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ANNUAL MINISTRY REPORTS  
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# Galatians

Jesus + Nothing

## THE HEROES ACADEMY HOLIDAY CLUB

09:00-12:00  
GRADES R-7  
COST: R30PER DAY/R100 FOR THE WEEK  
EMMANUEL CHURCH

**27-30 JUNE**

For more info contact [info@emmanuelchurch.co.za](mailto:info@emmanuelchurch.co.za)

## Mental Health Seminar

Focus on Depression and Anxiety

with *Dr Chris Warton*

**Friday Night** 21 April 7pm - 9pm  
Open Session

**Saturday** 22 April 9am - 3pm  
Registration required - Cost: R120 (includes Lunch)

or more information: [uis@emmanuelchurch.co.za](mailto:uis@emmanuelchurch.co.za)

Venue | **Emmanuel Church Bellville**  
Patou Avenue, Eversdal

# GOOD WORK

\* Why it's good  
\* Why it's so hard  
\* How it can be better

SUNDAY 25 JUNE, 2 & 16 JULY

OCTOBER, 31 2023 | GATES OPEN AT 4:30PM

Boerewors Rolls for sale	Stalls selling a range of yummy treats
Taco Stand	Games and activities- win sweets
Fresh Popcorn	Face painting
Coffee Truck	Jumping castles
Bookstore	Dress up competition
Art and design stalls	

**Emmanuel Church's LIGHT PARTY**

**FREE ENTRY**

24 Patou Road, Amanda Glen

# FROM THE 2023/4 CALENDAR

# ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

THURSDAY 18 MAY @ 8AM

## I Still BELIEVE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Sat. 10th June, 2023 | 5:30pm for 6pm  
Cost | R70 - includes popcorn and coldrink  
(Funds go towards Thailand Missions)  
Bring your own blankets and pillows

THE MOVIE: I STILL BELIEVE

The true-life story of Christian music star, Jeremy Camp and his journey of love and loss, which attempts to prove there is always hope.

3 DECEMBER  
AFTER THE 10 AM SERVICE

## SERMON ON THE MOUNT Rap Battle

072 826 0324  
for more info or to enter

Please join us for a Thai lunch, as the van der Merwe's share about ministry in Thailand

When?...SUNDAY 23 JULY, 11:30 @ EMMANUEL CHURCH

WE WILL BE SERVING A THAI LUNCH FOR ADULTS AND HOT DOGS FOR KIDS. COST... ADULTS R50, KIDS R20

## Music

As we reflect on the past year, it is with gratitude and joy that we can write this ministry report. 2023 was a year of considerable growth for the music ministry and thinking about it once more really has helped us to see how the Lord has been the One leading, guiding, preparing and changing us all.

**Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things.**

We'd like to briefly mention 3 key areas of growth:

1. Growth in numbers - the music ministry currently consists of 35 volunteers. These are people who set aside their time and put much thought and effort into how best to present songs and music to draw people closer to the Word of God. We are so grateful for each and every one of them and how they serve with love and dedication.
2. Growth in skill and dedication - within our set bands, it has been evident to see how musicians and singers are learning from each other, and willing to share their talents and skills with one another. At the beginning of this year, we held a workshop to brainstorm and discuss how we are able to use our skills to encourage the congregation to focus on the Lord and His Word. We want the Lord to be the focus, and not what is happening on stage. This has led to a lot of sharing of tips, time and ideas.
3. Growth in connections - it has been such a blessing to see how people in the music ministry have bonded and grown to know each other better, and thus serve one another with love. Whether it be in relating to each other at practice after a busy day at work/with the kids, reaching out via WhatsApp with an encouraging message or praying for one another. We

have seen brotherly love and encouragement in action in our ministry and it is beautiful to be part of.

A particular highlight in the last year was our Carols service in December 2023. It was a relaxed and paired back evening of uplifting worship to our Saviour King. The children got involved and sang Silent Night so beautifully for us.



Looking ahead, we are very excited that some of the youth are interesting in starting up a youth band again. Chani is heading this up and it has been very encouraging to see the enthusiasm of the young people. May the Lord grow their passion and skill!

