

# MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH

Church Newsletter

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We have been so blessed by every person who has visited or been part of our church this past year!



As I think back over the year, it's amazed me see how God has spoken and worked among us! We have been encouraged by the words from Joshua 1 from the start and so it's been a year of **anticipating a triumphant 'journey with God' from the very beginning!** We close the year with those same words from Joshua 1v6, 7 and 9 where God says to His people, **"Be strong and very courageous...!"** That's the encouragement we have for our families, our work challenges, for our neighbourhoods and for this country as we move toward revival.

We have also recently been reminded to do four things:

- Close doors from the past that have hindered us;
- Kneel in surrender, in repentance and worship;
- In that place of surrender, seek the Lord and allow His word to wash and cleanse us, to renew our minds;
- Then we will be ready for the Spirit to lead us through new doors into a season of His purposes and blessing! We need the Spirit to give us power to be His witnesses (Acts 1v8), to counsel us by leading us into all truth, and to comfort us too. **Oh that we would walk with the Lord every day, full of the flow of life and purpose that the Holy Spirit brings!**

We have also been encouraged not to be hindered in our faith journey. **Letting go of some things can be very hard, but of this I'm certain, we must not stop short of total surrender to God because that's what hinders God from powerfully working in and through us.** Letting go comes as we allow the Spirit to reveal our weakness and so we begin to realise that the things of eternal value can only begin to grow in the areas where we allow Jesus to reign in our lives.

I remain expectant of revival, and I believe that what we are witnessing stirrings in preparation for greater things to come. **The Passion events around the country, the Global Leadership Summit, Mighty Men and Angus Buchan at the FNB Stadium, the renewed call for the church to pray and new churches springing up all over are just some of the wonderful testimonies of God at work – what a privilege to be a part of that!**

Our desire for this season and into 2017 **must include the priority of a deeper personal relationship with God**, having hearts that are intentional about hearing His voice, of not being fearful but rather, walking in faith, love and obedience with our spiritual ears and eyes wide open.

I pray that this will be a season of great joy because of Emmanuel, God with us! **May that thought of God with us, cause our hearts to swell with expectation as we give Him His rightful place in our homes this season!**

**Have a great Christmas and may the abundance of God overflow from our lives, touching others in this season.** Let's make a difference by showing the love of Jesus and being shining lights to those who are in need of the Good News, knowing that Jesus loves them too. **God bless you!**

## Important Dates To Diarise:

- **Church services** are every Sunday from 10h00 to 11h00. Our last **communion service** for the year will be a **special family service on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November.**
- **Church Home Group** meets from 7.30 to 9.00pm every Wednesday **until the 30<sup>th</sup> of November.**
- **Everyone is invited** to join us on Sunday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of November straight after church, for a **lunch spitbraai.** Please ensure that we have your name for catering.
- **Junior Church prize giving** will be on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December. This will be followed by our **evening of Carols in the Meadow from 6pm to 8pm.**
- **Seniors' Lunch** for everyone who is 60 years and over, is on **Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December at 12h00** at the White's House.
- **Our final service for the year is on 11<sup>th</sup> December.** There will be **no Church services** on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of December, as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.
- **Normal church services resume on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January.**

## Do you need prayer?

We will gladly pray with you any time so **you are most welcome to contact us right through this holiday period.**

**John 3v16-17** For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

**We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4 v 19**

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