

Sunday 29 June 2025



SERMON TOPIC: Living under authority
BIBLE TEXT: Ephesians 1:1-2, Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 104
PREACHER: Chris Pretorius
ELDER ON DUTY: Martin van der Merwe
OFFERINGS:
1st Collection: The work of the Church
2nd Collection: Annual Thanksgiving offer

Greatness by Steve Harris

Some time ago, I was praying. I said to the Lord: "Use me to do great things in Your name. Let me be a vessel of honor to bless Your people and the nations. Let me take Your name into boardrooms and global platforms, let my life evidence Your power." I added, "If You are looking for someone Lord, here I am, send me."

The silence was thick. And as I prayed, I heard a whisper:

"Do you want Me to use you to do great things?"

"Yes, I do, Lord."

But then, before the words had fully left my lips; I heard something that exposed me:

"Or do you want to use Me to do great things and become great?"

I froze." No, Lord. I just want You..." "...to make you great." He finished.

It pierced me. He had searched my heart and revealed what I hadn't dared admit, even to myself.

I wanted greatness. I said I wanted Him to use me, but truthfully, I wanted to use Him. For platforms. For packed arenas. For influence. All in His name, yes...but some of the glory? I hoped it would reflect back on me.

Then He asked: "What if I haven't called you to do great things for Me? What if I've called you to do little things? Would you still do them?"

I didn't know how to respond. He continued:

"Do you know the name of the servant girl who told Naaman about Elisha? The boy who gave five loaves and two fish? The child who led Simson to the pillars? Jonathan's armor bearer?"

I shook my head. "No, Lord. I don't know their names."

Their names were never recorded. But you know their deeds. Their deeds have outlived their names."

"I know their names," He said. "And I know their deeds. What what they did brought Me glory."

God said: " Whatever you do, whether it looks big or small to men, bring Glory when done for Me. And h\what should bring you glory .. is being called by Me. That is the highest honor."

I am learning to surrender my dreams and desires (it is still a struggle) for His dreams and desires. Learning to say ... "not my will, but Your will, Lord, be done."

John 3:30: "He must become greater; I must become less."

Our Giving, an Act of Worship

In our Church we have two offerings every Sunday. The first goes toward the ministry of this congregation. The second offering goes toward various Christian causes. This week our second offering is for the Annual Thanksgiving offer.

If you would like to support the work of you can do so by in Church giving - simply add your offering to the bag at the back of Church or by bank transfer -

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If using bank transfer please indicate whether it is for the first offering "Sun1" or second offering "Sun 2" in the reference line. Or you can give online via our Church app

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This week's **PRAYER POINTS**

They who have steeped their soul in prayer can every anguish calmly bear.
Richard Monckton Milnes, 1st Baron Houghton

Personal **PRAYER POINTS**

As we go into the coming week let us daily pray;

That we will always seek to walk closely with our God dwelling under the
shadow of his wing.

Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the
Almighty. (Psalm 91:1 NLT)

Give praise and thanks to the Lord our God for his protection knowing that whatever
befalls us we are safe in his hands.

Congregational PRAYER POINTS

Please continue to pray for Sally Moore as she recovers from her heart operation, pray that there won't be any complications.

Please pray for the marriage relationships within our church community, pray that the evil one won't gain a foothold as he seeks to sow discord between spouses.

Give thanks for the progress that Ben Palmer is making, pray for patience for Ben and Lauren as they trust in the Lord for complete healing and restoration.

Please continue to pray for those of us suffering from age related illnesses and frailties, Suzanne Nel, Henk Knol, Johann and Hanna vander Walt, Corrie vander Walt, Johanna Rademan among others.

Local & Global PRAYER POINTS

Please continue to pray for our nation that the Lord will have mercy on us and in spite of our sins, continue to do mighty things to bring people into his kingdom.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters around the world who face the terrors of persecution that we cannot even imagine.

Give thanks to our gracious God for all he is doing in Egypt.

Missionaries in the Middle East are once again reporting signs and wonders, including divine encounters with Jesus Christ.

In the latest example, yet another Muslim says he met Jesus in a dream, and the message that was delivered by the "man in white" to this Islamic leader is undeniably supernatural. Multiple reports are coming from Uncharted Ministries, which exists to "Reach the Unreached and Stand with the Persecuted." Their latest efforts in Egypt range from the big cities of Cairo, Alexandria, and Luxor, to the hundreds of small villages up and down the Nile River. Uncharted's team shares the gospel with Muslims and a growing number of secular Egyptians, resulting in some remarkable testimonies.