As a ministry, we continue to be grateful for the Lord's provision and grace in our team. Our big idea for the year is to ensure the music is simply and skilfully focussing on Jesus always – please won't you be praying that this is true for us all.

*The effort that is always put into finding the perfect song is so special and I feel really blessed to be part of it. It's an honour to be allowed the privilege to sing and encourage others in worship.*  
*Trudy*

*The music ministry offers me a unique way to connect with others using our passions and gifts, and it also allows me to draw closer to my God in a very special and moving way.*  
*Katherine*

Andri Jack, Chani Wilding, Stephen White, Candice Hartley

# Children



In the last year, children's ministry leadership has undergone a big change. Throughout this transition, we managed a consistent and continuous ministry due to a very well set up structure established by Luan. This has allowed the focus to be on relationship building with leaders and families, which has been key. We continue to welcome new families to Emmanuel, and the continuous need for growing and equipping leaders to teach across all areas of children's ministry is a keen focus.

We have been able to see, and listen to, what the volunteers would like to be doing in Sunday School and at Friday night N2Y. In 2023, Luan and I worked hard at developing the Sunday School curriculum so that it works specifically for Emmanuel church and our context. This required weekly feedback from teachers, parents, and the children themselves.

As we look over the past year, we see our greatest need is to disciple our families in the church. We are constantly looking for effective, meaningful and long lasting ways to do this. We have created a church-life family WhatsApp group so parents are always aware of what their children are learning, what is on in the life of the church for them, and how they can get involved. We also experimented with a Sunday School option at the 8:15 service last year, The purpose of this was to create an opportunity for families to attend the early service, and to create additional space at the second. However, numbers were very inconsistent and it did not create the space we needed at our 10 am service. We continue to look for effective ways to reach out to the growing number of families in our church.

We recognised the need in the community for a young moms group. We started Sticky Fingers as part of our family ministry in February 2023. It has quickly grown to a steady group of moms and toddlers from Emmanuel and the community who regularly attend Friday afternoon coffee/playdates at the church, and occasionally arrange what they call *Moms Nights Out*. We

also joined with moms groups from other churches and the community, which brought more new families into other church events.

Some other highlights over the past year in children's ministry include:

**Holiday Club:** In the June/July school holidays, we joined with Durbanville Community Church and ran *Heroes Academy* Holiday Club. This was a wonderful time, with involvement and support from our whole church family. More than 80 children attended and heard the gospel over 4 days. We are very thankful for each volunteer.

**The Light Party:** Emmanuel Church took the opportunity offered by the ever-increasing popularity of Halloween in our community and hosted the Light Party. We created an environment for vendors in the community to be part of a market as we shared the 'light' we celebrate.

