

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION  
OF SOUTH AFRICA

# NEWSFLASH

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## AFM Colleague,

### 1. THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

The true meaning of Christmas is found in the Good News proclaimed by the angel to the shepherds: "A Saviour has been born" (Luke 2:10-11). In Jesus' time, under Roman oppression, people longed for hope. Today, we too face struggles -pandemics, financial challenges, and personal burdens, making this message of hope and salvation timeless.

The birth of Jesus brought the ultimate Good News: God's love, salvation, and peace. He came not as a philosopher or political leader but as our Saviour, to lead us to eternal life, heal the broken, and restore our relationship with God. This is a historical truth, not a myth, grounded in real events and fulfilled promises. This Good News is for all people, transcending culture and circumstances. Like the shepherds, we are called to respond in faith, praise God, and share this hope. Christmas reminds us to celebrate the true gift of Christmas: Jesus, the Messiah, and the joy, peace, and salvation He offers.

Join me for a video message on "The True Meaning of Christmas" that will be shared on Christmas Eve, 24 December 2024.

## RESOURCES / IZINSIZA

**AFM of SA Calendar 2025:**  
<https://afm-ag.s.org/afm-welfare-weekend-2930-nov-1-dec-2024/>

**Pastoral Newsletter:**  
**4th Quarter 2024 (New!)**  
**English:** <https://afm-ag.s.org/pastoral-letter-4th-quarter-2024/>

**Afrikaans:** <https://afm-ag.s.org/pastorale-brief-4de-kwartaal-2024/>

**isiZulu:** <https://afm-ag.s.org/ikota-yesi-4-onyakeni-we-2024/>

### The True Meaning of Christmas



Luke 2:10-11 (NIV):

But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.'

**Merry Christmas**

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given, and  
the government will be  
on his shoulders. And he  
will be called Wonderful  
Counsellor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.  
**Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)**

**From the AFM of SA National Office Bearers**

Clockwise from Top Left:  
Margaret Weideman & Dr Henri Weideman (President);  
Past Barend Petersen (Deputy President) & Past Dawn Petersen;  
Past Rudi Coertzen (General Treasurer) & Ammarentia Coertzen;  
Past Selby Khumalo (General Secretary) & Past Elizabeth Khumalo.

May 2025 bring you peace, deeper  
connections with your loved ones,  
and overflowing Grace.

## 1. INCAZELO YEQINISO KAKHISIMUSI

Incazelo yeqiniso kaKhisimusi itholakala ezindabeni ezinhle ezamanyezelwa yingelosi kubelusi: “UMsindisi uzelwe” ( NgokukaLuka 2:10-11 ). Ngesikhathi sikaJesu, abantu ababengaphansi kwengcindezelo yombuso wamaRoma, babelangazelela ukuba nethemba. Namuhla, nathi sibhekene nezinquinamba eziningi—izifo ezibulala abantu abaningi, izinselele zezimali, nezinto ezinzima kumuntu ngayedwana. Lokhu kwenza ukuthi lomlayezo weThemba neNsindiso ungaphelelwa yisikhathi.

Ukuzalwa kukaJesu kwaletha izindaba ezinhle kakhulu: uthando lukaNkulunkulu, insindiso, nokuthula. Akezanga njengesazi sefilosofi noma umholi wezombangazwe kodwa weza njengoMsindisi wethu, ukuze asiholele ekuphileni okuphakade, aphilise abalimele, futhi abuyisele ubuhlobo bethu noNkulunkulu. Leli yiqiniso elingokomlando, hhayi inganekwane, yiqiniso elisekelwe ezenzakalweni zangempela nasezithembisweni ezigcwalisekile. Lezi-zindaba ezinhle ngezabo bonke abantu, zingaphezu kwamasiko nezimo isibhekana nazo. Njengabelusi, sibizelwe ukuba sisabele ngokholo, sidumise uNkulunkulu, futhi sihlanganyele kulelithemba. UKhisimusi usikhumbuza ukugubha isipho sangempela sikaKhisimusi esinguJesu, uMesiya, kanye nenjabulo, ukuthula, nensindiso esalethelwa yona.

Hlanganyela kanye nami ukuze uthole umlayezo wevidiyo othi “Incazelo Yangempela KaKhisimusi” ezosakazwa ngosuku olwandulela uKhisimusi, zingama-24 kuZibandlela wezi-2024.



