

St Davids Congregational Church

WELCOME

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!



19 July 2026

The White Stone

Excerpt of Bruce's message dated Sunday 12/07/2026

Reading: Revelation 2:17

*"Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. **I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.**"*

The seven churches in Asia Minor were Messianic churches and the book exposes their strengths and weaknesses. The church in Pergamon was commended for its resolute faith and as conquerors they would eat of the heavenly manna (see **John 6:35-38**). The white stone with a new name is of interest to us.

INFORMATION

The Bible is rich with idioms and metaphors. Stones are mentioned 189 times in the authorized version of the Bible. Jacob used a stone as a pillow. Moses received the tablets of stone. David used five stones in his quest to destroy the giants. Jesus was tempted to turn stones to bread. The woman caught in adultery faced men ready to stone her. Steven was stoned for his testimony. The list goes on.

INVITATION

Those who the Lord calls shall receive a white stone. A black stone represented rejection and guilt. The white stone represented acceptance and a not guilty verdict. Rome's colosseum provided public entertainment and on special occasions Caesar would invite noble citizens by presenting them with a white stone with their names inscribed plus the number of the entry gate and seat number. As citizens of heaven we are invited as conquerors with our new personal names etched on the white stone.

IDENTITY

The fact is that the stone of invitation identifies us with a personal new name, suggests our new identity in Christ.

New Member Intake
date is scheduled for
Sunday 6 September.



If you wish to become an official member of St Davids please complete an application form available from the Deacons or pop into the office on a Wednesday and visit Elzunia or email info@stdavids.org.za.

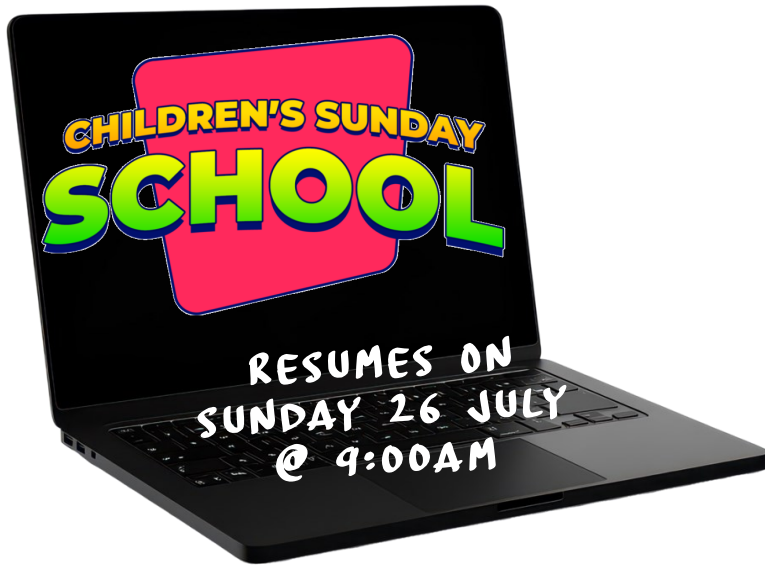
If you wish to remain an adherent (non-member but regular attendee) please complete the form and circle **ADHERENT**.

Ask a Deacon for assistance.



SERMON TOPIC:

Eat it in Haste / Reading: Exodus 12:3-11



HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR CONTACT DETAILS?



Should you have changed your *physical or postal address or telephone number or Cell number or email address*, please advise the office (**or notify a deacon on duty**) in order that we may update our membership information.

Should you need us in an emergency or require a visit the minister is informed and needs to know how to contact without delay.

BOOK THIS DATE

Gents, secure your Ticket



SATURDAY 1 August @
9:00am in the Ron Aston Hall.

Tickets = R40pp

(Includes a cooked breakfast).

Guest Speaker : Errol de la Mare

How I survived a near fatal hijacking.
Errol de la Mare will share his remarkable testimony on how he survived a life threatening high jacking.

Tickets available from Mike Smith on
Sundays after the service.

Final date for tickets

Weds 29/07/2026 @ 12:00pm

To facilitate catering.

Thank you for all
the knits we have
received to date.



The outreach has been in a marvelous position to send out plenty of knits & crochet items to so many in need. Bless you all.

Our cupboard is rather depleted—so please persevere and keep those needles and crochet hooks going. We would appreciate all knits for our Senior Outreach (Adult size) and all the children (all sizes baby to teens). Items such as beanies, bed socks, and lots of squares to make up knee blankets required. If you can knit or crochet, we need you.



