

The Weekly News

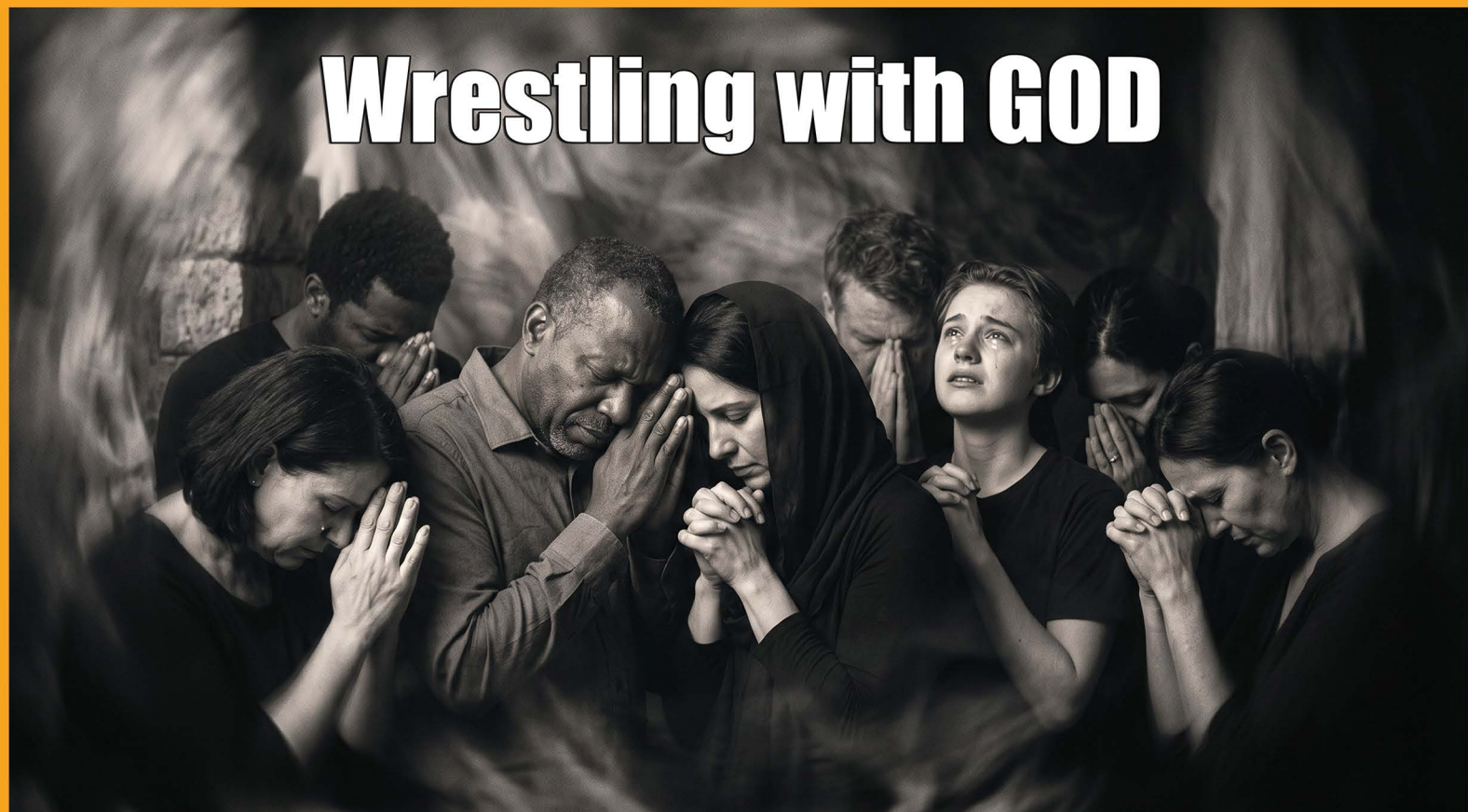


Dear Church Family,

This week we face the difficult and painful topic of dealing with pain, struggle and loss; in the context of our faith. What might the times of intense hurt and fear, and uncertainty be able to teach us about ourselves, and teach us about God, and might these encounters, these “dark nights of the soul” even lead to powerful healing and change in our lives?

Tim

Wrestling with GOD



This Week

FRI | 23 OCT

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

Impact Youth | Returns to Normal

SUN | 25 OCT

Traditional Communion Service | 08:00

Family Service | 09:30

Kid's Church | 09:30

WED | 28 OCT

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

Prayer Group | 12:00 | Sanctuary

All welcome to join in this time of prayer.

Grief Share | 14:00 | Chapel

*Note: This is not a closed group – Grieving folk are welcome to join at any time during the course.

