

September 2018

Sunday 2

8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm
2 Timothy 2v1-7
Murray Anderson

(Missions prayer meeting between the morning services – will be meeting upstairs on the balcony at 9.15am)

Monday 3

5.50pm Prayer meeting at church

Tuesday 4

10.00am Stay & Play

Fellowship Groups
2 Timothy 2v1-7

Wednesday 5

Fellowship Groups
2 Timothy 2v1-7

7.30pm – 9pm LIFE

Friday 7

CoolClub 5.45pm – 7.15pm
Grade 1-4
7UP 5.45pm – 7.15pm
Grade 5-7
Hood 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Grade 8-12

Saturday 8

8.30am Valley Inter-Church Prayer Meeting. Venue: St Margaret's, 4th Ave, Fish Hoek

Fellowship Leaders Day

Sunday 9

8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm
2 Timothy 2v8-13
Murray Anderson

Monday 10

5.50pm Prayer meeting at church

Tuesday 11

9.00am Hiking: Hout Bay Lookout, entrance fee/activity/Wild card required. Meet at Valyland, bring a jacket, strong shoes, water & something for tea. Contact Carole 0812356809 with any questions.

10.00am Stay & Play

Fellowship Groups
2 Timothy 2v8-13

Wednesday 12

Fellowship Groups
2 Timothy 2v8-13

7.30pm – 9pm LIFE

Friday 14

CoolClub 5.45pm – 7.15pm
Grade 1-4
7UP 5.45pm – 7.15pm
Grade 5-7
Hood 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Grade 8-12

Saturday 15

10.00am Craft Group meets in the Children's Centre

Sunday 16

8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm
2 Timothy 2v14-19
Murray Anderson

Monday 17

5.50pm Prayer meeting at church

Tuesday 18

10.00am Stay & Play

Fellowship Groups
2 Timothy 2v14-19

Wednesday 19

Fellowship Groups
2 Timothy 2v14-19

7.30pm – 9pm LIFE

Friday 21 – End of term 3

Sunday 23

8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm
2 Timothy 2v20-3v9

Monday 24 PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 25

9.00am Hiking: Maylands, Kleinplaas Farm, Simonstown. Meet at Valyland, bring a jacket, strong shoes, water & something for tea. Contact Carole 0812356809 with any questions.

10.00am Stay & Play

Fellowship Groups
2 Timothy 2v20-3v9

Wednesday 26

Fellowship Groups
2 Timothy 2v20-3v9

7.30pm – 9pm LIFE

Sunday 30

8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm
2 Timothy 3v10-4v8
Murray Anderson

October 2018

Monday 1

5.50pm Prayer meeting at church

Wednesday 3

7.30pm – 9pm LIFE

Sunday 7

8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm
2 Timothy 4v9-22
Murray Anderson

*our Saviour,
Christ Jesus
who has destroyed
death
and brought
life & immortality
to light through the gospel.*

Expressing ourselves when we sing

There are countless passages in the Bible which speak of praising God, and many reasons why we should praise God, (we are "called out of darkness" - 1 Peter 2:9, "for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed" - Revelation 4:11 "Praise Him for His mighty deeds" - Psalm 150:2). Of course, one of the biggest reasons, if not the biggest reason for us today, is because of what he has done for us through the saving work of Jesus Christ. God sent his Son to die on a cross for our sins so that we won't have to face God's wrath which we deserved. Not only did Jesus die but he rose up from the dead and he then ascended in to heaven conquering sin and death forever! That is an amazing reason for us to praise God. All he requires from us is to repent and believe in Him, ("The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" - 2 Peter 3:9). A beautiful way in which we can praise God, because of who he is and what he has done, is by singing to him, ("make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing" - Psalm 98:5).

