SERVICES FOR SABBATH 16th February 2013

BIBLE STUDY HOUR - 10:00 am

The topic for this quarter is: "Origins"

This week's study is on the topic: "Through a Glass, Darkly" led by Brenya.

DIVINE SERVICE

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn SDAH #290 - 'Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus'

Prayer

Scripture Reading Phil. 2:5-11

Special Item

Tithes & Offerings Arthur
Children's Story Pavel

Sermon God Speaks Our Language

Closing Hymn SDAH #121 – 'Go, Tell It On the Mountain'

Benediction Pavel

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Let's Also Speak People's Language
- Pavel and Rachel

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Dundee 'A Family-friendly Church'

I recently had a look at the Dundee SDA Church website. I was thrilled by the animation of some inviting pictures and splendid church seats, which I found there. Besides that, it also provided us and the public with an impressive welcoming message which reads, 'Our church is a family-friendly church, with Services and Activities for everyone'. Having pondered about what Family-friendly Churches do, I decided to use this thought to highlight what we do to make our church a family-friendly church and the role of the Personal Ministries, in enhancing this mission statement.

First, I looked at 'The Centre for Creative Ministry'. A telephone pool was made in the North American Division, involving 50 Pastors, regarding the question, 'In your opinion, what programmes and practices make your church family-friendly'? Most pastors responded that they are working hard at the following: 'Listing seminars, a family ministry department programmes with an emphasis on family needs and worship services. The view being that, having church socials and potluck meals on Sabbath filled the 'family-friendly' need in their churches. In addition, Sabbath School classes for children and Pathfinders/Adventure club meetings were of great interest. Several churches also hold Pathfinders and Adventure club meetings on the same night as prayer meeting, with several pastors calling this type of midweek service for the family, 'family night'. Some also indicated that community outreach, small group Bible study, vespers programmes, greeters at the door, counselling or referral services for families with problems, constituted a 'family-friendly' church. http://www.creativeministry.org/site/1/docs/POPfamily.pdf

Dundee, by way of comparison, has The Mother and Toddler Group, Children Stories, Messy Church Events, Prayer Meetings, Saturday Church Services, Singing Groups, including the young ones who have just sprung up and have been adding colour to our worship, Potluck lunches and the afternoon programmes, all of which activities have been advertised on our Website, this showing our church to be family-friendly. These programmes have the potential to win souls for the Lord but only with the active support of all church members but apparently families in the community are not aware of this.

This is a time when you can reflect on our SDA Hymnal 359, in the fourth stanza which reads, 'While the souls of men are dying, and the Master calls for you, Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do!" Gladly take the task He gives you, Let His work your pleasure be; Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, O Lord, send me".

We need to advertise our church activities in the community, by distributing the leaflets including magazines, Step to Christ and other books.

Now, the question is how are we going to advertise our family-friendly church activities to the City of Dundee? The Personal Ministries are poised this year to go door-to-door, to deliver leaflets. Who is joining the Literature Distribution Team? I am challenging members to ponder over the great commission, the command of Jesus to each and every one of us in Matt 28:18-20. Our Church cannot become Family-Friendly church, unless members accept the challenge to go out into the community and advertise our programmes, distribute leaflets, invite and care for those families who may attend our programmes. The literature distribution starts today, after lunch, wherever you are in Dundee, we would love you to join us, knowing that God has a purpose for you in this involvement and I am looking forward to meeting as many as possible of you, who are willing to join us from today to distribute our programme to the community.

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!
- * We would like to extend a warm invitation to all who wish to join us for a meal immediately after the service
- * Claudette and Marcel would like to **thank you** all for your support during this difficult time. Your thoughts and prayers are much appreciated. The family will travel to South Africa between the 20th February and 6th March.
- * Messy Church -16^{th} March please let Claudette know if you are interested in being part of the planning team
- * **Toddler group** meets every Tuesday morning 10-12 noon. Helpers are needed to talk to the parents, play with the children and help prepare the snack. Please come and help if you can!

Bible Study/Prayer meeting The weekly Bible Study takes place in the church at 6:30 pm every Wednesday. The study currently focuses on Jon Paulien's exposition of book of Revelation.

- * 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.
- * 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:

23th Feb – Justin Chinyama 2nd March – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda 9th March – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda 16th March – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda 23rd March – Pr. Sam Davies 30th March – Pr. Bob Rodd

Future Events:

9th March - Communion 16th March – Service Day, Messy Church 23rd March – Youth Day of Fellowship



DUNDEE CHURCH BULLETIN -- February 16th 2013 –



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