

SERVICES FOR SABBATH 17th November 2012

BIBLE STUDY HOUR – 10:00 am

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

This week’s study is on the topic *“Arming” for Victory* led by Pamela

DIVINE SERVICE

Praise and Worship
Welcome and Announcements
Opening Hymn
Prayer
Scripture Reading
Tithes & Offerings
Children's Story
Sermon
Closing Hymn
Prayer

Pr. Bob Rodd

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Continuation of Lesson themes with Pamela

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Sabbath 17th November – 4:04 pm
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Regrets (Phil 2:12)

It happened one very busy week morning, when Claudette was rushing to catch a train to Glasgow for a very important set of meetings. Just before she left the house, I sent her a text message asking that she leaves the big car at home and takes the little one, not forgetting to take the pram out of one and putting it in the other. She, being so kind and thoughtful, gladly obliged. However, due to this unanticipated delay, she missed the train. By a fraction of a minute, too. Here she was, gasping for air, as she caught her breath on the platform, less than happy at almost making it. All because of the delay at home (don't mention who caused the delay – that's yet another discussion). So close, and yet so far.

There is another expression which describes a well-known reality in our lives: too little, too late. There are things we aim for in life and for whatever reason, we do not give it all, at reaching them. There are the decisions we have made which we come to regret: that course of study you would have finished, but you have not really given it your best until the exams came; that particular skill which you had the opportunity to learn or develop (playing an instrument, learning another language, crocheting, mechanical skills, etc.) and yet, all you did was treat it as a burden. Then, come the relationships: that friend which, if you would have made a wee bit of an effort you would have stayed in touch, and now you participate in their funeral; the ex – if only you have tried a bit harder; the children – if only we have spent more time with them. Too little, too late.

There is one other important decision, which lies entirely in our hands – how will we spend eternity. There are only two choices: life with God, and death (eternal death, away from everything we have known, everyone we have known and most importantly, away from the very source of life).

C.S. Lewis writes: *“All your life an unattainable ecstasy has hovered just beyond the grasp of your consciousness. The day is coming when you will wake to find, beyond all hope, that you have attained it, or else, that it was within your reach and you have lost it forever.”*

One cannot read this and not be troubled by the reality that we our future is in our own hands. Working at our own salvation is a daily matter. It doesn't mean that I need to do something to be saved – Jesus did everything that would secure my salvation. However, living out that reality in my life, is what falls to me. Responding to the grace of God is a minute-by-minute decision. How do I connect with the source of my spiritual life on a daily basis? How do I respond to the love of God in my relationships? How do I extend the love of God to those around me? Is there any area in my life, which needs addressing, which I have been putting off?

May you decide, on a daily basis, to respond to God in prayer, study of His Word and service! May you share the love of God with your family, neighbors, colleagues and strangers! May you witness to the goodness of God as you go about your daily business!

Love,
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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.

* In preparation for the adult **Week of Prayer**, we would like to ask you all to start planning ahead for meeting during the week of 24 November - 1 December

* **Night of Prayer:** night prayer for the 29th December. Fasting and prayer after the communion service @ Dundee church from 7pm -7am, open to all, fasting is up to each person. For more information about what we will be praying for on the night of prayer contact Rhoda Fleming.

* **Apology.** Many of you will have seen the recent report in the "Messenger" about Dundee's International Day. I sent in a few paragraphs describing the rich variety of items, the lively atmosphere and spiritual importance of the event. Sadly the Messenger editor cut what I sent to ¼ size and re-wrote the remainder in bland schoolboy English. The occasion is made to sound a dull, non-event! As communications secretary I apologise to all participants that our important day appears so insignificant and lacklustre - John Walton.

* **Marcel and Claudette** are in London this weekend. During their time away, please contact an elder, if you would like assistance.

* A new set of **Bible studies** with the theme of Revelation is commencing this coming Wednesday evening at our regular Bible study meeting in the church commencing at 6:30 pm. You are very welcome to join us for a very rewarding time together.

* **Calendars & Devotional Books** are available for next year. See notice board for details and order from Romana with payment in advance please.

* **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.

* **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:

24th Nov. – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda
1st Dec. – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda
8th Dec. – Steve Logan
15th Dec. Pr. Marcel Ghioalda
22nd Dec. Pr. Marcel Ghioalda

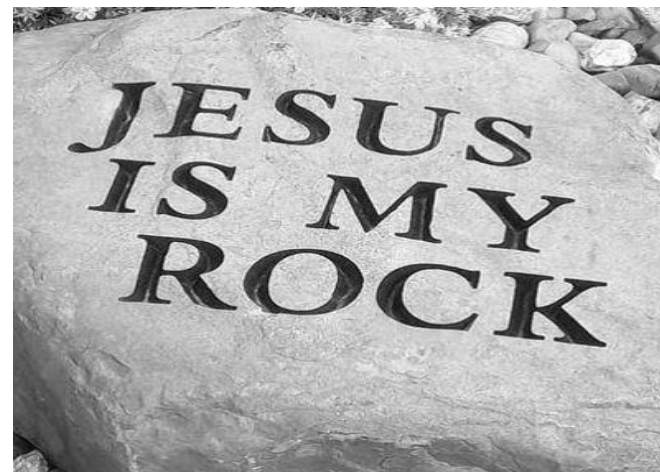
Future Events:

24th Nov.-1st Dec. - Week of Prayer
22nd Dec. - Christmas Family service
29th Dec. - Communion service
29th Dec. - Night-long prayer & fast



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

DUNDEE CHURCH BULLETIN



-- November 17th 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