

## **Revival & Reformation**

*The General Conference theme is “Revival and Reformation”; here in Dube SDA church we adopted the iSizulu version which is “Ukukhula eNkosini”.*

### **But what is Revival & Reformation?**

*The New Testament Church powerfully impacted the world with the good news of the gospel in a single generation. Filled with the Holy Spirit, these New Testament believers shared the present truth message of a crucified and resurrected Lord with hundreds of thousands. In the face of overwhelming obstacles, these praying believers proclaimed the gospel to the ends of the earth. It will happen again and in some places it is happening now. You can be part of something great for God. Revival is about a new experience with Jesus. It is about what He can do in our personal lives, in our marriages and with our children. Revival leads us from heartfelt prayer to passionate mission.*

### **What activities are in place in support of this initiative?**

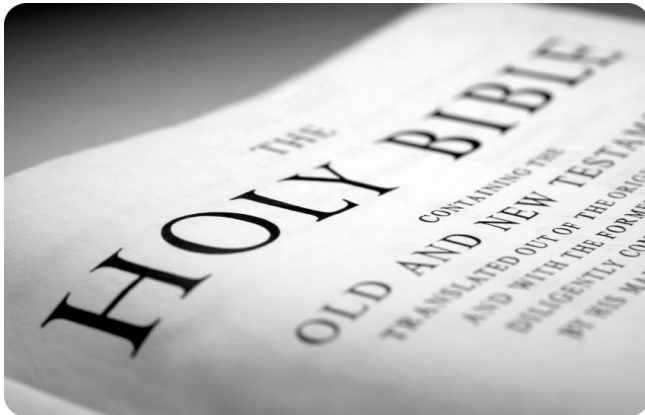
*The first Sabbath of each quarter has been designated as a day of prayer and fasting for the world church. Families and individuals in local churches are encouraged to establish the first day of each month and one day a week as normal or partial fast days.*

### **Current Prayer Initiatives:**

- ❖ *Daily at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m - Pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit!*
- ❖ *Sabbath April 6, 2013 - Pray for increased Bible study (as individuals, families, in classrooms, churches, institutions)*
- ❖ *Sabbath October 5, 2013 - Pray for pastors and their families (for spiritual, emotional, physical protection and ever-increasing commitment to Jesus and His mission)*
- ❖ *January 8-18, 2014 - Ten Days of Prayer*

***Let us join in prayer for our church – “Masikhuleni eNkosini!”***

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*Departmental write up – an article that gives us insight into our departments ...*

**CHILDREN ...leading the church into the future.**

*When we talk about the importance of Children’s Ministries in the church, we often say children are the future but, in reality, we cannot imagine them playing a significant role whilst they are still classified as children. Both our study of the Bible and statements on children by Ellen G. White should convince us that children are very special to God and He sees them as formidable soldiers in His army.*

*“In the closing scenes of earth’s history, many of these children and youth will astonish people by their witness to the truth, which will be borne in simplicity, yet with spirit and power. They have been taught the fear of the Lord, and their hearts have been softened by a careful and prayerful study of the Bible. In the near future, many children will be endued with the Spirit of God, and will do a work in proclaiming the truth to the world, that at that time cannot well be done by the older members of the church.” Counsels to Teachers and Parents, pp. 166,167.*

*Our mission as Dube Children’s Ministries is very much aligned with that of the General Conference; “to nurture children into a loving relationship with Jesus”. In our plans to develop the faith of children (up to the age of 14), we focus on the following:*

- *Teaching them about God*
- *Encouraging parents and guardians to play an active role in leading their children to Christ*
- *Providing platforms for children to evangelise*
- *Training children in singing and in understanding music as a form of worship*

*Highlights during the first quarter of the year have included bi-monthly church services with profound yet practical sermons preached by members of the youth, alternating with captivating Children’s stories in the main church during divine service.*

*The afternoons have also found the children spoilt for choice in terms of activities. Making allowance for progressive classes run by the Pathfinders’ Department every second week, Children’s Ministries designs programs every alternate afternoon featuring Bible study, musical training and Arts & Crafts. The Arts & Crafts not only equip the children with useful skills such as knitting and sewing, but also provide the department with beautiful products such as heart-shaped cushions which will be used for outreach purposes.*



*In an effort to keep the broader church abreast of developments in Children’s ministries, a children’s notice board has been erected in the church’s foyer. The content changes regularly, allowing for the theme of the month to be highlighted, for different children to be profiled, for upcoming events to be announced and for children’s testimonies to be shared. The children themselves are encouraged to take ownership of the notice board. Under adult supervision, the team conducts interviews with peers and compiles relevant content for the notice board.*

