

Wheelchair Brings Relief

Pastor Ezra Gedze, our Motherwell Minister, brought to our attention the need of an elderly woman who had to be transported to the clinic every month in a wheelbarrow. It lay very heavily on Pastor Ezra's heart as he felt that this must have been



excruciatingly painful for the elderly lady and caused her and her family much discomfort and distress. It was with delight that a wheelchair,

donated to the church by Keith Muller, was available and ready for Mrs Boo. In the picture, we have Mrs Alice Gedze and Pastor Ezra Gedze presenting the chair to Mrs Boo who is surrounded by her family. Standing next to Pastor Ezra are Thobeka, Simpiwe, Vukile, Pumla and Ntsikelelo. Thank you to Keith for this special donation that has changed someone's life in an amazing way.

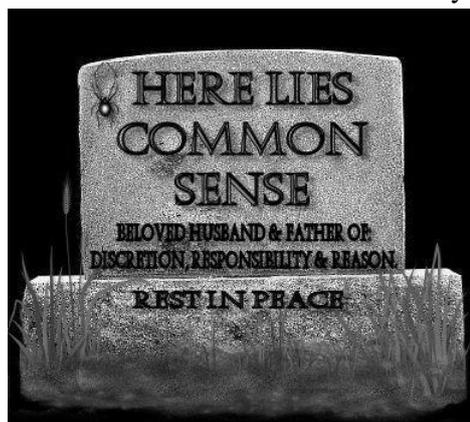
TRAGIC DEMISE OF MR COMMON SENSE

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Mr Common Sense. Mr Sense has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as "knowing when to come in out of the rain", "why the early bird gets the worm" and "life isn't always fair".

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge).

His health begun to rapidly deteriorate when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six year old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition. Mr Sense declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student; but, could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals



received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a bit in her lap, and was awarded a huge financial settlement. Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion, his daughter, Responsibility, and his son, Reason. He is survived by two stepbrothers, Mr Rights and Ima Winner. Not many attended the funeral because so few realised he was gone.

REACH FOR RECOVERY THANKSGIVING SERVICE THURSDAY 11TH OCTOBER AT 6:30PM

The aim for Reach for Recovery program is to supply practical and emotional support to breast cancer patients and their families to enable them to make relevant personal decisions which lead to optimal quality of life.



Come and celebrate the survival of your loved ones or remember those who have passed on to higher service

Reach For Recovery International is built on a simple yet universal principle: A woman who has lived through breast cancer and gives of her time and experience to help another woman confronting the same experience is a valuable source of support. Reach for Recovery is committed to working to improve the quality of life for women with breast cancer and their families through a wide range of services offered worldwide.

Bruce will address the audience.

Remembrance roses will be available and refreshments will be served in Kings Court after the service.

St Marks Man a PSL Match

Commissioner

Stan Swart, a loyal member of St Marks holds a key position in the hustle and bustle of professional football. Long before the spectators arrive for a premier soccer league fixture, Stan is at the stadium for a pre-match conference with representatives of both professional teams, including first aid staff, private security and the police force. His role also includes assessing referees for matches. Stan leaves the stadium long after the last spectator has gone home. He was appointed Commissioner of Matches and he has served professional football in South Africa with distinction.



Lorraine, who is married to Stan (37 years) has been one of his avid supporters. We congratulate the Swart family on their accomplishments and for the fine example that they set for others.