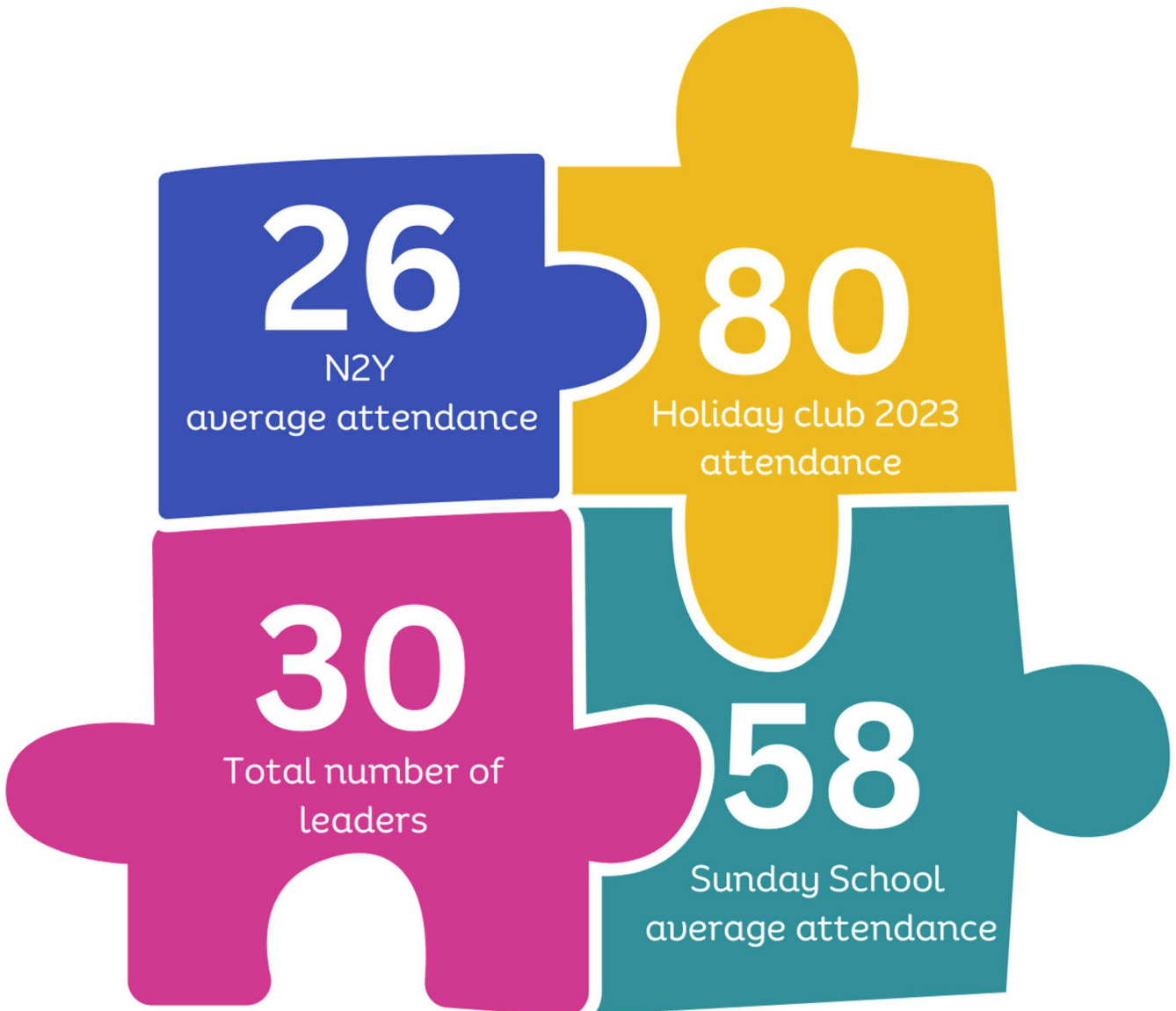
This sense of community continued through our Carols event and we have had many new families join Emmanuel through these three events.

We continue to thank God for His hand over this ministry throughout all the change.

Carrie Steyn



# KEMMANUEL KIDS



# Youth

We are so grateful to God for the privilege of having a vibrant and growing youth ministry at Emmanuel. Even during the transitional period of leadership changes, the youth ministry wasn't affected and it allowed an opportunity for other leaders to step up and for the ministry to continue to function.

We unashamedly put God's Word at the centre of the ministry and teach the teenagers who Jesus is and what it means to have a deep relationship with him. This has been the strength of the ministry. We have created a nice balance, between good Biblical teaching, keeping Jesus at the centre, having fun and creating a safe space where teenagers can be themselves in His presence.

A large majority of our teenagers attended the Cross Word Camp over the December holidays and we are very thankful to the church for supporting us financially and by way of fundraising. This allowed many teenagers, to attend the camp, without any financial constraints.

The desire of the Youth leadership this last year, was to see how we could bridge the gap, between those who attend Youth on a Friday and those who don't, but who attend church on a Sunday. This is when 2nd Sunday was launched. This happens on the 2nd Sunday of every month, after the 10am service, where teenagers are invited to have donuts together. The main aim is to reach out to new teenagers attending the church and to those who feel a bit shy, about coming on a Friday night.

Attendance at Youth has been outstanding for the most part, considering the busy schedules that teenagers and parents face during the week. At times, it was a bit overwhelming, in that, occasionally, space was a problem when playing games. We seem to have created the right environment, where teenagers can come and relax for a couple of hours on a Friday night, be encouraged and loved and hear from God's word, without any pressure. The fruit of this is seeing the spiritual growth in the teens, as well as them not wanting to go home on a Friday night. We have also had new people coming to join us on a Friday evening and they keep coming back.



