



Speech delivered by her worship, Mayor ZRT Gumede at the

CHESTERVILLE CHURCH SERVICES

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Programme director,

MEC Weziwe Thusi,

President

Abefundisi,

Ward Councillor Mngadi,

Umanyano,

Udodana,

Izintombi/iziphika,

Ulusha,

Sunday School children,

Community structures,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Sanibonani,

Sithanda ukunibonga ngokusimema ekuseni ukuba sihlanganyele kunye nani. Usuku lwanamhlanje lubusisekile ngoba siluqale ngokwenza inkonzo ebalulekile ngokunikezela ngezindlu kumalunga omphakathi. Ngoba nendodana yomuntu iyasho ukuthi ngangilambile, nangangipha ukudla, ngangomile nangangiphuzisa, ngangingenakhaya nanganginika umpheme... lithi iBhayibheli umangabe siphahle noma sinikela sisuke sinikezela yena uNkulunkulu uqobo lwakhe ngoba uyena owasinikezela ngendodana yakhe kuqala.

Siqale ngokuthi sikhuphe amatayitela ngoba iwona abuyisa isithunzi somuntu umangabe ehlezi endlini azishaye isifuba athi lena yindlu yami. Uhulumeni omdala wengcindezelo wawusinika izindlu kodwa lutho amatayitela, lento yamatayitela iqale ngohulumeni wethu oholwa uKhongolose wabantu. Kumele izwe lazi Kanye nabantwana bethu ukuthi sasiboshiwe sicindezelwe uhulumeni wamabhunu sakhululwa uKhongolose.

Kulenyanga sizobe sigubha iminyaka engu23 yenkululeko yize sakhululeka ngevoti kodwa asikakhululeki ngokwezomnotho. Iningi labantu abamnyama basadla imbuya ngothi. Inkululeko yethu isafana nokuthi siphumile eGibhithe kodwa asikafinyeleli eKhenana ezweni loju nobisi. Into ekumele siyiqonde ukuthi izinyosi ngeke zivume noju lwazo, zizositinyela futhi nezinkomo ngeke zivume kalula nobisi lwazo zizosikhahlela.

Ingakho kumele sibhukule siweseke umkhankaso woMongameli wethu uMnz Jacob Mhlanganyelwa Zuma njengoba esempini yokuguqula umnotho. Nibona nje izwe limanzonzo ingoba uMongameli Zuma useqale indaba yomnotho, ngokwabo kwakumele sivote kodwa siqhubeke nokuhlala emijondolo singathuthuki.

Programme Director,

We recognise the role that the church should play in driving awareness in terms of our programme of radical economic transformation. We want to see our people coming out of poverty. Churches must not fall into a trap of thinking that the yesterday march was about President Zuma.

The march was about people who are resisting change, people who are opposed to change.

As we approach the Easter or Passover holidays we need to pray for the change of our economy. We need to pray for the stability in our country and the world. We need to pray against the road accident. People must not die on the roads to church. We also warn churches not to hire vehicles that are not road worthy.

What is important is the pray against social ills such as alcohol abuse, rape, drugs, crime and violence that we are seeing on our television. In Durban we are worried by increasing number of youth who are using drugs including young girls. We are seeing the increasing number of our children becoming what is known as AMAPHARA.

We must declare our streets as drug and crime free. We must reclaim our streets from criminals and drug lords who are killing our children and the future of our country.

As we celebrate the month of Freedom, we also want to see our children being freed from the drugs. We want a drug free generation. We want to see these children leaving our streets and being reunited with their families. We need a comprehensive strategy that will see these kids being rehabilitated and united with society.

We want to assure you that we will be cleaning this city of all the criminals whether they are white or black. We will deal with foreign nationals and our very own local people who feeding our children drugs. We will not stop there, we will arrest police and school teachers who are involved. We mean business and are serious about dealing with drugs.

We want to encourage our children not to try drugs. They must stay away from alcohol and cigarettes. They must not try umgwinyo and any other drug. Your body is a temple of God don't destroy it with drugs.

Use your body to serve God and your community. Be involved in positive things like sports and music.

We also want to appeal to our music industry – they must stop singing songs that are praising drugs. This is against the spirit of nation building. Our taxi operators must not play music that has drugs lyrics. We appeal to SABC not to play music and videos that encourage drugs and alcohol.

In closing, we pray to God that he help us out. Prayer is powerful and can change nations. We are a praying nation and our God is faithful and true. He will answer us.

We must not lose faith on him. God will save our children from these ills. I would like to wish a happy Easter Holidays and hope that you will be able to praise God in a peaceful manner. You must continue to pray for the ANC that was founded in the church. ANC is your home and you must not be afraid to be associated with this movement.

God bless you and AMEN!!