

A NEW OFFICE BLOCK ON THE CARDS

The Leaders Meeting has approved the building of an office block for the church. Currently, the plans are being drawn up. The office will comprise a reception area, offices for the secretary, ministers and a lay pastor. There will be a board room, kitchenette and toilet facility.

There are several reasons for this step. One is that the present office set up, in which it is located in the home of Mike and Ruth, is far from good. It constitutes an intrusion into their private lives; it provides admin facilities for only one minister and thus Tim is effectively excluded from admin centre of the church – this is unfair on him but also complicates the communication between the two ministers and makes it difficult for his work to be adequately supervised; lastly, it is inconvenient and difficult for people who are at the church and who need something from the office, to have to walk half way around the block to get there.

On the positive side, the new office will address all the negative issues raised above; it will provide an admin facility that is close to the church building where weekly activities happen and offer better support to people; it will significantly improve the admin base needed to do the pastoral and mission work of the church.

The estimated cost is R450 000. Although we will have some fundraising events, we will seek to raise most of the money from gifts from our membership. We have already had over R100 000 donated – and we haven't even asked yet!

Please speak to Mike or Bernie Beets or Tony Gibb if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.
(Mike)

Care of Creation: An imperative for Christians

The essential call of Christians is to care for the world in which we live. See Genesis 2:15. There are many dimensions to this call and hopefully, we can explore these.

One issue has to do with the resources God has given us. Water to drink, fuel for the energy we need for heating (or cooling!), air to breath, plants for food. So often we take these things for granted. As people of faith let us rather see them as precious gifts for life that God has given us and which we can't do without.

When we appreciate something as precious and life giving, we naturally take special care of it, and try to preserve it as best we can. Here are some thoughts about integrating an appreciation of the gifts God has given us into our daily lives:

- Use electricity as sparingly as possible – because power in South Africa is from coal driven power stations, careful use of electricity is a step to preserving the fuel resources God has given us.
- Use water carefully – as if there were permanent restriction as in a time of drought.
- Plant trees – they produce oxygen we need; they reduce carbon dioxide, the excess of which harms the atmosphere; they put moisture into the atmosphere.
- Ensure your car is properly tuned and use it as little as is possible – this reduces the emission of harmful gasses.

We need to live responsibly now so that our children of tomorrow will be able to live.

KIDS FOR CHRIST (KFC)

Kids for Christ (KFC), has been running on Fridays from 18:00 - 20:00. Our ages range from 4 years up to 14 years+. Our project CHICKEN RUN last term was absolutely fantastic. We worked together with the Children's Church and Little Lambs to collect Easter Eggs from all of the congregation, thanx, thanx+ more thanx. We were able to distribute them to the Lighthouse, Municipality homes, Huis Sering old age home and to the Government hospital and staff. We want to thank the parents who were involved in transport. It is great to see our children being active in God's work of giving. On Fridays we do different things, like games, praise and worship and getting to know one another by interacting with each other. Everyone mixes well no matter how small or how old. During the evening we have time where we pray together as a group and some of the Kids pray for each other as prayer partners. A big thanks to leaders in our group for their continuing help.

Our Children's Church theme for last term was the 10 Commandments. We learnt that these commandments are still applicable to us today. On the last day we made our own 10 Commandment Tablet with all 10 of the Commandments pasted on.

With the help of our Minister Mike we held our own Sunday morning service and our theme was Fruit of the Spirit. The children really enjoyed themselves and realised that they also play an important role in the church. We are planning to have another service sometime next term.

This term we are busy with books of the Bible and have purchased some more DVDs for praise and worship. Some of the older kids in grade 7 have formed a prayer partnership with one another, which changes on a weekly basis. It is absolutely fantastic to see how KIDS want to pray for one another and see how the Holy Spirit works in these young peoples' lives. They are also not ashamed to show the world their faith. Glory to God.

Chett Wallace Children's Church Leader

Dear Emmaus Family

News from Emmaus

We have exciting news. There will be youth from our church going on a Chrysalis Flight this year from 5th - 8th July. We will also have people working on the weekend. We know that these, your people will be blessed out of their socks. This is an awesome opportunity for them to experience the power and grace of God's abundant and enduring love. It is very important that we support them in prayer over this time, as these special children will be in need of it.

Emmaus has a gathering coming up on the 13th July and it would be great if we could all go along for some good old memories and fellowship. Come on Emmaus Family, let's see how many we can fit into the bus!

There will be an Emmaus weekend for the men on 16th-19th August and women 23rd-26th August. Once again we have people who have been obedient to God's call to serve on these two weekends.

Please remember the importance of Emmaus and Chrysalis. "Emmaus aims to inspire, challenge and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches and places of work. It provides a means by which we can grow together in love, grace and servanthood as members of the Body of Christ."

May you all be blessed from the tip of your nose right down to the tip of your toes.

De Colores! Wendy Wallace

A Different Way Of Doing Church

At our last Executive meeting, we decided to continue with the general frame work of linking the Sunday sermon to what the Life Groups discuss at their weekly meetings. Printed notes are provided for the people in the groups. This means that a particular theme of preaching would be followed and the theme could be explored at greater depth in the Life Group meeting.

