question worth carrying with us into the week: Am I simply looking loving, or am I loving genuinely?

Genuine love is not perfect love. It is sincere love. It seeks the good of others, not recognition for itself. It is concerned less with appearances and more with people.

In a world increasingly filled with convincing counterfeits, perhaps genuine love is one of the clearest ways we can reflect Christ to those around us.

Volunteers needed

LIVE
MUSIC

FESTIVE FAMILY CHRISTMAS MARKET

ARTS &
CRAFTS

FOOD
STALLS

GIFTS

15 DEC
9AM - 3PM

KIDS
GAMES

FAITH - COMMUNITY - HOPE - LOVE

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Thank you

BOWLS HAS RETURNED

Plett Bowling Club, Boerie Rolls and Bar sales,
bring salad to share. **Sunday 13 September** - 11:30am
Contact Eddie for more information

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sunday to Sunday 30 August - 05 September

**Sue Scheepers
Joyce Griffin
Sarah Pietrangeli
Don Duncan
Pat Els**

**Carole Henning
Neil van der Merwe
Anne Burger
Ruth Williams**

FAMILIES FOR PRAYER

**Anne & Desmond Wise
Kerrilyn Wood
Lynn Wood
Nina Woodcock
Cynthia & Dick Wooding**

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

<https://plettmethodist.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Small-Group-Notes-30-August-2026-THE-Gardener-1.pdf>

We want to ensure that everyone stays connected and informed about the life of our church. To get the full scope of our weekly and monthly meetings, we encourage you to follow the link below:

<https://plettmethodist.co.za/media/bulletin/>

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



**GOD THE
GARDENER**

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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