We are grateful to Chani and Stephan who started a youth music ministry in the first term, with the aim of developing a youth band. The Lord worked in his usual powerful way, as teenagers arrived to learn about worship and to improve their skills, so that they can help their fellow teens, worship God, as He deserves. There were over 20 Teenagers who arrived at 7pm on a Friday, just before Youth started, to learn more about Jesus through worship.

This ministry would not be as successful as it has been, if it wasn't for the Lord choosing leaders to run this ministry. Emmanuel is so blessed to have the quality of the youth leaders that we have, humble servants of Jesus, who want to see teenagers turn to Him and be loved. It's not easy to give up a Friday night to serve, but these volunteers are so faithful to the call that God has placed upon them. Thank you to those who served and have stepped down for a season. Everyone has played an important part in a teenager's eternity.

We are also so thankful to the parents who allow their teens to attend, the council, the administration staff and the pastors who work behind the scenes to make this challenging ministry, easier to do. Special thanks to the Moms who deliver treats on a Friday night.

Andrew Worrall

## Young Adults

As young adults at Emmanuel we hope to be men and women who love God, one another, and the world around us. It is to this end that we meet together weekly; on Thursday evenings to study the bible together and Sunday evenings to have dinner together.

The start of the year marked a move for the group from the church premises into a home. And, it has been an exciting start with a host of new faces, not in the least Amy, Sebastian and me. An early getaway to Swellendam in January was a great way for us all to connect before the year began. Once the ordinary week kicked in, we began meeting on Thursdays and after a while on Sundays. Currently, we are about 25 regular folk, with a few occasional visitors.

Though the move to a home has only just happened, before the 2nd term is out we will be moving back to church. Currently we break into 2 groups for study on a Thursday evening, but with the current group size we hope to be 3 before we see the end of the year. We have decided to move onto the church premises to accommodate an additional study group, and train 2 new leaders to co-lead the 3rd group.

As we anticipate the move back to church, we're thankful to the Lord for young men who have been willing to step into new leadership roles. Pray alongside us as they prepare to step into these roles in the future. I am particularly thankful for Ross, Nicole, Luan and JD because of the firm foundation they have laid for the young adults at Emmanuel. It has truly been a joy to step into a group like this. Join me in thanking God for them.

Conrad Rheeder

## Women

The Women's Ministry Committee's events and initiatives continued to focus on supporting the Church's vision of *Loving God, Loving One Another* and *Loving the World* during 2023.

The Kraaifontein Old Age Home, led by Andri Jack, is now housed with The Missions Board.

The Women's ministry vision *"To Connect, Grow and Encourage"* underpinned all the activities and initiatives undertaken during the year. These are set out in the table below.

EVENT/ACTIVITY	THEME/DATE	FOCUS AREA	STATUS
Women's breakfast	Making a difference	Loving one another Loving the world	✓
Scottsville High School	18 April 2023 6 September 2023	Loving the world	✓ ✓
Young women	Clay lounge social High tea Book study Socials	Loving God Loving one another Loving the world	✓ ✓ ✓
KOAH	Bible Study Megavoice device Socials	<b>Loving one another</b> Loving the world	✓ ✓ x
Growth Groups	Meeting with Bible study leaders	Loving God	Ladies ✓ Mixed x
Meet & Treat	22 July 2023	<b>Loving one another</b> Loving the world	✓
Ladies Christmas Event	Picnic	Loving one another Loving the world	✓
2 Newsletters		Loving God Loving one another Loving the world	July 23 ✓ Nov 23 ✓

By the grace of God and the commitment and passion of the various teams, we were able to deliver all our planned initiatives except for the socials at the Kraaifontein Old Age Home and meeting with the women's ministry representatives at the mixed Growth Groups.