Rahman and his team were ministering to people in a small village in the Egyptian desert when he came upon Ahmed - the imam of the village's mosque and the town's most important Islamic leader. Ahmed's devotion to Islam and the five daily

prayers is easily seen by the dark callus on his forehead known as a “zabiba” (Arabic for raisin). This mark is caused by the repeated rubbing of the forehead on the prayer rug after decades of repeated prostration during prayer. Devout Muslims like Ahmed are proud of this mark and see it as an outward sign of their lifelong devotion to Allah. After being introduced, Ahmed said, “Ah, you are Rahman. Just the man I am looking for.

Please tell me the meaning of my dream last night.” Rahman said, “Can you tell me more? What was your dream, and why do you think I can help you?” Ahmed said, “Last night, a man dressed in bright white came to me in a dream. He said, ‘I am Jesus Christ.’ I don’t know who that is, so I asked him to tell me more about himself. The man in white said, ‘Tomorrow you will meet a man named Rahman and he will tell you all about me.’ So, Rahman, who is Jesus?” Rahman and his team told the Imam all about Jesus Christ, his powerful life, and the message of salvation. Ahmed invited the team into his home to share this news with his wife.

During the conversation that followed, Ahmed’s entire family made the decision to follow Jesus. The Lord Jesus chose to appear in a dream to an imam from a small village in the Egyptian desert whose heart was ready to receive Him. Now he and his whole family are following their Savior, Jesus. “And to think that Jesus told Ahmed to speak to our team member, Rahman, who was ministering in his village the very next day makes this even more of a miracle!” Uncharted Ministries reports. Another story that Rahman shared took place in a refugee area where the ministry’s Egyptian team was conducting visits. They met a Syrian woman named Fatima. Rahman felt the Holy Spirit lead him to share with Fatima the story from Luke 8:42-48 where Jesus healed the woman who had been bleeding for 12 years. Rahman said he couldn’t remember ever sharing that particular story with anyone before. It seemed an odd choice, but he shared it with her.

Fatima abruptly got up and ran out of the room. She quickly returned with five other women and said, “This man just told me a story from his Bible. It is my story, except the years are different. I have only been bleeding for eight years, not 12.” Rahman prayed for Fatima, and she left, shaking her head in wonder. The line of people to talk to was long, and Rahman was still talking to people six hours later when Fatima burst into the room. “I have stopped bleeding for the first time in eight years. You must tell me more about your Jesus.” God used this miraculous healing to open Fatima’s heart. She responded with a “yes” and gave her life to Jesus. Fatima is now being discipled by Uncharted’s Egyptian team. Uncharted Ministries’ Egypt team has been bringing the hope of Jesus to this biblical land, which has countless people seeking spiritual answers that can only be found in Him.

Source: CBNNews

The next prayer meeting will be held on Tuesday the 1st of July at 7.30pm.

IndiWay June Prayer Update

PRAYER POINTS



NEWS

The history of the church in India can be traced back thousands of years with many Indian Christians firmly believing that the disciple Thomas was the first individual to bring the Gospel to the shores of India.

Today though the church, much like the nation itself, is diverse and complicated. They too face challenges like that of a prosperity gospel and so the need for good training for our evangelists is paramount. We are very thankful to the PTS for their partnership in our training.

Our workers praise God for the 87 people who have received the gospel, through our IndiWay workers in the fields. We kindly request your prayers that the good news shared will bear fruit and achieve the desired outcomes.

One of our workers ask that we praise God for the Gospel meeting organized by their church in a local village. A total of 400 people attended the session, of which, 70 were non-believers. We thank God for their attendance and pray that the Lord will speak to their hearts.

We praise God for the Vacation Bible School (VBS) program held on May 20, 2025. A total of 60 children attended and took part in the activities. They were taught Bible stories, action songs and memory verses. Please pray for the remaining VBS programs that are scheduled in the coming month.

We praise God for the successful completion of the first phase of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary (PTS) Hindi diploma course training. The first-year course had 15 participants, who enthusiastically learned the Basic Reformed Doctrines. We pray that they will apply their learnings in the fields as they carry out the Lord's work.

Pray for one of our workers who is hoping to start a new prayer group in his outreach village. He has received a good response from the believers for the establishment of the prayer group. We request your prayers for his endeavour and to launch the prayer group successfully.

