

Pardon and peace

Through Christ's sacrifice, our past is pardoned and our future secure. And, "Since we have been made right with God by our faith, we have peace with God" Romans 5:1.

Peace with God. What a happy consequence of faith! Not just peace between countries, peace between neighbours, or peace at home; salvation brings peace with God. Once a monk and his apprentice travelled from the abbey to a nearby village. The two parted at the city gates, agreeing to meet the next morning after completing their tasks. According to the plan, they met and began the long walk back to the abbey. The monk noticed that the younger man was unusually quiet. He asked him if anything was wrong. "What business is it of yours?" came the terse response.

Now the monk was sure that his brother was troubled, but he said nothing. The distance between the two began to increase. The apprentice walked slowly, as if to separate himself from his teacher. When the abbey came in sight, the monk stopped at the gate and waited for the student. "Tell me, my son. What troubles your soul?"

The boy started to react again, but when he saw the warmth in his master's eyes, his heart began to melt. "I have sinned greatly," he sobbed. "Last night I slept with a woman and abandoned my vows. I am not worthy to enter the abbey at your side."

The teacher put his arm around the student and said, "We will enter the abbey together. And we will enter the cathedral together. And together we will confess your sin. No one but God will know which of the two of us fell."

Doesn't that describe what God has done for us? When we kept our sin silent, we withdrew from him. We saw him as an enemy. We took steps to avoid his presence. But our confession of fault alters our perception. God is no longer a foe, but a friend. We are at peace with him. He did more than the monk did, much more. More than share in our sin, Jesus was "crushed for the evil we did. The punishment which made us well was given to him" (Isaiah 53:5). "He accepted the shame" (Hebrews 12:2) He leads us into the presence of God.

-Max Lucado. *The Gift for all people.*

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**ARE YOU A VISITOR OR WITH US FOR THE FIRST TIME OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE MINISTER OR A LEADER? PERHAPS YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?**

(kindly complete this form, tear it off and place it in the collection plate)

Name & Surname.....

Residential address/ Prayer Requests

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Tel: .....

Kindly mark where applicable:

I am new and would like more info

I would like to join

I would like to see the Minister or a Leader

Your prayers would be welcomed



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**A Church for the whole community**

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**8th September 2019**



**CONGREGATIONAL-METHODIST-PRESBYTERIAN**

**Our goal:**

**"To please Him (Jesus) in every way" Colossians 1:10.**

**Serving you this week**

**Serving you 15<sup>th</sup> September**

Duty	08h00	09h30
Preacher:	<b>Rev. John</b>	<b>Teen Church &amp; Sunday School</b>
Service Steward:	Derrick O	Peter P
Door duty:	Anneli O Sue V	Dave S, Anne S Eleanor W Barbara J
Tea:	Ria S, June G	

Duty	08h00	09h30
Preacher:	Rev. John Gordon	
Service Steward:	Trevor F	Brain R
Door duty:	Jess M Collette H	Andy OC Carol O C Ian K Sue K
Tea:	Jenny W	

**Scripture Readings:**

08h00 Psalm 139:1-3, 14, Jeremiah 18:1-11, Philemon 1:1-21.

09h30 Psalm 9:9, Matthew 5:21-26, Matthew 6:25-34.

**RRUC Cash Flow**

5<sup>th</sup> Septemeber 2019, Bank Balance: R 68 780.04 Total expenses: R 141 274.93,  
Shortfall: R 72 494.89.



**Staff contact numbers**

**Minister:** Rev. John Gordon - 073 227 2545  
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**For Generosity Giving**

**Bank:** ABSA  
**Account number:** 01005881508  
**Branch number:** 515005

**Looking ahead**

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Spring Ball R200 per ticket	13 <sup>th</sup> September	18h30 for 19h00,	RRU Church
Hymn Along	15 <sup>th</sup> September	16h00, Tea & eats at 15h30,	RRU Church
Ladies Fellowship	17 <sup>th</sup> September	09h30,	RRU Church

Contemplative Service	22 <sup>nd</sup> September	18h00, RRU Church
Car Wash	6 <sup>th</sup> October	08h00 & 09h30, RRU Church

**Happy Birthday!**

If it's your birthday this week, please take a card in the foyer ☺

Date	Name	Number
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Kayleigh Trainer	17 years old!
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Trevor Frankish	0826018556
	Romeo Mpata	9 years old!
	Lethabo Sebothoma	18 years old!
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Robin Lane	0828570020
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Graham Ehrich	0826217779
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Nicole Hunter	0832827392

**General**

**PROJECTIONISTS NEEDED!** If you are available to do projection at either of the services once a month, please let the office know. The services are done on PowerPoint and are fairly easy to operate, training will be provided (if needed). Thank you.

**BIBLE QUIZ!** Has BEGUN! Questionnaires will be handed out weekly and scores will be tallied. After 6 months, the person with the highest score will receive a prize of R500. The upcoming Bible Quiz will go into recess from Nov 24<sup>th</sup> and continue in Feb 2020, to be fair to those going away on holiday.

**VEGETABLE SALES:** Fresh Veggies are on sale on Sunday's after the services. If you can help to sell veggies please let the office know

**MENTOR DADDIES NEEDED:** We are seeking men to mentor young fatherless boys in the direct community. This would mean a weekly meeting of 1 – 1.5 hours to play a mentor/ fathering role in their lives. Training will be provided for such mentors with The Character Company (<https://www.thecharactercompany.co.za/>) before such mentoring will take place. We believe that such mentors will play a vital part in the life of the boys as well as the church. For more information speak to John, information pamphlets are in the foyer.

