




# FAMILY TIMES

January 2012

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## GROW in 2012

Our vision, as always, is to see as many people as possible **EXPERIENCE GOD'S FAMILY** as they **DISCOVER** it through us and a relationship with Jesus; and then **BELONG** to God's family as together we **TREASURE GOD** and answer His call to **GO** and be his disciples-making disciples wherever we go.

Our theme for 2012 is GROW! If we **GO** the **Right Way** we will **GROW!** Get it? And so, let's plan to GROW...

*Biblically - Prayerfully - Creatively - Courageously - Inspirationally*

*When all is said and done, it is time to GROW! God has given us what we need to grow. The evil one obviously knows that and has been doing all in his power to stop us from doing that.*

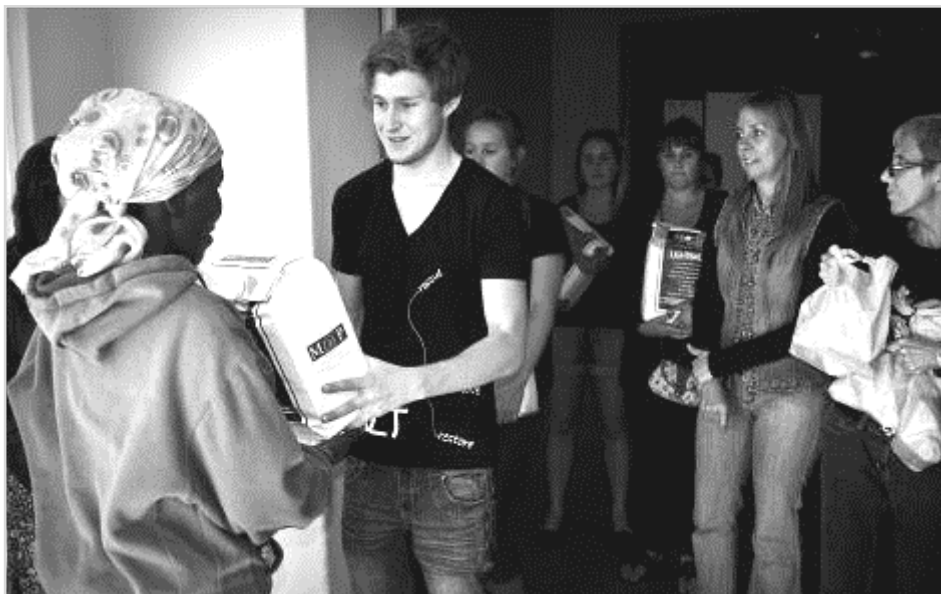
*Now it is time to step out with the Gospel, in faith and prayer, and Grow! Let's plan for that!*

*Imagine our campus filled at different times with people of all ages who are excited about what God is doing, and dying to be a part of it on our campus and in their worlds!*

**Diarise Sunday, 4th Feb, for our Vision Sunday service @ 9:45am**

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

# The Difference YOU made...



# SALT

RESCUE . LOVE . RESTORE

At the **Isidima Christmas Party**, volunteers from View church and St Matthews church wrapped, made, served and handed out gifts and food to unemployed women of our Table View community. The real gift was care and generosity and hope to these women, pouring out from others who have experienced, and want to share, Jesus' love.



This ministry to women in our community continues throughout the year. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Carly Tzanos • 074 282 8055

# times square

Jed & Berenike Solman welcomed Peter Luke Solman into the world on Wednesday, 14th December. Congratulations!

## children & youth



GRADES 1 - 6

**Sundays**

**22 Jan**

a new start

**29 Jan**

a new start



**Fridays**

**20 Jan**

family braai

**27 Jan**

crab soccer

**Contact our Children's Pastor for any other info:**

Lauren Douglass:

084 417 9025

[lauren@stmatthews.co.za](mailto:lauren@stmatthews.co.za)

# Synergy

St. Matthews Youth Ministry

GRADES 7 - 12

**Friday 13 Jan**

Friday evening programmes start up

**Contact our Youth Pastor for any other info:**

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# MEET THE FAMILY



## John & Cara Rayner

**How would you describe yourself, in 4 words?**

Outgoing, obsessive, generous, compassionate.