Happy Birthday for October

1 Gavin Zimmerman, Avon-Lee Caires 2 Amanda Hurter, Heidi Reid, Deon Blume, Tamryn-Lee Barnard 3 Wayne Smith, Alex du Toit, Conrad Francis, Wendy McIntosh, 4 Vanessa Jessiman, Annette Saunders, Valmacha MacGorman, Pauline Strauss 5 Shaakira Vorster, Roma Arnold, Glenda Horak, Karel Abrahams 6 Annatjie Mans, Mervin Andrew (Jnr), Rita Woolard 7 Gert van Rensburg, Gail Parker, Ralph Povey, Betsy Bergman. 8 Streicher Botha, Wendy Rossouw 9 Eunice Whiteley, Jason Gericke 10 Reg Coltman, Annette Barnard. 11 Tarrin-Lee Smith, Jeffrey Behr, Josephine Rodgers. 12 Duane McLaughlin, William Le Roux 13 Hildegard Talocchino, Richard Linton, Dorothy Goosen, Hayley Thomas. 14. Marnell van Schoor. 16 Vinesh Naidu, Zane Herselman, Cindy Whittal, Ludi du Preez 17 Mervin Andrew (Snr), Eddie Palmer, Stavros Katakouzinou, Michela Greeff. 18 Elizabeth Wilke, Bruce Eddy, Richard Herselman. 19 Mary-Ann Spriggs, Paul Smit, Jacobus Gericke, Gareth Boast 20 Susan Magson, Dennis Dyer, Debbie Greatorex, Raymond Beukes, Cynthia Bosch 21 Jacomina Fourie, Webster Muller, Lynne Singer 22 Cyril Monk, Alexa Holloway, Kenneth Claassen, Garry Robertson. 23 Brunhilde Woolard, Mike Nel, Rigardo Carelse, Grace Lubisi 24 Frank Thomson, Lauren Zeelie 25 Letitia Duff, Nicky von Hoffmann, Ruvaldo Saayman, Dawn Badier, Jenny Cumming. 26 Bev Brodie 27 Teresa Thomas, Vera Corrans, Diane Venter, Lorraine Douglas. 28 Jayd Hendricks, Brian Smith, Rosemary May. 29 Betty Petzer, Luzane Prinsloo, Kay levers. 30 Louise Mulder, Danie Fourie, Vaughan Wood, Raymond Butler, Karize Herselman, Monique Botha, Pieter Vorster 31 Eve van Driel, Charl van Wyk, Robert Field, Carlita McKay.

Visitations – Just Call Us

The days of the minister jumping on his bicycle and going off to visit his congregation are long gone, as families today have busy schedules and work commitments. However, if

you should wish us to pay a visit to you at home, please don't hesitate to give us a call and we will schedule a visit convenient to you and your family. Each one of you are important

members of our family and therefore time spent with you is precious and significant. You may either call the church office or indicate on the pew pad should you require a visit.



**ST MARKS MEN'S
BREAKFAST**

**SATURDAY
6TH OCTOBER 2012**

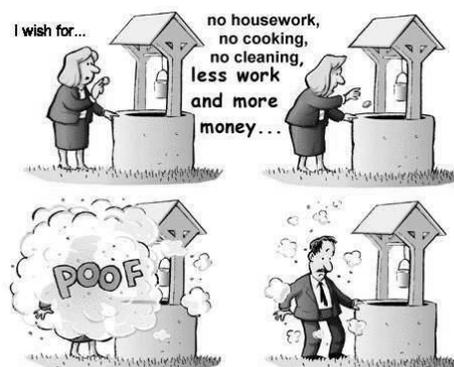
PORTRAIT OF A LEADER
A history lesson of Nazi Germany
and the revival of Europe.

A German breakfast will be
served @ R25.00 per head.



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SALE



UPCOMING EVENTS & SEMINARS

Counselling Seminar scheduled to start on Monday 15th October @ 6:30pm in the church. More info to follow.

Christian Support Group – Fellowship & testimony night monthly.

Basic Christian Course for New Members and Believers to commence on Wednesday 10th October @ 6:30pm in the Chapel

Contact the office and speak to Nicol 041-3606060

BACK TO THE BIBLE STUDY by Errol Woolard



Our study outlines are based on elementary Bible lessons, questions, and answers from the Bible for young enquiring Christian minds.

Lesson.6: What is the Church of Christ? *(continued)*

What does belonging to the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ involve? First and foremost, it's obedience to Christ's commands (His Word) and His prescription for the right relationship we ought to have towards all other members of His church. This therefore involves Christian fellowship, caring for one another, submitting to biblical discipline, maintaining spiritual unity and our sincere commitment to the edification (building up) of the Church.

