

SERVICES FOR SABBATH 13th October 2012

BIBLE STUDY HOUR – 10:00 am

The topic for this quarter is: **“Growing in Christ”**

This week’s study is on the topic “Revelation, and the God revealed in It” led by Brenya

Divine Service

Opening Hymn	SDAH #6 – 'O Worship the Lord'
Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Matt 15, 21-28
Special Hymn	SDAH #301 – 'Nearer Still Nearer'
Tithes & Offerings	
Musical Item	Marie & Joy
Children's Story	
Sermon	“Rejection” Tarzan Bhebhe
Closing Hymn	SDAH #66- 'God Be With You'
Prayer	Mr Tarzan Bhebhe

Afternoon Program

Continuation of SS theme with Pamela Ncube

Next week: Missionary stories from Pr. Robin Riches

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Kisses in the Bible

When Prince William married Kate Middleton in April last year, for many the most significant moment was the kiss they exchanged on the balcony of Buckingham Palace! It set a seal of romance, sending the message “we love each other” to authenticate their union! Kissing is the “act of pressing one's lips against the lips or other body parts of another person.” The popularization of kissing probably stems from the 1896 silent film “The Kiss” which featured one lasting 30 seconds. Critics in New York called this: “absolutely disgusting. Such things call for police action.” This reaction seems laughable in the West nowadays where kisses can express sentiments of love, passion, affection, respect, greeting, friendship or good luck. Other cultures see things differently – a couple were sent to prison in Dubai in 2007 for kissing on a beach.

Do Bible writers consider kissing disgusting? Far from it! More than three millennia ago members of the Patriarchal families used kisses to express greetings, friendship and love. Just one example: “Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice and wept.” [Genesis 29:11]. The same was true in the time of the Judges where we read of Ruth, and Orpah kissing their mother-in-law Naomi [Ruth 1, 9 &14]. Both the prophet Samuel and King David are recorded as kissing in friendship and respect. The custom of kissing seems to have been widely prevalent throughout Old Testament times. We even read of passionate kisses in Song of Solomon where the Shulamite says “Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth – for your love is better than wine [Song of Solomon 1:2].

The custom of kissing obviously continued in New Testament times. We read of Judas’s hypocritical kiss of betrayal and also of the woman, Mary kissing Jesus feet. Acts 20 records Paul being greeted with a kiss and Paul himself recommends his readers to greet one another with a “Holy Kiss” [Romans 16:16. 1 Corinthians 16: 20]. This custom, and the related custom of the “kiss of peace,” is still practised in Eucharistic services in some Christian churches.

Does God kiss? A hint that God does love us that much is given in the story of the Prodigal Son: “And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.” [Luke 15:20] In Genesis 2:7 it is recorded that: “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.” This is the most effective and vitalising kiss ever recorded! Life flows when God kisses – and the prodigal’s return shows how willing God is for us to experience abundant life!

May Dundee church be a place where: “Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed [Psalm 85:10].

John Walton

Solution to last week’s conundrum - the Man for All nations:
M-AN-U-L that is Emmanuel.

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.

* **Bible Study/Prayer meeting** – The Bible Study takes place on Wednesdays at 6.30pm in the church. Everyone welcome.

* **Shoebox Appeal ends next week.** If you would like to give a present to a poor child in Burkina-Faso (W. Africa), but haven't had time to fill a shoebox, please put your donation in the enclosed envelope and place in the offering bag or give it to Jane Walton. Alternatively, take a shoebox from on top of the piano and fill with the stationery, toiletry and clothes items listed on the box. We look forward to seeing a big display next Sabbath to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

* **Lost Property** There are quite a few items that have been left behind in church. Please look on the pegs in the small corridor if you have mislaid an item.

* **Camp Meeting.** With Dwight Nelson and Dejan Stojkovic at the Windmill Christian Centre, Arbroath, Thursday 25 to Sunday 28 October. All who plan to attend must register and pay the fee. Registration forms are attached to the notice board – **deadline for applications has passed.**

* **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).

* **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 and then click on "Bulletins".

Future Preachers:

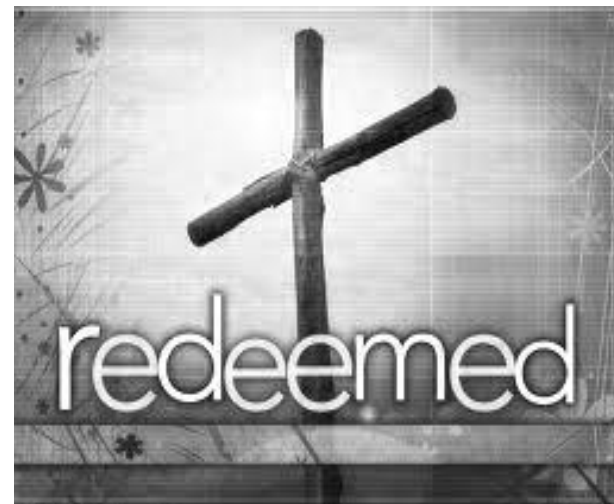
20th Oct. - Pr. Robin Riches
27th Oct. - Brenya O.
3rd Nov. - C. Tutsch (3 sessions)
10th Nov. - Pr. Marcel Ghioalda
17th Nov. – Pr. Bob Rodd
24th Nov. – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda
1st Dec. – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda

Future Events:

20th Oct. – Shoebox Festival
25-28th Oct. - SM Camp Meeting, Arbroath
with Dwight Nelson & Dejan Stojkovic
3rd Nov. Spirit of Prophecy Training day
10th Nov. – Baby dedication
22nd Dec. Christmas Family service.



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH DUNDEE CHURCH BULLETIN



-- October 13th 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