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

Every morning brings fresh hope and new prospects.

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

Chocolate is addictive.

**What is your earliest childhood memory?**

Being outside in a lightning storm in Johannesburg.

**What drives you?**

The love and forgiveness of my Lord; my family and my friends.

**How do you cope with disappointment?**

By knowing that the feeling will pass and circumstances will change.

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

I am obsessed with children's toys.

**When or where are you happiest?**

In a toy shop, with my family.

**What is your life motto?**

It is better to give than to receive.

**What ministry are you currently involved in, and what will that look like next year?**

We have always been involved in Children's Ministry and are honoured and extremely excited to be working with Lauren next year in the Grade 1 - 3 Children's Church.

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**How would you describe yourself, in 4 words?**

Love laughing, learning, lounging.

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

If it's worth doing, it's worth doing well ... by my dad several times while growing up.

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

To study & get a degree after school; I never did & now would love to, but circumstances don't allow it.

**What is your earliest childhood memories?**

The clearest earliest memory is coming home after our house was broken into and not being afraid, but finding it hilarious that whoever had done it used our toilet ... and didn't flush.

**What drives you?**

Knowing I live life in the presence of God. Not always in a positive way, to be honest. Often find myself falling back into trying to earn His love, & needing to remind myself that my relationship is based on grace in Christ (i.e. Ephesians 2:8-10).

**How do you cope with disappointment?**

TRY and remind myself of Psalm 84:11 "For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favour and honour. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly."

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

I invented the outernet - it's like the internet, but just never caught on.

**When or where are you happiest?**

Warm Summer's day, cool breeze, Liverpool on the TV, John Piper on the iPod.

**What is your life motto?**

Not really a motto, but I always try and see things from others' perspectives.

**What ministry are you currently involved in, and what will that look like next year?**

Cara and myself met while doing Children's Ministry 13 years ago and have been involved in that almost continuously ever since. Next year we are going to be working with Lauren in Kids Church. The Kids Church Ministry is multiplying into two groups: Grade 1-3's and Grade 4-6's. We will be helping her as leaders with the Grade 1-3's.

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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?

In addition to two Sunday services, there are more opportunities to explore and apply the Bible and to pray together during the week. **Home Groups** are run in various homes around Table View, including Parklands, Bloubergrand, and Sunset Beach. You can choose to join an **evening Home Group** on a **Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday**; or join the Seniors Home Group on a Friday morning; or join the **Women's Group** (Women of the Word) on a Thursday morning.

For more details on Home Groups, please refer to the back page of the Sunday Hand-out, or speak to Lyn Wade at the Info Kiosk on a Sunday, or call the church office: 021-557 2712.



## 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	Expenses for	Surplus/Deficit for
Nov 2011: R 157,905	Nov 2011: R 157,459	Nov 2011: +R 446
Jan - Nov: R1,924,988	Jan - Nov: R1,933,748	Jan - Nov: - R 8,750

### Praise the Lord for His blessings!

**And thank you for your financial and prayerful partnership over this past year as we all strive to share the love and grace of Jesus throughout our community.**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS...

**3rd January**

TOTALLY DEPENDENT PRAYER EVENT

Our Totally Dependent Prayer Event will start on Tuesday 3rd January at the church and will, Lord willing, run every Tuesday of the year. It will start at 18h00 with a time to pray together for personal needs and then be followed by a time of praying for Revival and GROWTH at St Matthews.

A St. Matthews

Totally Dependent event

**5th, 12th, 18th January**

CASUAL WOW MEETINGS

A time for women to meet and chat through the Matthias media Minizine on "Loving your Church"; topics over the 3 weeks are 'How to walk into church', 'Becoming a welcoming church', and 'Making the most of small groups'. These interesting articles raise unexpected ideas as well as very do-able applications to our everyday lives.