BANKING DETAILS: St Davids Congregational Church - Nedbank, Greenacres,
Branch No: 126817—Account No: (Chq) 1268 035 025

Thank you for your faithfulness.

PRAYER REQUESTS



It is always a wonderful comfort to those in trials and tribulations to know others are praying for you. Please advise us should you wish to add a name to the prayer list.

Cindy Stirk, Susan Zerbst, Marcelle van der Merwe, Henry Dillon, Marie Fourie, Gary Elliott, Wena Matheson, Graham Smith, Robert, Riana Brown, Linda Seeger, Dee Richards, Vernon Ristow, Rita Hart, Daantjie, Rosa Dunn, Shiela van der Merwe, Mae Richards, Valerie Dunn, Michelle Deyzel, Allan Stephens, Gloria Hogg, Laura Krause, Andy Wait, Peggy Kleve, Miranda Paulsen, Adele Endley, Sandra Wait, Julian Axon, Eileen & Peter Milton, Jenny & Clive Ladds, Lucy Dell, Baby Mason Terblanche, Una Hall, Alva Wenning, Rassie & Lynette Erasmus, Myrna Cherrington, Anamarie Burger, Esmarie Lindsay, Sandra Singer, Cecily Chase, Neil & Christa du Toit, Derek Gunston, Chantal Davidge, Cecelia & Jimmy Burton, Ruth & Walter Hellmer, Mike Bareira. Eileen & Peter Milton.

Kindly continue to keep the ministry of the Gospel of Christ in your prayers through the outreach of St Davids.

7 WONDERS OF THE WORD

by Bruce Woolard



Bible Study resumes on
Thursday 30 July
@ 9:00am for fellowship followed by the study commencing at 9:30am.

This exciting series will unveil some of the great Divine wonders contained in the book we call the Bible. Not to be missed.

Notes are supplied, so all you need is to bring along your Bible and a pen.

Our Bible Study notes are available by email. Please let Elzunia know if you would like to receive a copy on info@stdavids.org.za.

Notes are also uploaded onto our St Davids Face Book page and Bruce videos an excerpt of the study each week, which we also upload onto our St Davids Face Book page for your information.

A LISTENING

PRAYER by Bruce Woolard

'Teach me Your way, O Lord; I will walk in Your Truth.' Psalm 86:11



How do you feel when talking to someone who isn't listening to you? It may happen when you are talking to a friend who has his own plans for how a conversation should go. Or it can happen when the other person simply doesn't want to hear what you have to say. Now think about this in regard to your prayer life. Could it be that the way you talk to God is a one-sided conversation dominated by your words? Someone once said "Prayer is not a way of making use of God; prayer is a way of offering ourselves to God in order that He should be able to make use of us.

It may be that one of our great faults, in prayer, is that we talk too much and listen too little. "We might call this "the listening prayer," and it's a practice we need to develop. We need to find a way to be alone with God, to speak to Him in earnest, taking time to listen to the urgings of the Spirit and the instruction of His Word. Are we talking so much that we don't hear what God says? If so, we need to learn the art of the listening prayer. We need to set aside time, to read God's Word and pray, and listen for the Spirit's voice to guide us, in His way and into His Word Rightly Divided.

Prayer: Lord, I am listening. Speak to me through your Word. Amen



OUTREACH

helping hands
with helping hearts



CHOC (Childhood Cancer Foundation South Africa)

10/07/2026

CHOC is a non-profit organisation that advocates for the health and well-being of children and teenagers diagnosed with cancer or life-threatening blood disorders and their families. Many of which come from disadvantaged communities.

St Davids has been assisting CHOC as part of our outreach for more that 9 years with knitted articles for the children, clothing, linen, toys, etc. On Friday 10 July ladies of the outreach team accompanied by Rhona Duffin, who is our liaison with CHOC, delivered **60** personal care bags, (30 for children and 30 for adults) including 30 knitted/crochet item for each child—blanket, beanie, mittens, jersey, scarf, bedsocks, etc. These parcels lovingly packed were made possible by you our supportive members, family and friends, who rallied to the call and donated weekly the various items which we popped into the bags.

A big thank you to Megan van der (daughter of Diane Schoeman) who sponsored the beautiful bags for the CHOC outreach.

**THANK
YOU
ALL**
for your support!



Yellow bags for the children & Blue bags for the adults. Each bag contained: Soap & facecloth, toothpaste & toothbrush, Vaseline, body cream, biscuits.

Adult bags—deodorant, pen & booklet & tract.

Children bags—baby powder, knitted dolly, 2 x colouring in books, scribbler and pencil crayons.