## 2. JANUARY 2025: MONTH OF PRAYER AND FASTING

The AFM of SA dedicates the whole of January to Prayer and Fasting. There will be a focus week from 20-26 January 2025 with the theme "Seeking God's Presence." During this week, the NOB, using short video clips, will call on believers to deepen their connection with the Lord by aligning their hearts to God's will, trusting His guidance, and acknowledging Him in every decision.

The week will emphasise healing and restoration in our faith, bodies, minds, and relationships, drawing on the promise of Christ's sacrifice for our **wholeness**. It will invite prayers for personal and communal revival, igniting joy and spiritual renewal. Please ensure that you and your assembly set aside adequate time for this important part of our life as believers: Prayer and fasting.



## 2. UMASINGANA 2025: INYANGA YOMTHANDAZO NOKUZILA

I-AFM yaseNingizimu Afrika inikela uMasingana wonke ukuthi kube yisikhathi somkhuleko nokuzila ukudla. Ukusuka mhla zingama-20-26 kuMasingana we-2025 sizogxila endikimbeni ethi "Ukufuna Ubukhona BukaNkulunkulu." Phakathi naleli sonto, Abaphathi Zikhundla kuZwelonke ebandleni (National Office Bearers), buzosebenzisa iziqeshana zevidiyo ezimfushane, ukugqugquzela amakholwa ukuthi ajulise ukuxhumana kwawo neNkosi ngokubhekisa izinhliziyi zawo entandweni kaNkulunkulu, athembe ukuqondiswa Nguye, futhi afake UNkulunkulu kuzo zonke izinqumo zawo.

LeloSonto lizogcizelela ukuphiliswa nokubuyiselwa okholweni lwethu, emizimbeni, ezingqondweni nasebudlelwaneni, kususelwa esithembisweni somhlatshelo kaKristu wokupheleliswa kwethu. Izomema imikhuleko yemvuselelo yomuntu ngamunye kanye neyomphakathi, injabulo evuthayo kanye nokuvuselelwa ngokomoya. Sicela uqinisekise ukuthi wena neBandla lakho nibekela eceleni isikhathi esanele sale ngxenye ebalulekile yokuphila kwethu njengamakholwa: Umthandazo nokuzila ukudla.

### 3. NOB EMPOWERMENT 2025

During the 2025 NOB Regional Visits, the following will be addressed:

**Divine Healing, Church Growth, Evangelism and Community Care.**

There will also be a session specifically for Pastors and their spouses, focusing on balancing life and ministry. Please ensure that you plan your schedule in such a way that you will be part of this engagement.



### 3. UKUVAKASHA KWABAPHATHI ZIKHUNDLA KUZWELONKE (NOB) NGENHLOSO YOKUXHOBISA NGONYAKA WEZI-2025

Ngesikhathi aBaphathi beBandla Bezikhundla kuZwelonke bevakashela iziFunda ngonyaka we-2025, ngenhloso yokuzixhobisa izihloko ezizodingidwa yilezi:

**Ukuphiliswa nguNkulunkulu, Ukukhula KweBandla, Ukuvangela kanye Nokunakekelwa Komphakathi.**

Kuzophinde kube nesikhathi esiqondene ngqo nabefundisi kanye nabashade nabo, lapho kuzogxilwa khona ekulingalanganiseni impilo yasekhaya kanye nenkonzo. Sicela uqinisekise ukuthi uhlela uhlelo lwakho ngendlela yokuthi uzoba yingxenye yalokhu kuhlanyela.

# NOB EMPOWERMENT DATES:

|                  |               |                                           |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------|
| FEB 7-8          | Cape Town     | AFM Friend of God (Goodwood)              |
| FEB 7-8          | Free State    | Doxa Deo Fichardpark (Bloemfontein South) |
| FEB 14-15        | Kwazulu Natal | Kingsway Ministries Amanzimtoti (Durban)  |
| FEB 14-15        | East London   | AGS Gees en Lewe Gemeente                 |
| FEB / MARCH 28-1 | Limpopo       | Taberna Dei Ooskampus (Polokwane)         |
| FEB / MARCH 28-1 | Mpumalanga    | Lighuis Gemeente Middelburg               |
| APRIL 11-12      | Gauteng       | Doxa Deo Raslouw (Centurion)              |
| APRIL 11-12      | North West    | Oase Gemeente (Klerksdorp)                |
| MAY 9-10         | Northern Cape | AGS Lofoord Upington                      |
| MAY 9-10         | Eastern Cape  | Lighuis Christelike Sentrum Despatch      |



Friendly Regards! | Ngezilokotho zobungane!  
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