Now bearing this in mind our response to what God has done for us should be that of joy and thanks. As we think of our own church it is healthy to reflect and ask ourselves, what does responding, expressing and presenting ourselves look like when we praise God by singing and playing music together in the light of forgiveness through Jesus as we stand reconciled to God? In order to answer this, we need to understand a few things first:

- Firstly, there needs to be a very clear understanding of what grace is and what it means to be a part of Gods family. As mentioned above, the saving work of Jesus needs to be made known every Sunday and through the underserving grace God showed us we can come as we are with all our sin and be forgiven and accepted as Gods children.
- Secondly, we all come from different cultures and we are a mass of people that gather together each Sunday with one thing in common, Jesus, and He is why we gather. We are united through the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit which makes us family, God's chosen people, His children, ("But now in Jesus Christ you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ - Ephesians 2:13)

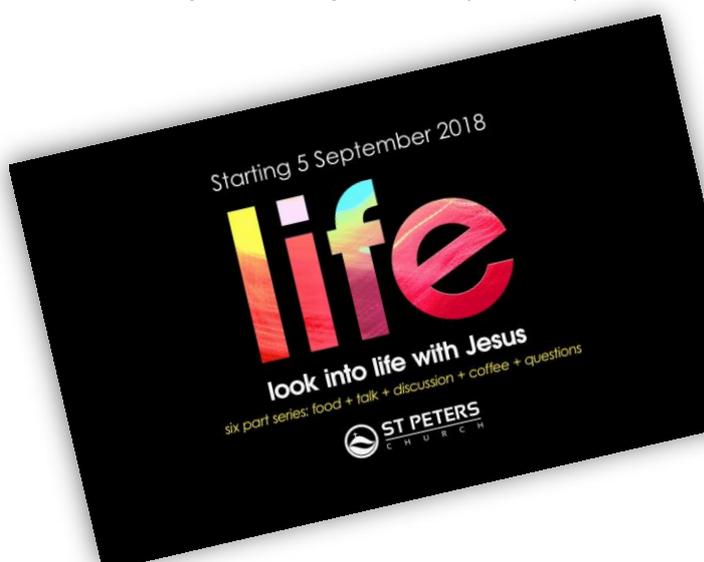
- And thirdly, which ties in with the second point, our backgrounds are very different regards to our church going history as individuals and what each of us have experienced, whether it be only just recently exposed to the Christian faith and joining a church for the first time, being a part of many different churches in your walk with Christ or having been a member of one church for many years.

So, how should we be responding, expressing and presenting ourselves joyfully to each other and God when we sing at St Peters? To be honest, there isn't a strict answer to this because of what was mentioned above, but a more pressing question that might help us know how to respond, express and present ourselves is this, what does the bible say, or does it say anything at all?

In the books of Exodus and the Psalms, (Exodus 12:27, Psalm 47:1 & 95:6) there are many verses that encourage spontaneous expressions which consist of clapping, shouting, dancing, bowing or lifting hands. Now in the New Testament there is arguably not as much of an emphasis of how we outwardly express ourselves to God. But as New Testament Christians who have seen the full length of God's salvation plan in Christ there is certainly so much reason to praise God from the heart. We aren't forced to express ourselves in any specific way, but we do have the freedom to outwardly express ourselves because Jesus is worthy of our deepest emotions and expressions and compassion for him. He deserves everything that we feel towards him and a beautiful way to show that, not only to him but to others around us on a Sunday, is to express our love for him, to encourage each other and show how grateful we are for what God has accomplished through Jesus Christ our Lord. How you do that is up to you

But, when we meet on Sundays, let us be mindful of how encouraging it is to see joy and thanks expressed and how uplifting it is for us as family to see that we can rejoice in our Heavenly Father for all that he is and has done for us. Let us not only say it but show it as we sing praises in the freedom that we have to the one and only God of the universe who knows and loves us.

Chris Henrico



St Peters Finance Update		
	3 months to 31st July 2018	Month of Jul 2018
Income	1 149 490	425 915
Budget	1 069 617	356 539
Expenditure	1 226 239	407 249
Budget	1 091 236	363 745
Surplus / (Shortfall)	-76 749	18 666
Budget	-21 619	-7 206
Included in Expenditure:		
Giving to REACH SA	92 941	35 596
Giving to Missions	71 975	28 445