



Newsletter September 2025

St Columba's Presbyterian Church

Mutare

Spring Revival at St. Columba's Church

Shalom to our St. Columba's Church family! Spring is here in Zimbabwe, painting our world with renewal and revival. Let's embrace this season, echoing our moderator's call (Rev Lydia): "Revive us, O Lord." As flowers bloom, may our spirits be refreshed. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"* — 2 Corinthians 5:17.

This is a season to let go of the old ways, old habits, old fears, old limitations and open our hearts to what God is doing now.

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?" — Isaiah 43:19.

Just as nature awakens, so must we. Let us reflect deeply: What is God reviving in you? What must you release to make room for His new work?

Let there be revival. Let there be renewal. Let there be introspection.

Calendar highlights

Sat 6 Sep	9 am till 3 pm	Summer Jamboree
Sun 7 Sep	9 am	Communion Service - @Handfull of Rice
Tue 9 Sep		Schools open
Sat 13 Sep	10 am	Session Meeting
Tue 16 Sep		Call to Care Skills Training starts



A Word From The Pastors

If God could speak to the prophet Balaam (Num 22:28) through a donkey, God can speak through anything. When you wake up looking for signs of God speaking, look at the ordinary things around you and you will find some messages right there before you.

- The fan says, "Be cool – God is in control."
- The roof says, "Aim high – God will guide you."
- The window says, "See the world – be open to God's new things."
- The clock says, "Every minute is precious – allow God to use you at every moment."
- The mirror says, "Reflect before you act – reflect on what God's will is."
- The calendar says, "Be up to date – God wants you to be relevant to your context."
- The door says, "Push hard for your goals – with God's power."
- The rug says, "Kneel down and pray – that is the first resort."
- The Holy Bible smiles and says, "Read me for direction."

The Word of God says, *"For God speaks again and again, though people do not recognize it"* (Job 33:14). Let God speak to you in all places and in all ways - through people, through circumstances, through tough lessons, through joyful experiences, through prayer, through fellowship time, and through your devotional time. Jesus says, *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand"* (John 10:27-28).



Family Conference 21 -24 August 2025, Mhondoro, Zimbabwe

There was a Family Conference that was held from the 21st till the 24th of August in Mhondoro. The theme was 'a United and Diversified Church'. Our Fellowship of Women team St. Columba's Mutare represented the church and did us proud.

They worked tirelessly with the catering team and also woke up early in the mornings to arrange hot bathing water for everyone. You were amazing!

Let us all stay united in our multi ethnicities where each and everyone knows that they are part of this team and without you the team doesn't function.

You and me have work to do in the house of the Lord!

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A total of 7 of our ladies were bloused at the ceremony; 3 from St Columba's in town and 4 from Old Mutare church as they are part of us. It was a very special moment when our Pastors Paul and Lydia joined us. We so strongly felt the warmth and love and that we belong together. On the last day of the conference, Sunday, Pastor Lydia gave the sermon. Below and on the next pages are some of the pictures from the conference.









Everyday we encounter challenges as men, it's becoming more harder for men with the current culture and trends making it more harder for men to find their way.

So what would you do differently as a man when these challenges call you to do something or say something. Will you act by accepting responsibility, loving unconditionally and leading courageously.

We don't need to back away from these challenges, we must engage them. Be prepared in advance to act and wrestle these tough topics in God's word with other men in 7 challenges men counter.

Please follow Vince Miller on YouTube as he explains the 7 challenges men encounter with a very short but interesting explanation on each encounter. It's only about 2 minutes long.

- 1.Reject Passivity.. James 4:17
- 2.Accept Responsibility..Galatians 6:5
- 3.Lead Courageously..Joshua 1:9
- 4.Love Unconditionally..Corinthians 13:4-7
- 5.live With Integrity..Proverbs 11:3
- 6.Serve Humbly..Philippians 2:3-4
- 7.Invest Internally..Matthew 6:19-21

I trust you will see the importance we men have to lead by example in whatever role in society we are placed in.