Over the past year, Andri and her team (comprising men and women) continued to serve the residents of the *Kraaifontein Old Age Home (KOAH)* and observed an increase in the number of residents who attend bible study. As the year progressed, residents have been more open to participate in discussions during bible study. Bible studies are being led well and God's word fervently proclaimed. The team handed over a big screen TV and megaphone devices to KOAH; this was largely attributable to the great teamwork at play. Although the general management of KOAH remains a concern, as does the small team available to lead the Bible

studies, the team has made a huge positive difference to each KOAH resident since serving there.

Please continue to keep Andri and her team in prayer as they share the gospel with residents, praying that each resident will come to know God's grace and thanking God for his faithfulness.

The *Grace Mobile Kitchen* continued to feed, clothe and pray for the homeless over the past year.

In 2023 the Women and Men's ministry embarked on a relationship with *Scottsville High School*. Scottsville is a suburb in Kraaifontein, about 7 km away from our church. According to the 2011 Census, there are about 154 614 people living in the area. Although Scottsville is so close to our Church, the socio-economic conditions are starkly different. The area is characterised by unemployment, alcohol and drug abuse, violent crime, gangsterism and has one of the highest murder rates in the Western Cape. Despite these difficulties, with the commitment of a dedicated team of educators and strong community support, the school has consistently recorded year-on-year improvement in the National Senior Certificate pass rate.

The Women and Men's ministry teams had two positive interactions with the learners in 2023 and are given the freedom to share God's word with learners – a blessing in an environment where typically learners are no longer exposed to Christianity at schools.



The group of *Young women* has grown in leaps and bounds. The group prefers not to define what “young” means, rather they include all women who would like to join!

They have continued to meet each month to read through and then discuss a section from the book “Lies Women Believe”, by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, understanding topics such as how they view God, themselves, emotions and priorities. They share prayer requests and open up about their struggles, and are encouraged to realise that they are not alone in their trials, and that there is usually someone else who has been in a similar situation. Friendships have been blossoming through these gatherings! Some women have asked to be paired up with prayer partners from the group, which has been a wonderful encouragement to those involved.

Last year a number of socials were arranged which include a movie evening, painting dinner plates at June’s Clay Lounge and the Ladies’ Christmas Picnic.

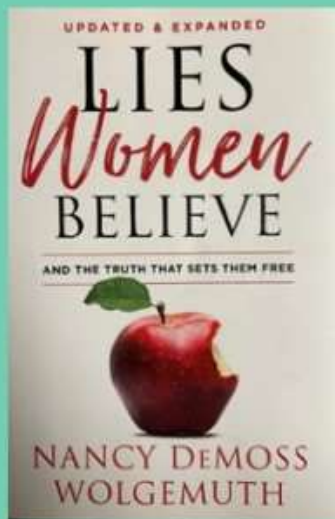


*The young ladies’ community has been a place where we are comfortable to be vulnerable with each other. Personally, I’ve appreciated every month’s meeting I’ve joined so far. And the book ‘Lies Women Believe’ has been such an eye opener to us as godly women.*

Thank you to all the volunteers, donors, sponsors, and committees who joyfully served in the various women’s ministries over the past year.

As the Committee embarks on the various initiatives planned for 2024, we would encourage our Church family to pray for the ministry and where possible to volunteer their time and resources to enable us to Love God, Love One Another and Love the World.

Women’s Ministry Team



# Making a Difference

Emmanuel Ladies Ministry Breakfast  
 25 March, 2023    08:30 for 09:00    Cost: R40  
 Guest Speaker: Anneli van Rooyen  
 Bookings online only, visit [www.emmanuelchurch.co.za](http://www.emmanuelchurch.co.za)  
 Light continental breakfast box  
*inviting all Emmanuel ladies*  
 Connect Encourage Grow



Ministry collection of sanitary towels and hygiene products for the Matric girls at Scottsville High

## Ladies Christmas Celebration

bring food & share picnic

DATE: SAT, 25 11 23  
 TIME: 08:30 FOR 09:00  
 VENUE: EMMANUEL CHURCH  
 COST: JUST A LUXURY ITEM FOR EMMANUEL FOOD CUPBOARD

Be sure to bring your own picnic set-up!

