# SERVICES FOR SABBATH 18<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 "Living Holy Lives" led by Ayo Folorunso

DIVINE SERVICE - 11:15 am

Praise and Worship Team Worship Team

Welcome and Invocation

Opening Hymn SDAH# 214 "We Have this Hope"

Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 3:13-16

Tithes and Offerings

Children's Story Jane Walton

Hymn SDAH# 633 "When We All Get to Heaven"

"Why I am an SDA" Priscilla Bhebhe
Special Music Mervyn Owusu-Ayim
"Why I am an SDA" Nathan Mbandama
Musical Item Marie and Joy
"Why I am an SDA" Bob McPhee

Music Dundee Choral Group

"Why I am an SDA" Ayo Folorunso

Hymn SDAH# 499 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

"Why I am an SDA" John Walton

Closing Hymn SDAH# 340 "Jesus Saves"

Benediction John Walton

#### AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

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## **Sunset Times:**

Sabbath 18<sup>th</sup> August – 8:46 pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August – 8:28pm

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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

#### Thought: Suffering - Romans 5:3-5

This week has been another difficult week for our church family. With both, aunty Nora very poorly in Ninewells (and now in Roxburghe House) and Tarzan having lost his sister and niece in a tragic car accident, our hearts have wrestled with the question of suffering. This is a tough reality we all face, and yet, face we do. Two aspects of suffering I'd like to share here briefly: the process and the purpose of suffering.

Firstly, Paul, listening to Dr Hindsight puts it this way: 'We glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.' He reckons that suffering, over time, brings out the best in us, when God is part of the process. Someone explained it like this:

A bar of steel worth five pounds, when wrought into horseshoes, is worth ten pounds. If made into needles, it is worth three hundred and fifty pounds; if into penknife blades, it is worth thirty-two thousand pounds; if into springs for watches it is worth two hundred and fifty thousand pounds. What a drilling the poor bar must undergo to be worth this! But the more it is manipulated, the more it is hammered and passed through the fire, and beaten and pounded and polished, the greater the value. Can it be that those who suffer most are capable of yielding most; and it is through pain that God is getting the most out of us, for His glory and the blessing of others?

Secondly, the purpose of suffering is meaningful hope: And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts. It seems to me that whatever the suffering process, it leads us to love others with a love akin to the love of God. Here is how Mary Ann Bird experienced it:

"I grew up knowing I was different, and I hated it. I was born with a cleft palate, and when I started school, my classmates made it clear to me how I looked to others: a little girl with a misshapen lip, crooked nose, lopsided teeth, and garbled speech."

"When classmates asked, 'What happened to your lip? I'd tell them I'd fallen and cut it on a piece of glass. Somehow it seemed more acceptable to have suffered an accident than to have been born different. I was convinced that no one outside my family could love me." "There was, however, a teacher in the second grade that we all adored—Mrs Leonard name. She was short, round, happy— a sparkling lady."

Annually we had a hearing test.... Mrs Leonard gave the test to everyone in the class, and finally it was my turn. I knew from past years that as we stood against the door and covered one ear, the teacher sitting at her desk would whisper something, and we would have to repeat it back—things like "The sky is blue" or "Do you have new shoes?" I waited there for those words that God must have put into her mouth. They were seven words that changed my life. Mrs Leonard said in her whisper, "I wish you were my little girl""

May, whatever storm you are facing right now, produce in you that which God has purposed for your life!

May you trust that, in spite of all appearances and the pain, God is fully in control of your life! May you believe that nothing will be able to separate you from the love of God, who has adopted you as His precious child, at great cost to Himself!

Love, M

#### **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.
- \* 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 contact Pastor Marcel Ghioalda.
- \* Bible Study/Prayer meeting Wednesday Bible Study meetings will re-commence on Wednesday next week (22 August) in the church at 6:30 pm.
- \* Shoebox Appeal There are several weeks till our Shoebox Festival on October 20<sup>th</sup> so why not buy one item a week to spread the cost (about £10)? Each shoebox should have: a bar of soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, notebook, pencils, coloured pencils, eraser, pencil sharpener, pencil case, small toy, flip flops, (clothes and pants optional). A poor child will be thrilled to get these basic supplies, so why not start buying tomorrow!
- \* 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".
- \* 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:**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. – John Wilby 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. – Dr Alden Thompson

#### **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





# **DUNDEE CHURCH BULLETIN**

-- August 18<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