*As stated in the Children’s Ministries manual, “It is vital that we take children seriously as the heritage of the Lord, entrusted to us for training and discipling that they will lead the church into the future.” We encourage every member of the church to join hands with us and participate in moulding these young minds to become faithful followers of Christ. It is indeed a privilege.*

**SOURCE:** *The Children’s Ministries Coordinator – Department of Children’s Ministries, General Conference of Seventh-Day*

## ***“A lifetime in Christ”***

*This article is aimed at getting to know our elderly better and to learn more about their journey with Christ...*

### ***Where & when were you born?***

*I was born in Johannesburg on the 1st of May, 1939.*

### ***Do you still remember you childhood/youth days?***

*As a child I was very active, played basketball at school, I also took part in athletics and was such a fast runner that I won a trophy for my school in the Regional Tournament. As a young lady I was very popular, beautiful and liked by my peers! My typical day consisted of school, sport and house chores. I really loved cooking!*

### ***When did you get married – tell us about that part of your life?***

*In 1964, I got married to the love of my life -, together we had 6 children. Our 1st child was raised by my mother as my husband and I worked long hours. I pride myself with my children because they did all the house chores that the new generation consider to be 'child abuse'!*

### ***Where did you work?***

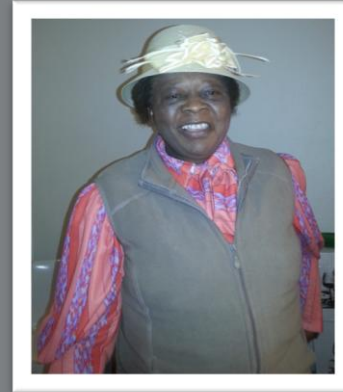
*I started working as a model at Khuphukani, then I moved on to work at OK as a general worker and then again to Malbhack as a general worker, this is where I was soon promoted to supervisor. I was good at my job and it showed hence the promotion from a general worker to a supervisor.*

### ***Were you born in Seventh Day Adventist church?***

*I got introduced to the faith in my youth, my father and my father's side of the family was already Seventh Day Adventists, but because I stayed with my mother I didn't know about the church until later in life. This was when my father insisted that I attend Bethel University. When I joined the church, I immediately loved the style of worship, the singing, the sense of dress and the manner in which the young men respected their elders.*

### ***How did being in the church impact your spiritual life?***

*I admit though that when I joined the church I was more attracted to the things they did and how they looked more than I was with getting saved! In time, I grew in Christ, understood the word and gave my life to Christ.*



### ***What made you stay in the church up until now?***

*When I finally gave my life to Christ my life changed for the better. My personality changed, I made good friends that were a big part of my becoming a better person!*

### ***What is your favourite hymnal?***

*My favorite hymnal is number 38; the words of this song have helped me stand strong even when things weren't so great.*

### ***What is your favourite verse?***

*My favorite scriptures are found in Ecclesiastes 12 :13-14 and Psalms 103 :1*

### ***What do you think is different in today's times when compared with the 'good old days'?***

*I strongly believe that it's harder reprimanding young people now because of all the rights they have, that now the chores we did in our generation are considered as abuse and that has caused our young women to have less household qualities, if any! Things are very different now, the youth now have been blessed with intelligence, talent and vibrancy that if they weren't lazy to use, would take the church to greater heights and change the world completely. My hopes/prayer for the youth is that they use their God given talents and intelligence for the work of the church, they have better opportunities than we did!*

### ***Is there anything you feel you could have done differently in your life?***

*I wouldn't change anything about my past challenges because they have helped her to seek Gods face and trust in His promises at all times!*

## Bible Trivia Competition

Time to exercise those brains and be wise in the scriptures! Be the first one to answer these 25 bible questions and win a prize... Submit your answers to [nonhlanhla.tebogo@yahoo.com](mailto:nonhlanhla.tebogo@yahoo.com) or [madoda.cakatha@gmail.com](mailto:madoda.cakatha@gmail.com)