- PICNIC BLANKET
- PLATE DRESSES
- CHAIR
- CUPS

Prize for best picnic, set up & best festive dress

Please register online

## EMMANUEL CHURCH WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENING

# MEET & TREAT

ENGAGE AND CONNECT WITH US AS WE GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER

22 July, 2023  
 9 AM to 11 AM

Emmanuel Church  
 24 Paton Road

Register online or with the Ladies of the Event Committee  
 PLEASE BRING A PLATTER OF EATS TO SHARE

# Men

## *Men's Groups*

Two groups of around ten men each meet once a week for study and discussion as they work through Christian material which outline the roles Christian men should play. This year the groups both studied "Brave by Faith" by Alistair Begg, after which one of the groups did several studies on the Psalms, and then the Paul Tripp 1 Peter video series. The other group studied "Enjoying God" by Tim Chester followed by a Bible study on prayer called "Bold 1 Approach - The Why and How of Prayer."

These studies encourage the men to grapple with the ways in which the Bible prompts us to live as Christians and causes them to grow in fellowship as they discuss God's call on different areas of their lives.

## *Men's breakfasts*

The men's committee hosted two Men's Breakfast events in the reporting period. The purpose of these events is to equip the men to live as God has called them, specifically addressing their roles as men. They also provide an opportunity for growth in relationships as men discuss the issues raised by each talk.

## *Knowing your lines*

The first of these events was held on September 23 of 2023. It was entitled "Knowing your Lines" and was attended by approximately 50 men.

The two talks were presented by Gareth Heuer from St James in Kenilworth. They emphasised the importance both of knowing that God has set the pattern for our lives, and knowing what that pattern looks like through studying His Word.

Between the talks Jonathan Symmonds presented his testimony.

## *Friendship & Brotherhood*

“*So good to meet new folk, encouraging discussions and challenging Bible teaching. Huge thanks to the organisers.*

*Gary*

The second of these events was on the 9th March 2024. It explored the Biblical pattern of Friendship and Brotherhood and was attended by about 67 men.

There were again two talks, both of which were presented by Rev Conrad Rheeder. First, he walked us through the importance and pattern of a Biblical friendship. The second talk prompted us to nurture our friendships and to use them as intended - for Christian growth, fellowship and encouragement.

Gary Lombard blessed us with his testimony between the talks.

### *Men's Retreat*

The last event undertaken by the Men's ministry in the reporting period was the Men's retreat at Paardeberg Mountain Retreat on the 4th to the 5th of May. It was attended by around 37 men.

The speaker - Rev Brent Russell - presented us with four talks, each of which was followed by discussion. The talks were centered around the Parable of the Prodigal Son and encouraged us to examine our hearts for areas that remained in rebellion to God or aspects of self righteousness. We were then called to express the love and mercy God has shown to us to those around us who may need it.

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*The Men's Retreat was an enriching experience, fostering uninterrupted, communal study of the Word, forging new friendships, and deepening existing relationships within the family of God.*

*Cornelius*

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*The 2024 men's retreat was such a spiritual blessing for me, a time where brothers in Christ rallied together to share truths of our faith, walk alongside, build up, refresh, strengthen, sharpen, challenge and love one another.*

*Russel*

Men's Ministry Team



EMMANUEL MEN'S MINISTRY

# Know your lines

HOW TO LIVE WELL IN A SINFUL WORLD

Guest Speaker:  
Rev Gareth Heuer

23.09.2023 | 8:30-11:30 AM | Emmanuel Church  
24 Patou Rd, Amanda Glen



MEN'S MINISTRY

# Friendship & Brotherhood

Nurturing meaningful friendships and building a strong Christian brotherhood

09.03.24 | 08:30 - 11:30  
Emmanuel Church  
Cost: R50  
Contact: doganwoudberg@gmail.com/082 308 4250

SPEAKER  
Rev Conrad Rhooder

2 Timothy 4:1-2

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4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

MEN'S RETREAT

# LOST & FOUND

What Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son can teach us about being men in a complex world

Speaker: Rev. Brent Russell  
Date: 4<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Cost: R500 | R450 Early bird special until 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Venue: Paardeberg Mountain Retreat  
Contact: doganwoudberg@gmail.com | 082 308 4250



## Seniors

Every Tuesday morning at 9:30 a large group of “seniors” meet for Bible Study in the Media room at Emmanuel Church.

