

SERVICES FOR SABBATH 9th March 2013
BIBLE STUDY HOUR – 10:00 am

The topic for this quarter is: **“Origins”**

This week’s study is on the topic: “Stewardship and the Environment” led by Tarzan

DIVINE SERVICE

Welcome	
Opening Hymn	SDAH #185 - 'Jesus is all the world to me'
Prayer	
Scripture Reading	Sandra Nel
Tithes & Offerings	Sandra Nel
Special Item	Young Teens
Sermon	
Service of Humility	
Children’s Story	
Hymn	SDAH #191- Love Divine, All Love Excelling (1, 2)
Prayer	
Reading	
Prayer for Bread	Tarzan
Reading	
Prayer for Wine	John Walton
Hymn	SDAH#191 - Love Divine, All Love Excelling (3,4)
Benediction	Pr. Marcel

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Literature and Leaflet Distribution – Brenya Obeng

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Falling Short

In the wake of Cardinal O’Brien’s recent confessions the credibility and moral authority of the Catholic Church in Scotland has been dealt a serious blow. There are those who have accused the church of hypocrisy and double standards. Some of the faithful followers commented that the authority of the church has been damaged. Others accused the church of dishonesty. It is not only the Catholic Church that is in the spotlight, such occurrence raises questions about the authenticity of those who call themselves Christians. Each one of us preaches a message through the way that we live. In fact, our actions speak much more loudly than our words. So, it isn’t just our *proclamation* that matters. Our very *presence* in a community says something about the God we serve. To be a follower of Christ is a tall order. If you claim to follow Christ and the teachings of the Bible there is a certain way of life that is expected of you. Saying that you are a Christian isn’t enough; it is living as a Christian. Saying that you believe the Bible is not enough, it is living by the principles of the Bible. “Too often the influence of the sermon preached from the pulpit is counteracted by the sermon preached in the lives of those who claim to be advocates of the truth” (E. White, 9T 21). Our lives can powerfully and deeply have an impact on the lives of many, either directly or indirectly. In context of the aforesaid, we are reminded of the caveat in Hebrews (12:1-2) that because Christians are in the spotlight we need to be careful about how we conduct ourselves: *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

Can I live up to this tall order?— I don’t feel that I always do so at home or my work place. I do fall short of my calling. But when I fail to reach the mark or strayed from the paths of righteousness there is hope for me. I am comforted by the words in 1 John 2:1-2: *“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”* Jesus did not just utter words, he lived them. He gave mankind the greatest gift in giving his life. Moreover, we know that *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”* (1 John1:9). There is a glimpse of hope amidst the ubiquity of sin and death. There is hope because the man who gave His life overcame sin and death. When we fall short and sin there is hope that we can be truly forgiven.

As observed, *forgiveness only exists in a culture in which repentance exists. Repentance presupposes that we are free and morally responsible agents who are capable of change, specifically the change that comes about when we recognise that something we have done is wrong and we are responsible for it and we must never do it again. Forgiveness is not just one idea among many. It transformed the human situation. For the first time it established the possibility that we are not condemned endlessly to repeat the past. When I repent I show I can change. The future is not predestined. I can make it different from what it might have been.* The Lord Supper epitomises the great sacrifice Jesus made for me and the hope there is in God in relation to my sins and forgiveness.

Don’t despair if you think you fell short of Christ’s standard this week. May you continue to experience God’s grace and forgiveness.

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 extend to all a warm invitation to join us for a **fellowship meal** immediately after the service.
- * **Service Day, 16th March** - we invite all of you to join us for the regular Sabbath School. During the Divine Service, we will all go visiting either home-bound church members or one of three nursing homes. Please check the list provided in the hall to ensure that your name is down for one of the visits.
- * **Easter Messy Church, 16th March** - - please book your place to attend this family friendly event, where you have the opportunity to invite one of your children's friends to attend. Messy Church will start at 15:45 and include arts and crafts, music and a Bible story as well as a meal together.
- * **Youth Day of Fellowship, 23rd March** - the youth from the Mission will attend the Youth Day of Fellowship to mark the end of the Youth Week of Prayer. Pr. Sam Davis (South England Conference President) will be the speaker for the day. The Newbold College Choir will be our guests of honour and will feature throughout the day. On the day, you are kindly requested to bring along your lunch (and supper), but make sure it doesn't require the use of the kitchen facilities.
- * **Newbold College Choir Easter Concert, 23rd March** - we would like to invite you and your friends to join us for a special Easter Concert starting at 19:00 in the church.
- * **Family Ministries** will be supporting sessions of prayer and fasting this Sabbath from breakfast until lunchtime. The object will be to support brother Goodmore Kanyongo.
- * **Pathfinder & Adventurer Camporee:** 30th Aug - 1st Sept 2013, Venue: Galloway Activity Centre, Cost: £42 per person + food & own transport, Application Form by February 28th, Deposit of £20 by March 30th, Balance by June 30th
- * **Prayer team** to be formed. Anyone who would like to be part of the prayer team, please see Sandra.
- * **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:

16th March – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda
23rd March – Pr. Sam Davies
30th March – Pr. Bob Rodd
6th April – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda
13th April – Pr. Jimmy Botha

Future Events:

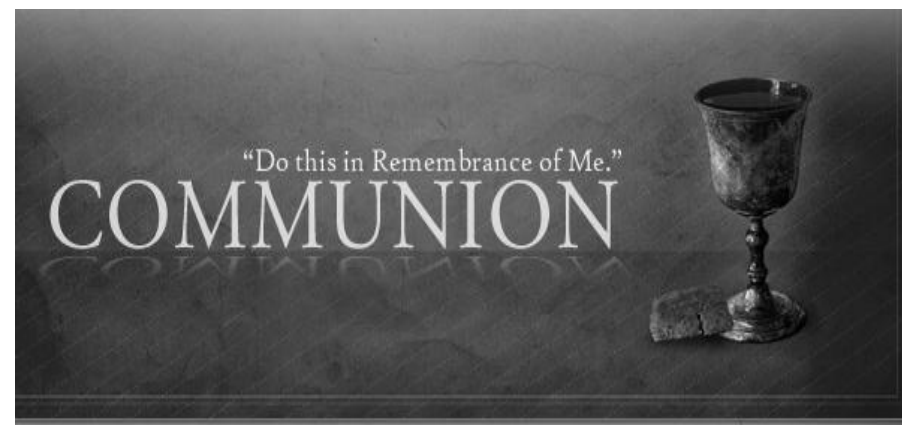
16th March – Service Day, Messy Church
23rd March – Youth Day of Fellowship
Newbold College Choir Concert – 7pm
18th May - Tessera Adventist Quartet (concert in evening)



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

DUNDEE CHURCH BULLETIN

-- March 9th 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