1. *How is man “tempted”?*
2. *What natural disaster happened when Abram and Sara arrived in the land of Canaan?*
3. *Which disciple did Paul commend for having “the same faith his mother had”?*
4. *What did the shepherds do after they had visited Jesus?*
5. *Who went back to Jerusalem after the captivity to encourage the people to build the walls of the city again?*
6. *Who was the first of the apostles to perform a miracle in the name of Jesus?*
7. *How did Korah and his family die after seeking priesthood duties beyond those they already had?*
8. *What was the name of Isaac’s wife?*
9. *How does the Bible describe the location of the Garden of Eden?*
10. *In the vision of Jesus in Revelation, what came out of Jesus’ mouth?*
11. *What was Paul’s home town?*
12. *Which judge was betrayed to the Philistines by a woman?*
13. *What happened to forty-two of the children who made fun of Elisha’s baldness?*
14. *What came out of the fire Paul made on Malta and attacked him?*
15. *Who refused to worship Nebuchadnezzar’s golden image?*
16. *In the Sermon on the Mount, what did Jesus say would happen to the meek?*
17. *Where did Moses first meet his future wife?*
18. *Out of the ten lepers Jesus healed, what nationality was the one who returned to thank him?*
19. *Who did the men of Athens ignorantly worship?*
20. *What did Saul see on the road approaching Damascus?*
21. *How long did Jonah say it would be before Nineveh was to be overthrown?*
22. *What was the name of Samson’s father?*
23. *Who did Amnon love, and then hate even more than he had loved her?*
24. *Where were the Jews taken captive to when Jerusalem was destroyed?*
25. *When was the festival of Passover established?*

*“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path...”*

## *Easy Healthy Recipes*

### *Lentil Lasagne*

#### *Ingredients*

*Lasagne sheets 350g; lentils boiled (drain any excess water); 2 tins tomato puree; 4 large tomatoes grated 3 onions; Olive oil –optional; Herbs- oregano, sweet basil or general mixed herb; 2 teaspoons sugar/fructose; Vegetable stock/ Inapaarmans lemon & herb seasoning; Salt- use your own discretion; Garlic- use your own discretion*

#### *Instructions*

*Use the olive oil to fry the onions or you can just cook the onions together with the tomatoes without adding anything until visibly cooked. Once cooked add the 2 cans of tomatoes puree, add your all your seasonings using your own discretion until you get the right flavour. Follow the instructions on the lasagne sheets box to prepare the sheets. For the first layer just spread the lentils on the oven pan or casserole dish. Layer the lasagne sheets & then the lentils again. Keep repeating the steps until the top. You can use the cheese sauce or the white sauce as a topping.*

### *Bran Muffins*

#### *Ingredients*

*Bran Muffins Brown bread flour 6 cups; Sugar/fructose 2.5 cups (you can make it 2 cups only)  
Grated fresh ginger; 2 teaspoons salt; 6 teaspoon baking powder;  
2/3 cup olive oil (canola or normal oil also work);  
2 teaspoon soy lecthin (you can do without it);  
2 cups soy milk (add more according to your own discretion)*

#### *Instructions*

*Mix all the ingredients and spoon into the muffin pan & bake at 180C till golden brown.*

*\*For a variety add charob powder using your own discretion, add charob chunks too. For banana flavoured muffins add 6 large ripe mashed bananas.*

*Happy Cooking – look out for more exciting recipes in our next issue!*

*Recipes by Sis. Yvonne Molopi  
Dorcas Leader*

## EVENT CALENDER

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Upcoming Events!!!

*Youth Week of Prayer – 28 April – 04 May 2013*

*Community Guest Day – 08 June 2013*

*Pathfinder Survival Camp – 5-7 April 2013*

*Adventist Men Day – 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2013*

*Emphasis on Adventist Men Week – 5-11 May 2013*

*Stewardship Emphasis – Month of May 2013*

*And many more!!!*

*Don't miss out, inspiration is guaranteed!*

### !!!1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Birthdays!!!

*The following members celebrated their birthdays during the first quarter:*

*Psalms 1:1-3 says “Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. **That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither -- whatever they do prospers.**”*

*May this promise hold true for each and every one of you!*

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| <i>Bro. David Mabatle-Makoala</i> | <i>18-Mar</i> |
| <i>Sis. Timbi Malaka</i>          | <i>2-Feb</i>  |
| <i>Sis. Nandi Msimang</i>         | <i>16-Jan</i> |
| <i>Bro. Sibusiso Mzolo</i>        | <i>29-Mar</i> |
| <i>Sis. Yolisa Ngcapu</i>         | <i>21-Mar</i> |
| <i>Bro. Siyabonga Shabangu</i>    | <i>21-Feb</i> |
| <i>Alpha Sibeko</i>               | <i>22-Feb</i> |
| <i>Phinda Mbelu</i>               | <i>22-Feb</i> |
| <i>Khaya Mbelu</i>                | <i>14-Jan</i> |

