



FAMILY TIMES

December 2011

St Matthews Church

Table View

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FINDING FOCUS AT CHRISTMAS

On Sunday evening, **18th December**, enjoy a special time of singing Christmas Carols and having a Picnic together.

On the following Sunday morning, **25th December**, join us for a message on 'Finding Focus at Christmas.'

Please note...

25th December - morning: the service starts EARLIER than usual - 9am

25th December - evening: there will be NO SERVICE in the evening

1st January - morning & evening: there will be NO SERVICES

E x p e r i e n c e G o d ' s F a m i l y

SALT

RESCUE . LOVE . RESTORE

Isidima Christmas Party

Isidima is an outreach project of the SALT ministry to unemployed women of the greater Table View community.

The Isidima Christmas Party will be held on the morning of **Thursday 8th December** at View Church. Volunteers are needed to help with setting up, making and serving food, handing out gifts, kid's entertainment and general running of the day. For more info contact Carly Tzanos • 074 282 8055

Brooklyn Chest Hospital Christmas Party for the children

Join us at Brooklyn Chest Hospital on **17th December at 10am** as we throw a Christmas Party for 70 to 100 underprivileged TB and HIV/AIDS babies and children.

Please bring your contribution of **toys, clothes, sweets, & chips** to church by 10th December.

For more info and to get involved, please contact Tracey Hibbert • 082 873 2900



It's once again time to spoil the residents of **Cheshire Home** in Milnerton. For many years, Neil Small has encouraged the St Matthews Family to make up special **Marshmallow Mugs**. Please bring a large, fun, bright mug, filled with marshmallows and wrapped with colourful cellophane, & hand your gift to Lyn at the Welcome Kiosk before **Sunday 11th December**. Thank you!!

On the **5th of December**, join The A-team for the annual scrumptious **breakfast at Karrie's farm**. Meet at St Matts at 8:45am and we will return by 1:30pm.

Petrol cost is R15. Booking is essential.

Contact Karrie: 082 994 3860 or karrie@stmatthews.co.za.



The UN-THINKABLE Series - Louie Giglio



This series is an invitation to shake off the familiar and embrace the hope of an unthinkably amazing life marked by the fingerprints of God Himself. **Sundays, 4th & 11th December, 6pm.**

children & youth



GRADES 1 - 6

Sundays

4 Dec

fully rely on god

11 Dec

celebration service

18 Dec

jesus in a santa suit

25 Dec

jesus in a santa suit



Friday programme starts up again on 20 Jan 2012

Lauren Douglass:

084 417 9025

lauren@stmatthews.co.za

Synergy

St. Matthews Youth Ministry

GRADES 7 - 12

Friday 9 Dec

Tobogganing
(end of year event)



Friday 13 Jan '12

Synergy Friday night programme starts up again

Colin Retief:

083 324 3143

colin@stmatthews.co.za

MEET THE FAMILY

Jade Green



How would you describe yourself, in 4 words?

I am very shy....that's 4 words, bahahaha!

What is the best piece of advice you've received?

Read your Bible and pray every day!

What advice do you wish you had followed, but actually ignored?

Don't smoke cigarettes! I have since quit for almost 2 years :-)

What is your earliest childhood memory?

I was 10 years old and went paddle-skiing in the ocean. The ski flipped and knocked me unconscious. When I finally regained consciousness, I remember my dad rushing over to save me! I will never forget that look on his face! The alarm, fear and worry, which then turned into love and peace, as soon as I was safely back in his arms.

What drives you?

The hope that we have in Jesus!

How do you cope with disappointment?

Prayer!

What is one thing we probably don't know about you?

My mother liked to style my hair the same as hers. I had a mullet like Billy Ray Cyrus in the 80's and early 90's!

When or where are you happiest?

Nothing beats being with, and experiencing, God's family.

What are you most proud of?

The fact that I can out-spin Mike Emslie and Lauren Douglass!

What is your life motto?

His Word above all things!

CHRISTMAS IS NEARLY HERE!

WHAT A GREAT TIME TO LEARN
ABOUT JESUS!