God Bless.
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Baptism of Sidney Valentine



Back To School Prayer



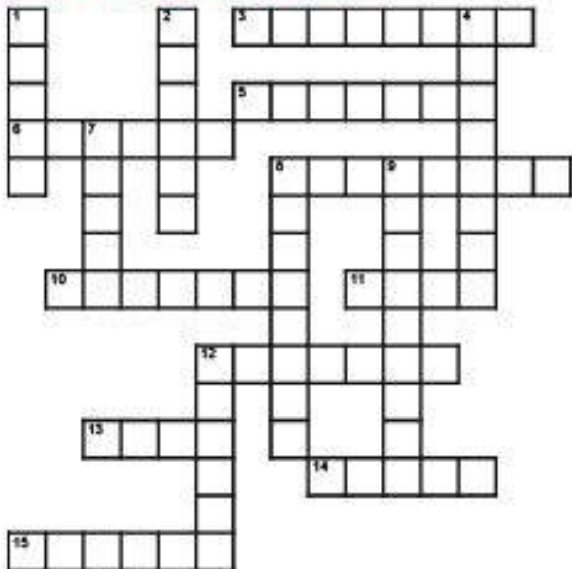
Dear Heavenly Father,
As we embark on a new school year, we come to You seeking Your guidance and blessings. Please watch over all the students, teachers, staff, and parents, filling their hearts with Your peace and wisdom. Help each one to face the challenges ahead with courage and faith, trusting in Your presence and provision. May this year be filled with growth, learning, and the joy of discovering more about Your world. Keep everyone safe and let Your love shine through in all that we do.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



Name: _____ Date: _____

Back to School



ACROSS

3. What school is all about.
5. Someone who goes to school.
6. A small tool to undo mistakes.
8. A colorful container to keep your sandwiches and snacks.
10. The person who guides and helps you in class.
11. A place to sit and study in your room or at school.
12. Use this to stick things together.
13. A subject that involves numbers.
14. Mark on an exam or in a class.
15. Writing utensil made of wood.

DOWN

1. It helps you measure and draw straight lines.
2. Time to play outside during a break in the school day.
4. A pad made of bound sheets of paper for taking notes.
7. Present for the teacher.
8. Where you go to enjoy stories and explore new worlds.
9. Place where you might eat your lunch at school.
12. A place where you learn and have fun.

WORDBANK: Apple, Cafeteria, Desk, Eraser, Grade, Learning, Library, Lunchbox, Math, Notebook, Pencil, Recess, Ruler, School, Stapler, Student, Teacher

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SERVICES: Sunday Service 9 am
Communion Service and ‘Handful of Rice’ - 1st Sunday of the month
Kids Church - Sunday 9 am

BIBLE STUDIES:

<i>Ladies Bible Study</i>	Mon 10-11am, Jenny Paterson, Cntct Wietske Mushonga or Jenny
<i>Homegroup men&women Bible Study</i>	Mon 5.30-6.30pm, Liffy Gorton, Contact Gavin&Sue Young
<i>Alpha Course</i>	Tue 2-3pm, Liffy Gorton
<i>Homegroup</i>	Tue 6pm, Simon & Katie Bowen
<i>Homegroup men&women</i>	Wed 6.30pm, Mark and Jenny Paterson
<i>Ladies Bible Study</i>	Wed 6-7pm, Albert Masvongo and Colin Brandt
	Every 2nd Thu,10-12am, Marie Sacconi

CHURCH MINISTRIES:

- **CALLED 2 CARE (Skills Training Outreach)** Daily, Onie & Wendy Mususa
- **GILLS (Growing In Love Ladies)** *Last Saturday of the Month, 9am – Lys Sheiky*
- **FELLOWSHIP OF WOMEN** Every 2nd Sunday after Church
- **MEN’S MINISTRY** Every Saturday, 7am - Colin Brandt
- **BOYS' & GIRLS' BRIGADES** Every Saturday at the church, 2pm - Fiona Botes
- **YOUTH MINISTRY** Every Saturday, at the church, 2pm - Munya Kamunda and Ashley Mususa
- **MUSIC MINISTRY** Every Friday 4.30 PM Contact Josphat Mususa
- **YOUNG ADULTS** Monthly, cntct Kuda Musanu & Simba Mangore
- **DECO TEAM** Contact Hlupe Gandiero

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PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
PRESENTS :**



SUMMER JAMBOREE

DATE: 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025

TIME: 9AM TO 3PM

VENUE: CHURCH HALL

(B AVENUE, BEHIND PICK N PAY)



\$10 PER STALL

BIBLE SCAVENGER HUNT

CAKE



GAMES

TEA

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To all our church members if anyone of us has

a car or tractor mechanical issue

*please feel free to look for **Munya** on **0775921314***

For car service or repairs or recovery that is towing

I would be very happy to assist you all our church members and looking forward to seeing you bringing some work

Greetings, friends.

The Newsletter Team is appealing to all who would like to advertise their businesses, practices and trades in the monthly church newsletter.

You can take a full page, half page or a quarter page for a small fee. We want to know about and support your "hustle."

Contact Wietske or any member of the Newsletter Team.

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