## 2013 Church Officers

| <b>Name</b>       | <b>Surname</b>         | <b>Position</b>                             | <b>Assistant/s</b>                |
|-------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Makhup</b>     | <b>Nyama</b>           | <b>Elder - Head</b>                         |                                   |
| Zola              | Ngcapu                 | Elder                                       |                                   |
| Thabo             | Motea                  | Elder                                       |                                   |
| Thulani           | Sibeko                 | Elder                                       |                                   |
| Tebogo            | Rapesiwa               | Elder                                       |                                   |
| Qondumuzi         | Mabena                 | Elder                                       |                                   |
| <b>Victor</b>     | <b>Molopi</b>          | <b>Head Deacon</b>                          |                                   |
| Thami             | Masela                 | Deacon                                      |                                   |
| Norman            | Raphasha               | Deacon                                      |                                   |
| Obed              | Majola                 | Deacon                                      |                                   |
| Tshepo            | Montshiwagae           | Deacon                                      |                                   |
| Abion             | Nkosi (Mkhonza)        | Deacon                                      |                                   |
| Victor            | Kutu                   | Deacon                                      |                                   |
| <b>Alpha</b>      | <b>Sibeko</b>          | <b>Head Deaconess</b>                       |                                   |
| Dikeledi          | Shomang                | Deaconess                                   |                                   |
| Shiela            | Lesala                 | Deaconess                                   |                                   |
| Julia             | Matee                  | Deaconess                                   |                                   |
| Sindisiwe         | Ngubane                | Deaconess                                   |                                   |
| Thotwane          | Tsotetsi               | Deaconess                                   |                                   |
| Mpho              | Ralebotha              | Deaconess                                   |                                   |
| Lindi             | Msimang                | Deaconess                                   |                                   |
| <b>Tumi</b>       | <b>Molwantwa</b>       | <b>Church Clerk</b>                         | Nonhlanhla Tebogo                 |
| <b>Nonhlanhla</b> | <b>Tebogo</b>          | <b>Comms Leader</b>                         | Madoda Cakata                     |
| <b>Malebane</b>   | <b>Molopi</b>          | <b>Sabbath School Sup.</b>                  | Peggy Sibeko & Thabi Nyama        |
| <b>Sibusiso</b>   | <b>Mzolo</b>           | <b>Personal Ministries Leader</b>           | Tsepo Tsubane and Edward Molopi   |
| Nonhlanhla        | Mazibuko               | Personal Ministries Secretary               |                                   |
| <b>Nonki</b>      | <b>Zulu-Sebushi</b>    | <b>Publishing</b>                           |                                   |
| <b>Yvonne</b>     | <b>Molopi</b>          | <b>Dorcas Leader</b>                        | Kathleen Monyane & Daphney Mnguni |
| <b>Sisanda</b>    | <b>Matshaka</b>        | <b>Education Leader</b>                     | Sibongile Ngcapu                  |
| <b>Sibusiso</b>   | <b>Nyandeni</b>        | <b>Treasurer</b>                            | Andrew Teme & Zingisa Kubheka     |
| <b>Tiny</b>       | <b>Ndlovu</b>          | <b>Family Life Co-ordinator</b>             | Lebo Moepeng                      |
| <b>Zert</b>       | <b>Msimang</b>         | <b>Stewardship Leader</b>                   | Nandi Msimang                     |
| <b>Tshetla</b>    | <b>Mabatle-Makoala</b> | <b>Pathfinders &amp; Adventurers Leader</b> | Thulani Mzolo & Yolisa Ngcapu     |
| <b>Shirley</b>    | <b>Motea</b>           | <b>Children Ministries Leader</b>           | Musa Kutu & Bongzi Mphuthi        |
| <b>Sphiwe</b>     | <b>Mbentse</b>         | <b>Music Leader</b>                         | David Mabatle & Themba Radebe     |
| Ntando            | Ngcapu                 | Chorister                                   |                                   |
| Tshetla           | Mabatle-Makoala        | Chorister                                   |                                   |
| Malebane          | Molopi                 | Chorister                                   |                                   |
| <b>Sibongile</b>  | <b>Pinto</b>           | <b>Youth Leader</b>                         | Namo Masethla                     |
| <b>Khotso</b>     | <b>Maforah</b>         | <b>Health &amp; Temperance Leader</b>       | Pam Dlamini & Dudu Shabangu       |
| <b>Denis</b>      | <b>Tebogo</b>          | <b>Adventist Men Leader</b>                 | Xolani Msimang                    |
| <b>Sisi</b>       | <b>Dlamini</b>         | <b>Women Ministries Leader</b>              | Nomthandazo Mzolo                 |
| <b>Tshidi</b>     | <b>Nyama</b>           | <b>YAWM Leader</b>                          |                                   |

### Conclusion

A very "BIG" thank you to all the members who contributed in thought, effort and prayer to the Newsletter, may the Lord truly bless you. Do you have a story to share, a brilliant idea, a delicious recipe or any interesting article, kindly send us the details and you may be in our next issue! Let us continue to inspire each other in the Lord – Masikhule eNkosini!

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