



# International Saint John Church Thaba Tshwane, Centurion

## Boy Child Newsletter 2022

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Boy Child Conference: 2022

Key note speaker: Bishop M. Gcebe

Panelists: Evangelist P. Mogodi, Ms R.K. Motswenyane

Theme: Let them speak

The Boy Child Conference 2022

The Boy Child Conference 2022 was organised by the International Saint John Church.

The conference was themed 'Let them speak' with the objective of helping them strengthen their opinions and to encourage them to speak their minds and tell the panelists their challenges. The boys were mentored into becoming among the best responsible leaders and fathers in the world.

17 September 2022

Time: 10:30

Venue: 4 Henry Williams Road, Thaba Tshwane, Centurion, Pretoria.

*Become a man of value*

### Let's build a Stronger Future



#### Things that were discovered during conference discussions

**Bullying:** Ms R.K. Motswenyane indicated that

School bullying and violence in schools violates learners' constitutional right to freedom and security of the person, which includes the right to be free from all forms of violence.





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### What Does the Bible Say About Bullying?

#### Leviticus 19:18

*You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.*

### What church members can do about bullying at schools?

- Acknowledge the problem
- Know bullying and also know what it is not.
- Concentrate on warning signs
- Emphasize empathy
- Encourage kids to find activities they enjoy.
- Support anti-bullying campaigns

### Parents' roles.

Parents, similarly, have a responsibility to ensure that their child is respectful of others, knowing the difference between respecting a person and respecting the views which they hold. The former is essential in a strong community – the latter is not. It is in understanding that a person can be respected without agreeing with their belief that students can learn to disagree well.

**Issue of drugs and lack of counselling services were discussed with the boys:** The use of drugs and other substances like nyaope.

Lack of counselling services at schools;

## Protect your child from being bullied in school

Vuyokazi Mpela a Legal Advisor at Legal and Tax on her article describes bullying as a worrying trend and that was confirmed by recent studies, and she further explained that more than 58% of South African school-goers have experienced some form of bullying and she mentioned cyberbullying, which has become increasingly prevalent.

During the conference Evangelist P. Mogodi shared an information with the Boy Child that cyberbullying also happens on social media.

### Example of physical bullying.







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## DISCUSSIONS:



## A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

\*-hurches can make the youth program a “safe environment” where bullying doesn’t occur and fellowship opportunities are available for young people who feel vulnerable. That might mean hosting “Stop Bullying” days or creating “anti-bullying zones.”







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## BOY CHILD CERTIFICATE CEREMONY MARKS THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR







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## DREAM CAREERS OF THE BOYS:

The following questions were asked during boy child conference

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"

The following were their answers:

- Engineering
- Archaeologist
- Hospitality
- Scientist
- Soccer player

## Advice to parents (How to motivate a Boy Child?)

Ask them to make a list of short-term goals and one long-term goal.

Acknowledge accomplishments. When they achieved their goals, be proud of them.

Encourage/motivate them.

Take Interest.

Remain Positive.





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## GIDEON'S BIBLE VISIT: 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

Members of The Gideons who visit churches and schools are Christian people, volunteers, usually from the local business community. They believe that the Christian Scriptures are valuable and worth reading, containing the Word of God. They are pleased to visit churches and schools, and often give out copies of the New Testament and Psalms, typically 11-12 year olds. Pupils are free to accept or decline the offer, of course.

On 18 September 2022 Gideon's Bible visited International Saint John and they donated bibles and had discussions with Bishop Gcebe concerning scriptures and the history of Gideons.



### What educational aims and outcomes can The Gideons help the International Saint John Church?:

In a number of ways the offer of free copies of Christian Scriptures fits in well with the aims of International Saint John Church because we believe and rely in scriptures at all times.







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## ISSUING OF BIBLES



## International Saint John's CHRISTIANS ACTS APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION CHURCH

### The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,  
CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.  
I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD.  
HE WAS CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY  
SPIRIT  
AND BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY.  
HE SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,  
WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND WAS BURIED.  
HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD.  
ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN.  
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,  
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER.  
HE WILL COME AGAIN TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE  
DEAD.

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
THE HOLY CHURCH,  
THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS,  
THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,  
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY,  
AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. **AMEN**





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**Gratitude Message on behalf of the  
International Saint John Church by  
Keamogetswe (Kea) Motseto**



- On behalf of International Saint John thanks for donating bible to us.
- International Gideons Bible you are appreciated for distributing bibles all over the world. Thank you so much.
- The work you do is important and so appreciated.
- We simply couldn't be more grateful. Amen.