1. a) The Church is His Body in which we function and activate our service to Him (Eph.1:23).
b) The Church is to be subject to our Lord Jesus Christ in everything (Eph.4: 15-16 and Eph 5:24).
2. In belonging to the Church we need to recognize the relationship we have with all other Christians.
 - a) We are members of the same Body (1 Cor.12:4-27; Eph 1:23 and 5:30; Col 1:24) and therefore, individually members one of another (Rom12:5).
 - b) We constitute together the people of God.
 - c) We belong to the same family or household (Gal 6:10; Heb. 10:21).
 - d) We are sheep of the same flock (Acts 20:28; Heb 13:20).
3. The destiny of the Church is the return of Christ and the presentation of the Church to Him as the bride. At Christ's return, the Church will be gathered from every part of the earth, with no member missed, at Christ's return and Her destiny is to presented glorious before Him (Eph 5:27).

Try to make this elementary study part of your quiet time.

God Bless

LADIES FELLOWSHIP TEA

Saturday morning 29 September from 10am to 11.30am in the church hall.

- ☼ *Hear a special testimony*
- ☼ *Learn how you can change what you eat and change what's eating you.*
- ☼ *Cazabella jewellery display*
- ☼ *Ton's of fun and laughs*
- ☼ *Tea and refreshments*

Please phone through your bookings for catering purposes. Cost R15 per head.



HE IS THE GOD OF:

abundant mercy Numbers 14:18
abundant kindness Nehemiah 9:17
abundant justice Job 37:23
abundant truth Psalms 86:15
abundant redemption Psalms 130:7
abundant loving kindness Jonah 4:2
abundant grace 1 Timothy 1:14
abundant satisfaction Psalms 36:8
abundant blessing Psalms 132:15
abundant pardon Isaiah 55:7
abundant life John 10:10
abundant joy 2 Corinthians 8:2
abundant power Ephesians 3:20
abundant outpouring Titus 3:6
abundant revelation Hebrews 6:17
abundant provision Psalms 65:11
abundant peace Psalms 37:11

EMAILING OF VOICE

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A monthly publication to keep you informed. St Marks – Teachers of the Word rightly divided.

ONE DOOR CLOSSES ANOTHER OPENS

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The Lord our God has an amazing way of closing and opening doors of opportunity. We, at St Marks, have anticipated and prayed for positive changes and God has been faithful in providing us with the courage to face these challenges. Preparing leaders for spiritual service is one of many ministries we try to foster and encourage.

At the beginning of September a new face was included in our gallery of young preachers. Kenneth Woolard, who is my younger brother's son, joined our team as a student minister. Ken who is married to Nohlene is committed to preparing himself for ordination over the next couple of years and we are delighted to have him serve the Lord and our church community. Ken is a pleasant young man with talents that will compliment our service delivery. Kenneth will be officially inaugurated into the

fulltime ministry as a student pastor at a special service in November this year. At the end of 2014 and after he completes his Divinity Degree he will be considered for ordination.

Andrew, Estelle and sons Gregory & Joshua



On Sunday 14th October we will formally introduce to the congregation Andrew Lamont-Turner, another new pastor, who will serve in our formidable ministerial team. Andrew is specially gifted as a counsellor and matters pastoral and will be a great asset to St Marks as we seek to bolster our spiritual leadership with zealous and committed ministers. Andrew is married to Estelle and they have two children. Andrew will be ordained next year as he has already obtained a bachelor degree from the S.A. Theological Seminary. He has served as assistant minister for four years at St Columbus Presbyterian Church.

We are excited with these new and promising candidates who will form part of our vision to fast – forward our Christian service in the community.

Philipp Hauf, who has served our people with distinction, will be pioneering a fellowship in Cape Town from January next year. Philipp and his lovely fiancé, Tammy Roberts, are scheduled to be married in November this year. Because of the wedding plans and their pending move to Cape Town, Philipp has indicated that he'll require next month

to busy himself with preparations for their big day and their move to the Cape. We have scheduled a farewell tea for Rev. Philipp on Sunday 30th September after the 6:30pm service. The Ministers, Trustees, Deacons and Members wish Philipp and Tammy a happy and joyous marriage and a very fruitful ministry in Cape Town.



Nohlene & Kenneth Woolard

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Should you wish to receive a daily devotion via e-mail, please subscribe by sending an e-mail to devotional@stmarks.org.za In the subject line type ADD and you will be automatically be added to our mailing list. Alternatively you could subscribe on our website: www.stmarks.org.za. **N.B.** For those who have sent emails to info@stmarks for devotions, we have transferred your requests already