The two key advantages of this is that we can plan the preaching and teaching for the church and explore in depth particular themes. This should help people to grow in their relationship with the Lord. The other advantage is that it resources the Life Group leaders with materials and notes.

(Mike)

No	Name of Leader	Day	Time	Venue	Area
1	Jock Barlow	Mon	09:30	Church	Cashan
2	Yvonne Huxtable	Wed	10:00	Church	Cashan
3	Marion Bothma	Tues	09:30	39 Sonskyn Oord, Ebony Road	Protea Park
4	Alta Hahn	Tues	10:00	38 Cuckoo Road, Cashan 2	Cashan Ext 2
5	Ruth Durrant	Wed	15:00	85 Unie Street	Cashan
6	Noel Webb/ Willem Stoltz	Tues	19:00	Church	Cashan
7	Bernie Beets	Fri	19:00	Various	
8	Sydney de Wet	Tues	19:00	15 Marble Cres, Little Falls	Waterval East
9	Sue & Gert Huyser	Mon	19:00	34A Kerk Street	Ooseinde
10	Mary White	Wed	18:30	13 Selatirivier Avenue	Cashan Ext 4
11	Tim Mathejwa	Wed	18:00	83 Brink Street	Cashan
12	Mike Davies	Wed	19:00	21 Wildevy Ave	Protea Park
13	Mike Durrant	Mon	19:30	85 Unie Street	Cashan
14	Charmain du Plessis	Wed	18:30	2A Heystek Avenue	Town
15	Chet Wallace	Wed	19:00	27 Hendrick vd Merwe Street	Cashan
16	Avril Alberts	Wed	19:00	15 Kruisbessie Ave	Protea Park
17	Joyce Botha	Mon	19:00	47 Soetdoring Avenue	Protea Park

A short note from the Healing Team!

Healing Team

We are grateful to the Lord for the things He is doing in our lives. Our group is still very small, but we are very dedicated to this special calling in our lives. So often we feel that we are going to minister to the needs of people and we find that we are on the receiving end.

We spent some special time with the residents of Spes Bona. We took some cookies and fellowship, which all of us thoroughly enjoyed. This was the start of many visits that will take place. These are special people who need special attention from God's people.

The prayer request box is very seldom used, the requests are few and far apart. These requests are handled and prayed for in the group meetings, they are not passed on to be put in the church notices. If there is perhaps a fear of this happening, I can assure you that these requests are treated with the greatest confidentiality. They go no further than the "cry room".

It is my prayer that God will use our little group in a mighty way and remember we cannot pray for you, or visit you if we don't know that you are in need. Please feel free to contact us at any time, if necessary.

Be Blessed, Sue Huyser

Women's Auxiliary

It's been a busy 3 months for the W.A. with all the happenings in the Church.

We've lost two of our hard working members to Australia, both of whom have been in the W.A. for many years. We've said goodbye to Mrs Shirley Pearse and family, who have already left Rustenburg and head for Australia early in the New Year and Mrs Wendy Rocher and her daughter, Christine, who are already in Australia. Our third loss, a newer member, Mrs Trudy Schwenk and her family have moved from Rustenburg. We wish all three everything of the best in their new locations.

Yet, we've also gained 3 new members, Mrs Willorah van Rensburg, Mrs Janet Paoli and Mrs Cecilia Dearlove. We welcome them into our midst.

A workshop was held with the Manyana, where octagonal shapes were cut from pieces of material and then sewn together to make quilts, throwovers or covers. A great time was had by all. The next workshop on cardmaking is due this month. We've had Leanne Dow from Weigh Less who spoke to us on weight control and eating, Sisters Magdelene, Francis, Margaret Mary and Cathrine from St. Bridget Catholic Mission telling us of their work amongst the homeless and HIV children in their area. Sharon Meier had arranged for these people to come and speak to us. We go to Spes Bona this month and will be taking eats for teatime and a gift for each person.

The W.A. helped at Synod with registration of the delegates, teas and any other job that needed a pair of hands. Many new friends were made. We've also catered for funerals.

Our jumble sale went off well. We received over R1000,00 and will be able to put some items on "Beat the Cold" pile; the Child Protection Unit and to a homeless community. We thank all our church fold for their generosity in giving.

Our next big do is the "Car Boot Sale" on the 28th July. Make a note now of the date and get your car boot goodies ready for this occasion. If you want to book a stand for your car or a table or need any other information you can contact Yvonne Huxtable on 083 740 9797.

Yours in His Service, Yvonne Huxtable, Public Relations Co-ordinator.



A few gatherings of the Supper Circle have taken place over the past few weeks and have been reported to be a resounding success. The balance of the gatherings in this cycle will be taking place over the next few weeks. In all, 18 gatherings are planned.

It is not too late to get involved. If you are interested in improving friendship throughout the congregation, please contact Brian Tite on 082 452 8937 or 014 597 4948 (W).