We begin with a time of sharing needs and concerns for prayer; we then pray for people and issues that we have heard of, which leads into the Bible Study. After prayer, we break for tea, refreshments and fellowship.

There are 42 seniors on our register and our attendance is between 30 and 35 each week.

Roy Glover leads the study group, and together with his wife Susan, endeavours to make sure that everything runs smoothly, needs are met, and prayers are current and up to date.

The Seniors Ministry is not confined solely to the above and we do try to keep up with other seniors at Emmanuel, most especially those who battle to regularly attend services due to frailty or ill health.

In the past year, the deaths of 13 people (Emmanuelites and some related to members of our Church) have kept us busy with another aspect of this ministry. Visiting the sick, attending to the bereaved and often taking the funeral service.

Once again, this year we are supporting the Cystinosis Foundation of S.A. by “adopting” patients and praying for them. Twice a year seniors collect a goodie-bag of necessities and treats which are couriered to the patients homes throughout S.A. together with a food voucher of R1500.00. The money comes from fund-raisers and gifts to the foundation. This we consider our missions venture as we continue to support other mission work under the care and careful watch of the Missions Board.

In November of 2023, Emmanuel supported the publication of a Pastoral Care Devotional Booklet, to aid anyone who feels the call to visit the sick and frail, but feels unsure when it comes to bringing comfort from God’s Word and prayer. It is the third booklet that has been printed in the series of aids (or information). 1] “in the event of” a practical guide to after death procedures; 2] “putting your affairs in order” a practical guide to assistance in old age; 3] “Pastoral Care Devotions”. (Booklets are available at a cost of R10 each towards printing costs.)

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Firstly, I decided to join the seniors bible study, as it came highly recommended by one of the other seniors.  
I also so much wanted to be the youngest for a change; but then Colin Daniel's spoilt it all for me. One of the most beautiful things for me is the sense of community amongst the seniors. How they care for each other, and I also enjoy being with seniors because they have a wealth of knowledge in life which I can learn from.  
I also prefer a male teacher and that things are well organized and orderly.  
Sharon

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I needed to join a morning Growth group and discovered that the “Seniors” was a mixed group who met in the morning. Personally, I thought that I did not qualify yet, but went anyway. From day one I was welcomed by a friendly bunch and have enjoyed it ever since. The teaching of God's word, caring for one another, the fellowship, sharing life experiences and wisdom are an encouragement to me in my daily walk with the Lord, and adds value to my life.  
Colin

Roy Glover

## Missions

God's mission is to involve churches more in what He is doing, rather than just having church members participate in activities. Our vision should inspire members to join God's mission field. As a missionary said "The mark of a church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity."

The Mission Board aims to bring mission work closer to church members and growth groups, keeping us accountable and focused on Christ. We meet monthly to oversee all missionary partners and support them. Sadly, we bid farewell to Hylma Smit after 19 years of prison work. She was an inspiring example of service and faith.

Paul Kim, a mission worker, was robbed last November while helping at a soup kitchen. He and his family are healing, but it will be a long process. We pray for the protection of all our mission workers.

More church members are getting involved in missions; like Andri Jack and Jenny Reid, who lead teams in Kraaifontein and the Grace Mobile Kitchen. Peter Guy's team reaches out weekly at shopping centres, witnessing about the Lord's work. Eise Geerts continues prison work, helping prisoners and their families restore relationships. Gail Daniels supports the Cystinosis Foundation, educating about this rare disease. Theo van den Berg is involved in the Lord's Acre Ministries in Franschhoek.

Our Thailand team, including Melissa, Michèle, and two families. Two young adults visited the team in Thailand last year. The van der Merwe family visited to give feedback to supporting churches, showing how our church's support impacts the mission field.

Prayer is crucial, and more members are joining our prayer meetings. A.B. Simpson said, "Prayer is the mighty engine that moves the missionary work" We see God's work in our prayers for Emmanuel's local and abroad missionary partners.

Missions Board Members: Christy, Eise, Nikki