Quiz Evening | 18:00 - 21:00 | Foyer

THUR | 29 OCT

The Well | 10:00 - 12:00 | Come Enjoy Treats and coffee/Cakes

W.A Executive Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

THUR – SAT | 29 – 31 OCT

Santa Shoe Box

TUE | 15 DECEMBER

Festive Family Christmas Market | 09:00 - 15:00 | ST Thomas Methodist Church

**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.**

**So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my
righteous right hand.**

Isaiah 41:10



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/about-us/our-organisations/womens-auxiliary/>

HAND YOUR KIT BAG TO JESUS

Do you remember that old song, Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit-Bag and Smile, Smile, Smile? It was written during the First World War, long before my time.

**“Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag,
And smile, smile, smile!
What’s the use of worrying?
It never was worth while...”**

I wonder how many of us have spent our lives doing just that. We pack our troubles into our old kit bag, sling it over our shoulders, put a smile on our faces, and carry on regardless.

Now, talking about bags, we ladies are rather famous for our handbags! We pack our lipstick, keys, phone, purse, tissues and all sorts of other essentials. And then there’s that one lady who has absolutely EVERYTHING in her handbag. Need a nail file in church? A plaster while shopping? A safety pin? Just ask her! She’s got everything except the kitchen sink. Men have their briefcases and pockets, too. We all carry things with us as we go about our day. But what about the invisible baggage we carry in our hearts? Our worries, disappointments, fears, grief and concerns about tomorrow? Sometimes that bag gets awfully heavy!

Psalms 68:19 (KJV) says:

“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.”

I love that word daily. God blesses us every day, even when life is difficult. But sometimes we’re so busy worrying about our troubles that we forget to notice His blessings. Jesus invites us in Matthew 11:28 to bring our burdens to Him and receive rest. So, imagine Jesus walking beside you. You’ve packed your handbag for the day, but before you set off, He holds out His hand and says, “Give Me that bag” You hand it over, and He takes the weight from your shoulders. Now you can walk along beside Him, enjoying the sunshine, noticing the flowers, laughing with a friend, and appreciating the blessings along the way. Perhaps you can even skip a little! Of course, our troubles don’t magically disappear. We still have responsibilities and challenges to face. But we don’t have to carry the weight of worry as though everything depends on us. And there’s something else we can do for one another.

James 5:16 (KJV) says:

“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

Sometimes our own bag isn't too heavy, We're feeling strong, and we're managing quite well. But someone walking beside us is struggling. Their bag is weighing them down, and they can barely keep going. What a difference it would make if we said, "Here, let me carry that for you for a while." Perhaps we can't solve their problems, but we can listen, pray with them, offer practical help, or simply sit beside them so they know they're not alone. And another day, the situation might be reversed. Their bag is light, but ours is heavy. Now it's their turn to help us.

That's Christian fellowship. Sometimes we carry, and sometimes we need carrying. We hand our burdens to Jesus, and we help one another along the way.

So, this Sunday, let's remember that we don't have to walk alone. Jesus invites us to bring our burdens to Him, and He gives us the privilege of helping others carry theirs.

A prayer

Lord Jesus, help us to hand our heavy bags to You each day. Open our eyes to the blessings You give us, and help us notice when someone else is struggling. Teach us to pray for one another, to offer a helping hand, and to accept help when we need it ourselves. Thank You for walking beside us and reminding us that we never have to carry everything alone. Amen.

Don't just pack up your troubles in your old kit bag. Hand that bag to Jesus, and help someone else carry theirs. Then walk on together, enjoying the journey!

SANTA SHOEBOX PLETT

!! APPEAL FOR PLEDGES !!



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SHOEBOX
PROJECT**

Plett is only 39% pledged this year !!

**Please consider blessing a less fortunate child
this year - bring a smile to your heart and theirs**

EACH BOX REQUIRES THE 8 ITEMS BELOW :

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Toy & sweet

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Outfit of clothing

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www.santashoebox.org.za/traditional-pledge

**DROP OFF : SAT 31 OCT 2026
VENUE : METHODIST CHURCH HALL
8.30 - 12.30PM**

Plett co-ordinator : DEANNE ROBERTS 083 657 8856

shoes
clothes

FESTIVE FAMILY CHRISTMAS MARKET

plants



Volunteers needed!!
2nd hand goods

December 15
9am - 3pm

VENUE:
ST. THOMAS METHODIST
1 MULLER STREET, PLETT



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Teams
of 4

Save
the
date

Quiz Night



Wednesday 28 October
18:00 - 21:00



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sunday to Sunday 25 October - 31 October

**John Taylor
Ruvaldo Saayman
Desre Reck
Riana Adams
Jessica Stevens
Sally Joubert**

FAMILIES FOR PRAYER

**Sharmaine & Neil Calder
Mare & Clyde Campbell
Elize & Sergio Cantale
Denise Carr
Ruby Chetty
Angela Coetzee**

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/media/publications/>

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: 083 261 7899

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



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