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women of the word

**11th January**

ADDICTION VICTORIOUS

Addiction Victorious meets every Wednesday evening at St Matthews. For more details, contact **Andre de Kock: 021 556 0150**



**13th January**

SYNERGY

St Matthews' Youth Programme, Synergy, starts up on Friday, 13th Jan. For more info, contact **Colin Retief: 083 324 3143**

Synergy  
St. Matthews Youth Ministry

**20th January**

KIDS CHURCH

St Matthews' Children's Programme, Kids Church, starts up on Friday, 20th Jan. For more info, contact **Lauren Douglass: 084 417 9025**



**23rd January**

HOME GROUPS

Home Groups start on Monday, 23rd Jan. They run on various nights of the week and in a number of nearby suburbs. Please refer to the Sunday Hand-out for specific details.



**25th January**

WOW DVD MORNING

New!! Women's ministry will meet once-a-month on a Wednesday for a DVD morning. For more info, contact **Karrie Botha: 082 994 3860**

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**26th January**

WOW MEETINGS

The Women's regular Thursday morning meeting starts up again on 26th Jan. We'll be continuing in the book of Luke. Join us for time in the Bible, in prayer, with one another, and enjoying tea and snacks together. For more info, contact **Karrie Botha: 082 994 3860**

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ST. MATTHEWS

# January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
1 New Year's Day <b>NO SERVICES TODAY</b>	2	3 • 18:00 Totally Dependent Prayer - @ St Matfs	4 • 10:00 Casual WoW 'Loving Your Church'	5 • 10:00 Casual WoW 'Loving Your Church'	6 • 19:45 Synergy - Friday programme starts up	7
8 Sharing Sunday • 09:45 Mike Emslie 'A New Start' • 18:00 DVD by Francis Chan 'Joy'	9	10 • 18:00 Totally Dependent Prayer - @ St Matfs	11 • 19:45 Addiction Victorious starts	12 • 10:00 Casual WoW 'Loving Your Church'	13 • 19:45 Synergy - Friday programme starts up	14
15 • 09:45 Colin Relief 'A New Start' • 18:00 DVD by Francis Chan 'Joy'	16	17 • 18:00 Totally Dependent Prayer - @ St Matfs	18 • 19:45 Addiction Victorious	19 • 10:00 Casual WoW 'Loving Your Church'	20 • 18:00 Kid's Church - Family Braai • 19:45 Synergy	21 • 15:00 Women's Book Club High Tea
22 • 09:45 Mike Emslie 'A New Start' • 18:00 DVD by Francis Chan 'Joy'	23 • 19:30 Home Group: Bloubergrand	24 • 10:00 Cheshire Home Visit • 18:00 Totally Dependent Prayer - @ St Matfs • 18:00 - 20:00 Home Group: Parklands (kid-friendly!)	25 • 10:00 WoW - 'Pause' DVD with Andy Stanley • 10:00 Cheshire Home Visit • 19:45 Addiction Victorious • 19:00 & 20:00 Home Groups: Various Suburbs	26 • 09:45 WoW - 'Luke' • 19:00 WoW - 'Luke'	27 • 09:30 Home Group: Parklands (Seniors) • 18:00 Kid's Church - Crab Soccer • 19:45 Synergy	28
29 Council Retreat • 09:45 Mark Dickson 'A New Start' • 18:00 Mike Emslie 'Rejoice'  • 09:30 Cheshire Home Service	30 • 19:30 Home Group: Bloubergrand	31 • 10:00 Cheshire Home Visit • 18:00 Totally Dependent Prayer - @ St Matfs • 18:00 - 20:00 Home Group: Parklands (kid-friendly!)	1 Feb • 10:00 Cheshire Home Visit • 19:45 Addiction Victorious • 19:00 & 20:00 Home Groups: Various Suburbs	2 Feb • 09:45 WoW - 'Luke' • 19:00 WoW - 'Luke'	3 Feb • 09:30 Home Group: Parklands (Seniors) • 18:00 Kid's Church • 19:45 Synergy	4 Feb
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat