

SERVICES FOR SABBATH 8th February 2014

BIBLE STUDY HOUR: 10:00 am

The theme for this quarter is: **“Discipleship”**

Welcome & Introduction	Brenya Obeng
Opening Hymn	321
Prayer	Brenya Obeng
Lesson Study	“Discipling the Ordinary” Pr. Neil Robertson
Mission Appeal and Offering	Paula Robertson
Closing Hymn	300
Closing Prayer	Brenya Obeng

DIVINE SERVICE: 11:15 am

Welcome & Announcements	Brenya Obeng
Opening Hymn	76 Oh love that will not let me go
Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Luke 15:20-32
Tithes & Offerings	
Children’s Story	Pr. Marcel Ghioalda
Musical Item	
Sermon	‘Bono: Grace or Karma’ Pr. Marcel Ghioalda
Closing Hymn	108 Amazing grace
Benediction	Pr. Marcel Ghioalda

AFTERNOON SERVICE: 2:00 pm

Personal Ministries

SCRIPTURE PROMISE FOR THE WEEK

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.”

Isaiah 54:10

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* * * THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK * * *

Peer pressure

Peer Pressure has, nowadays, become almost a natural part of the life of a youth. The need to be part of a bigger endeavour is a thought that races through the mind of any growing boy or girl. Peer Pressure can be good in some ways but mostly, it is the bad aspect of peer pressure which is facing children in today’s society. A survey was carried out by SmartGirl™ to find out how many times children faced peer pressure. It was found that, of the 641 people who took part in that survey, 209 said that they had suffered peer pressure more than 6 times, which is a statistic which would frighten most parents.

So, how should we as Adventist youths and parents, try to address Peer Pressure? Pastor Saustin Mfuné mentioned in one of the weekly Children’s Ministry features, which is on the Adventist News Network website, the story of Joseph and I believe it is a story we should look at and in particular, look at the actions of Reuben. We know Joseph’s brothers were plotting to kill him but it was Reuben who interposed and stopped this from happening. Instead of permitting his brothers to put into action their malicious thoughts, he stood up and told them not to kill him. “When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. “Let’s not take his life,” he said.” Genesis 37:21. Reuben shows a responsible side and his actions highlight that it is possible to stand up against something that you do not like. For you may never know, your actions may change the minds of the people who are trying to influence you, just as Reuben changed the minds of his brothers.

Pastor Saustin Mfuné highlighted in his bulletin, the fact that Joseph never participated in any of the bad activities his brothers undertook. Although, this led to him being sold for twenty pieces of silver to Midianite merchantmen by his brothers (Genesis 37:28) eventually Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of all of Egypt and only Pharaoh, himself, was more powerful than him (“I will put you in charge of my country, and the people will obey all your commands. I will be the only one more powerful than you.” Genesis 41:40) which shows that even though after not giving in to peer pressure you may become hated, God will always be there for you because he loves you.

So, what should youth do if they are under peer pressure? Pastor Saustin mentioned, we should, ‘choose our friends carefully’. It is important that a person chooses his friends carefully. We need to choose people who would motivate us, not pressure us into doing detrimental things that God abhors. As Corinthians 15:33 says: “Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins morals”.

And what can parents do for their children? As a teenage boy myself, I can see how difficult it can sometimes be for parents to understand us because we are young, we were born in a different generation where things such as Facebook and Twitter occupy most of our time. Having these differences can make it difficult for you to relate to how we think and feel, however, if you endeavour to build a more open, honest and closer relationship with us, proactively getting involved in what we’re doing, making time to communicate constantly, giving us listening ears and not ignoring bits and details of what we share with you, then you will be helping us find a breakthrough with some of the problems of peer pressure. Do not betray our confidentiality, give us guidance, and challenge our thinking with the facts of real life scenarios. Give us options and alternatives and loads of reassurance, to keep us going.

If you are under negative peer pressure, speak to your parents or pastor, seek support from your school/college and especially pray about it. God is always there to listen! Let us from this week onwards, take the responsibility for taking care of each other.

I wish all my fellow youth’s good luck for their upcoming examinations and ask for the church’s prayers as well!

Mervyn Owusu-Ayim

* * * ANNOUNCEMENTS * * *

* **Welcome.** We 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 extend a warm invitation to all to join us for a bring-and-share meal immediately after the service.

* **Youth Events.** Newbold College **free visit:** meet current students, eat in the college cafeteria, meet lecturers and finance staff, sleep in Halls of Residence, attend social and spiritual activities; see: www.newbold.ac.uk/visit-us to book your free visit. **Relationship weekend:** 14-16 Feb.: Love, sex and marriage, see: www.necyouth.org.uk for info and to book.

* **Children's Ministries:** NEC Children's Ministries, certification part 1. 15 February, 2:30 to 6:30 pm at the Crieff church, Light supper provided at the end. Alternatively: 23-25 May, De Veres Staverton Park, Daventry, with Linda Mei Lin Koh (see Notice Board for details).

* **Family Ministries.** Leadership training part 2. 28 February to 1st March. At the Crieff church. £50 per person including accommodation, materials and meals. Anyone wanting to learn more about families and how to help them is welcome to come along. Book early as space is limited; tel.: 01764 653257 (Scottish Mission Office) for application form.

* **Toddler Group:** we would like to invite any church members to come along to our Toddler Group on a Tuesday morning at 10:00. Your little one will enjoy it. If you would like to come to volunteer to help befriend parents and carers your help will be appreciated.

* **Hope Channel** is no longer available on satellite in Europe but there are several ways to watch it and to have more choice:

1. Purchase a **Roku box** to gain access to Hope Channel and other Adventist programming. Roku transmits programming via the internet. Simply connect it to your HD ready TV and the wireless internet in your house.
2. Watch on your smartphone or tablet. Get a free app from the iTunes store or the Android Play Store.
3. Enjoy a range of programmes on the www.hopetv.org.uk website.

* **Online Bulletins** at: www.adventistdundee.com. Copy for next week's Bulletin to John Walton (jcw@st-and.ac.uk) on or before Wednesday.

BIBLE RIDDLE

I was the mother of Moses, Aaron and Miriam. *What is my name?*

Answer to last week's riddle: Beatitude

Forthcoming Preachers:

8th Feb - Pr. Marcel Ghioalda
15th Feb - Brenya Obeng
22nd Feb - Pr. Marcel Ghioalda
1st Mar - Pr. Bernie Holford
8th Mar - Dr John Walton
15th Mar - Pr. Marcel Ghioalda
22nd Mar - Pr. Marcel Ghioalda
29th Mar - Tarzan Bhebhe

Forthcoming Events:

1st Mar - Women's Day of Prayer
15th Mar - Service Day - no Divine Service in Dundee
22nd Mar - Youth Day of Fellowship (Aberdeen)
29th Mar - 13th Apr - Ingathering
29th Mar - Messy Church

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

Guided by God's sufficient **grace**
Relying on God's free gift of **grace**
Acclaiming God's abundant **grace**
Calling all to live by God's merciful **grace**
Enlightened by the sure word of God's **grace**