

## SERVICES FOR SABBATH 11<sup>th</sup> August 2012

**BIBLE STUDY HOUR – 10:00 am**

The topic for this quarter is: **“1 and 2 Thessalonians”**

This week’s study is on the topic – *“Friends Forever”* led by Tarzan Bhebhe

**DIVINE SERVICE – 11:15 am**

Praise and Worship  
Welcome and Invocation  
Opening Hymn  
Scripture Reading  
Prayer  
Children's Story  
Offering  
Sermon  
Hymn  
Benediction

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**AFTERNOON PROGRAMME**

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**Sunset Times:**

Sabbath 11<sup>th</sup> August – 9:02 pm  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August – 8:46pm

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

### Spiritual Olympics?

This week it has been very difficult to ignore the Olympic Games! There is much to be admired in the Olympic spirit. The Olympic symbol is five intertwined rings and represents the unity of the five inhabited continents Africa, America, Asia, Australia, Europe. The colors of the rings: blue, yellow, black, green, and red were chosen because every nation had at least one of them on its national flag. The Olympic motto, *Citius, Altius, Fortius*, means "Faster, Higher, Stronger." The Olympic creed states that the most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well.

Unfortunately this has got somewhat lost as pressure to win, and win gold, is piled on the participants by the media. We see them putting every ounce of everything they have into the effort to win! The joy of the winners is so intense it often results in tears. The losers, particularly those who just missed out on a medal, or who were tipped as favourites, show their utter despair on their faces and by their dejected body language. What are they competing for? Medals made of gold, silver or bronze, a few minutes of fame and perhaps their names inscribed in the books of records. These prizes last a bit longer than the wreath of wild olive leaves given to winners in the ancient Greek Olympic Games but still the rewards are quite ephemeral!

It’s a fact however that we are all engaged in the race of life. If Paul had written an epistle to the Olympians I think he would have said something about a race for a crown that will last forever.

*“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.”* 1 Corinthians 9

In the spiritual Olympics the prize is a free gift and it will last for ever! But Paul makes it clear those who desire this crown must prepare just as single-mindedly, and with as much self-discipline as participants in the physical games. Are you giving the same sort of priority to your spiritual journey as the athletes give to their Olympic preparation? Is your focus on the heavenly crown as single-minded as the competitors in today’s Olympic Games?

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”* Hebrews 12:1.

Take inspiration and courage as you see the resolution of the athletes! Persevere in your faith! The prize is of more value than anything this world has on offer!

John Walton

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **Welcome.** The pastor and congregation are delighted to welcome you to Dundee Seventh-day Adventist Church; especially if this is your first visit. May our time together be blessed! All are invited to join us for lunch after the service.

\* **Welcome:** A warm welcome to pastor Marcel Ghioalda and his family as he shares the Word of God with us today.

\* **Thulani Kunene** - Prof. David Cole-Hamilton of St Andrews University, together with a number of his colleagues are planning to put together a book of remembrance for one of our church members who was tragically killed a year ago by a group of vandals in South Africa. They have inquired if any of us would like to share some thoughts with them, to include in the book. It will be very much appreciated by Khabo to see some of us share our thoughts with her and the children. Please send a few sentences to the following email address: John Walton, jcw@st-andrews.ac.uk. **Closing date: Sunday 12 August.**

\* **Alden Thompson** - leading SDA expert on Ellen White and Inspiration and a best-selling author will give seminar series in Crieff on Thursday and Friday 27-28<sup>th</sup> Sept. and in Dundee on Sabbath 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. He is offering four of his books at a special price. Anyone interested please see Pastor Marcel Ghioalda.

\* **Bible Study/Prayer meeting** – Wednesday Bible Study meetings will **re-commence on Wednesday next week** (15 August) in the church at 6:30 pm.

**School Supplies.** As you are buying school supplies for your children why not buy a few extra for the **shoebox appeal** which will go to poor disadvantaged children abroad.

\* **Bulletin.** Meeting organisers please Email details of themes, hymns and other items or announcements for next week's Bulletin to Petra (petra.spacilova@gmail.com) on or before the Wednesday preceding the Sabbath. Want to know what's happening but missed getting a Bulletin? Surf the web to [www.adventistdundee.com](http://www.adventistdundee.com) and then click on "Bulletins".

\* **Mother & Toddler's Group** – we would like to invite all who can and wish to, to assist us in the running of the Toddler Group on a Tuesday morning (10:00 - 12:00).

### Future Preachers:

11<sup>th</sup> Aug. – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda  
18<sup>th</sup> Aug. – John Walton  
25<sup>th</sup> Aug. – Tarzan Bhebhe  
1<sup>st</sup> Sept. – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda  
8<sup>th</sup> Sept – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda [C]  
15<sup>th</sup> Sept. – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda

### Future Events:

8<sup>th</sup> Sept. Communion service  
15<sup>th</sup> Sept. – Harvest Festival  
29<sup>th</sup> Sept. – Seminar with Alden Thompson  
6<sup>th</sup> Oct. - International Day  
20<sup>th</sup> Oct. – Shoebox Festival  
25-28<sup>th</sup> Oct. - SM Camp Meeting, Arbroath  
with Dwight Nelson & Dejan Stojkovic



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

DUNDEE



-- August 11<sup>th</sup> 2012 --

*We extend a warm welcome to you and hope you  
enjoy worshipping with us today!*

**Receiving** God's grace in our hearts  
**Responding** to God's grace in worship  
**Reflecting** God's grace to each other  
**Revealing** God's grace in service