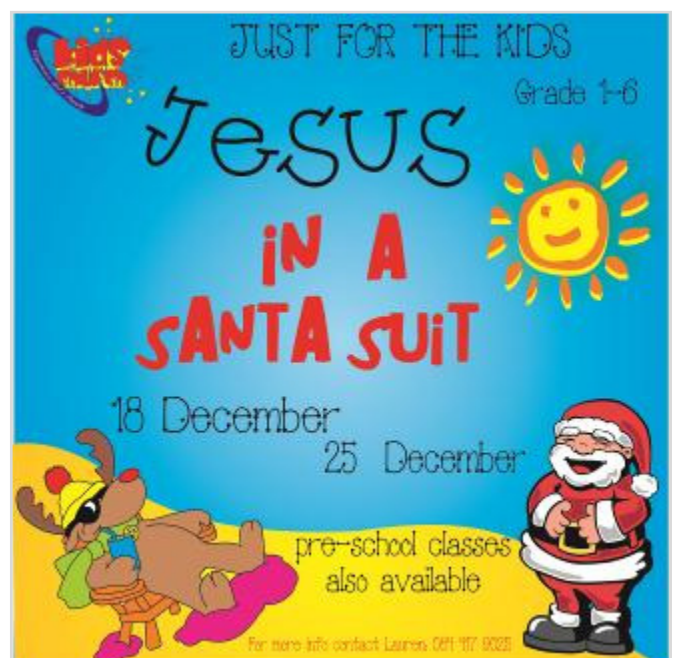
BRING YOUR KIDS
(OR ANYONE ELSE'S KIDS!) TO LEARN
ABOUT JESUS IN A SANTA SUIT!

18TH DECEMBER, 9:45AM

&

25TH DECEMBER, 9AM

FOR MORE INFO,
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talk to us

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prayer

Ola Kemsley & Family
after loss of mother, Marie Jerling

Pat Harlow
- health (cancer)

Chris & Averyl Röhm - health

Denys Stuart - health

Those who are alone, lonely, or
struggling at this time of year.

Prayer Chain Ministry

Gayle Buchanan 021 554 3499

Totally Dependent

In the light of what God's Word says about remaining dependent on Him in prayer for the success of His gospel mission through us, we have started a prayer movement at St Matthews called 'Totally Dependent'. This includes a stronger focus on prayer by Council & Staff; encouraging all ministries to pray more at ministry events; encouraging Home Groups to spend more time praying; a prayer diary; & united prayer events for revival & gospel success.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our **Christmas morning service** starts a little **earlier** than usual. On Sunday, 25th December, the service starts at **9am**. Please make a note so that you don't miss this special time together with your St Matthews Family.

On **Sunday, 1st January 2012**, there will be **no services** at all at St Matthews. Each year, at the end of the year, everyone involved in any way at St Matthews is released from their commitments at the church. So to all staff and volunteers, enjoy your time off; and to all the rest of our St Matts Family, we look forward to seeing you again after Christmas on the 8th of Jan!



Addiction Victorious

Support group for alcohol & drug addiction.

Wednesdays @ 19:45 @ St Matthews.

Contact Andrew de Kock • 021 556 0150

start times

Sundays

Services @

9:45am & 6:00pm

Children's Facilities:

- Cry Room 0-1yr • Crèche 0-2yrs
- Tiny Tots 3-4yrs (AM only)
- King's Kids 5-6yrs (AM only)
- Kids' Church Grade 1-6 (AM only)

fridays

Kids' Church

6:00pm - 7:30pm

(Grade 1 - 6)

Synergy Youth

7:45pm - 9:15pm

(Grade 7 - 12)

THE BOTTOM LINE

Income for

Oct 2011: R 168,715

Jan - Oct: R1,767,093

Nov at 22/11: R 79,305

Expenses for

Oct 2011: R 142,035

Jan - Oct: R1,777,747

Nov at 22/11: R 61,057

(mainly R76,000 salaries to pay)

Surplus/Deficit for

Oct 2011: +R26,680

Jan - Oct: -R10,654

Income dropped slightly, but costs were significantly reduced, due to no major costs needing to be paid.

Praise the Lord for this financial blessing.

We are approaching Christmas holidays: **please remember the STM ministry commitments in your prayers as well as your tithes & offerings - giving is a normal act of worship.**

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BANK DETAILS: St Matthews Church, Table View; Standard Bank Bayside, Cheque Acct No. 271222352, Branch Code 022209

UPCOMING EVENTS...

1st December

WOW

The final WoW (Women of the Word) meeting will include a smorgasbord of crafts on sale for filling the Christmas stockings. Also listen to the testimony of Yolande Watson and hear music from Colin Retief. Childcare will be available. For more info, contact Karrie Botha: 082 994 3860 or karrie@stmatthews.co.za.