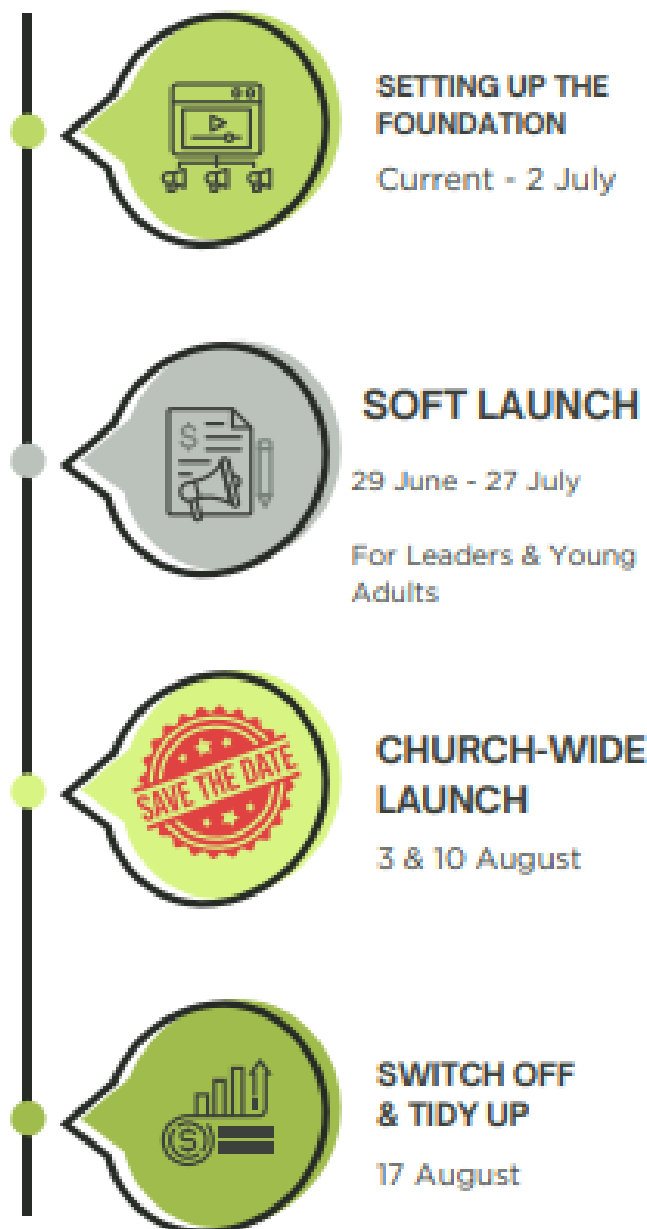
We request your prayers for good rainfall this year. Most of the people in our mission field are farmers and farm labourers. They are waiting for the rain to plant paddy and maize crops. Since agriculture is the main source of their livelihood, we request you to pray for a good monsoon.

Another evangelist praises and gives thanks to our Lord for the new contact that he established in a neighbouring village. He has requested us to uphold this village in prayers as he will be sharing the gospel to three new families.

Timeline to **CHURCH CENTER ACTIVATION**



church center **MIGRATION**



Ways to serve at the **DINING ROOM MISSION**

I would love to hear from the next person/team who would like to cook for us in July .

Contact Joy van Veen for details.

Another way of supporting the Dining Room Mission is by supporting their food pantry. They would love donations of pantry staples such as... Cereal, long life milk or other beverages, tuna and other tinned goods, rice, pasta etc.

A little money to support the cooks or pantry is also gratefully accepted.

Upcoming events **OUR CHURCH CALENDER**

- Friday 27 June 19:30 Super Dash
- Tuesday 1 July 19:30 Prayer meeting

Sermon NOTES

Bible passage: _____

Date: _____



Something
that shines
from the
passage



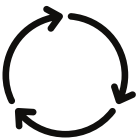
Anything
hard to
understand
or any
questions



Personal
application
for your life



Theme of
passage



How does it
fit with other
passages in
the Bible



Who will you
tell about
what you have
learnt?

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Helping HANDS

	29 June	6 July	13 July
Preacher	Chris Pretorius	Colin Pretorius	Herman Linde
Elder on Duty	Martin	Martin	Kasha
Prayer Leader	Martin	Martin	Kasha
Music Leader	Nelleke	Brendina	Mia
Children's Talk	Inge	Roger	Janette
Bible Reader	Nina	-	Mila
Sound	James	TBA	TBA
Visuals	Isaac	TBA	TBA
Broadcasting	Cassie	TBA	TBA
Sunday School	Izelle & Sarah	No sunday school	No sunday school
Coffee	Riaan & Lariza Bergh, Joy van Veen	Anke van Pinxteren & Anne Keegel	Du Toit Family

Upcoming BIRTHDAYS



Christina du Toit 27 June
Lauren Palmer 27 June
Grietjie Uys 28 June
Frikkie Kotze 29 June
Jacobus van Staden 6 July

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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