2nd - 4th December

SURVIVOR KIDS' CAMP

Grade 3 - 7's will soon be off to the Melkbos Cultural Centre for a Survivor weekend. Get your forms from Lauren ASAP: 084 417 9025 or lauren@stmatthews.co.za



4th December

SHARING SUNDAY & CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Please continue to fill our Christian Care Pantry which assists our St Matthews' families that are struggling. We also need Christmas treats to make up Christmas Hampers to help make Christmas a joyful time for those in need.



5th December

BREAKFAST @ KARRIE'S

Book with Karrie for the A-Team's annual scrumptious breakfast: 082 994 3860 or karrie@stmatthews.co.za.



18th December

CAROL SERVICE & PICNIC

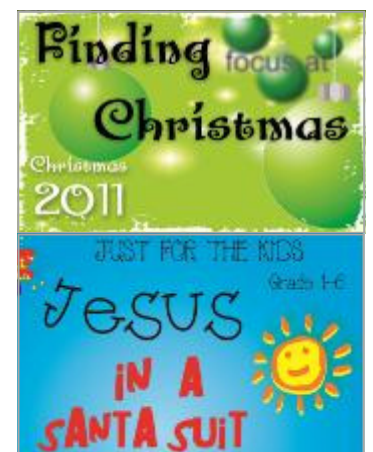
Starting with a bring-your-own picnic at 6pm, join us for an evening of Christmas Carols.



25th December

FINDING FOCUS AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas with the St Matthews Family! **9am to 10am.** Join us for a joyous start to a day worthy of much celebration!



JESUS IN A SANTA SUIT

And bring your kids (or anyone else's kids too!) to have fun with Lauren and her leaders at their own Christmas celebration at Kids Church.



ST. MATTHEWS

December 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
27 Membership Sunday • 09:45 Mike Emslie 'Why Pray?' • 14:00 Sunday Afternoon Café • 18:00 Louie Giglio (DVD) 'Unthinkable' • 09:30 Cheshire Home Service	28 Nov • 19:30 Home Group: Bloubergrand	29 Nov • 10:00 Cheshire Home Visit • 18:00 - 20:00 Home Group: Parklands (kid-friendly!)	30 Nov • 10:00 Cheshire Home Visit • 19:45 Addition Victorious • 19:00 & 20:00 Home Groups: Various Suburbs	1 • 09:45 WoW Crafts, Testimony, Music! Last meeting of the year. • 17:00 Talking Hands • 19:00 WoW	2 Survivor Kids Camp » • 09:30 Home Group: Parklands (Seniors) • 19:45 Synergy	3 Survivor Kids Camp »
4 Sharing Sunday • 09:45 Mike Emslie 'Why Pray?' • 18:00 Louie Giglio (DVD) 'Unthinkable'	5 • 09:00 A-Team Breakfast at Karrie's • 19:30 Home Group: Bloubergrand	6 • 10:00 Cheshire Home Visit • 18:00 - 20:00 Home Group: Parklands (kid-friendly!)	7 • 10:00 Cheshire Home Visit • 19:45 Addition Victorious • 19:00 & 20:00 Home Groups: Various Suburbs	8 • 08:45 Isidima Christmas Party @ The View Church	9 • 09:30 Home Group: Parklands (Seniors) • Synergy End of Year Event: Tobogganing!	10
11 • 09:45 Colin Retief Youth & Children's Celebration Service • 18:00 Louie Giglio (DVD) 'Unthinkable'	12 Cross Word Youth Camp »	13 Cross Word Youth Camp » • 10:00 Cheshire Home Visit	14 Cross Word Youth Camp » • 10:00 Cheshire Home Visit • 19:45 Addition Victorious	15 Cross Word Youth Camp »	16 Day of Reconciliation Cross Word Youth Camp » • 09:30 Home Group: Parklands (Seniors)	17 Cross Word Youth Camp » • 10:00 Brooklyn Chest Hospital Christmas Party
18 • 09:45 Mike Emslie 'Rejoice! It's Christmas.' • 18:00 Carol Service & Picnic	19	20 • 10:00 Cheshire Home Visit	21 • 10:00 Cheshire Home Visit	22	23 • 09:30 Home Group: Parklands (Seniors)	24
25 Christmas Day • 09:00 Mike Emslie 'Finding Focus at Christmas' *Note earlier morning start time* • NO EVENING SERVICE	26 Day of Goodwill	27 • 10:00 Cheshire Home Visit	28 • 10:00 Cheshire Home Visit	29	30 • 09:30 Home Group: Parklands (Seniors)	31
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