

BIBLE STUDY HOUR: 10:00 am

The theme for this quarter is: **Christ and His Law**

Welcome & Introduction	John Walton
Opening Hymn	499 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Prayer	John Walton
Lesson Study	Dr Bankole Davies-Browne
Special Item	Junior SS Class & Pathfinders
Closing Hymn	341 "To God Be the Glory"
Benediction	John Walton

DINNER SERVICE: 11:15 am

Opening Hymn	
Prayer	
Scripture Reading	
Tithes and Offerings	
Children's Story	
Sermon	Pr. Llew Edwards
Closing Hymn	
Prayer	

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

Spiritual emphasis with Pr. Llew Edwards

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Sabbath 31st May – 9:48 pm
Friday 6th June – 9:56 pm

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What Are You Wearing Today?

This week as I sat and listened to a group of individuals talking about church discipline and how the standards of the church are slipping in relation to our attitudes to those who have "fallen" or strayed away from the biblical teachings I felt saddened but mildly irritated. As I reflect on this, my attention is drawn to God's revelation to Moses in Exodus 33: 18-23 (cf. Exo 34:6). We are surprised at God's response to Moses' plea when he asked to see God's glory shortly after the Golden Calf incident. This was an opportunity that God could have seized to show that he is a God of great authority and power but ironically He chose firstly to display an aspect that seems to be lacking both in power and authority—His "softer side." God revealed an essential aspect of his character—his unreserved compassion. God declares, "I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." He is depicted as a compassionate God.

The portrayal of a compassionate father extends beyond the pages of the Old Testament because what we find in the New Testament is the embodiment of God's compassion in his Son who lived and demonstrated what compassion is all about. The English word, compassion, has its origin in Latin ("compati") meaning "bear with" or "suffer with". Compassion, therefore, is a sympathetic consciousness response to another's predicament with a desire to alleviate any distress, pain or hurt. A feeling of empathy is evoked because of the pain. It motivates us to help. It is however surprising that this characteristic of God --a crucial element depicted in Judaism, Christianity and Islam seems lacking in our attitudes towards others. This noticeable paradox is demonstrated by those who invoke the name of a compassionate God and are expected to follow His example. We witness this every day in various acts of intolerance towards others, and the community of God's people is not an exemption. Despite Moses' experience of God's compassion he failed to exhibit this towards those he was appointed to lead. He failed miserably and paid the price when he got angry at God's people when he struck the rock twice (Numbers 20).

As Christians, we are challenged to forsake our own desires and act compassionately towards others. In Luke 6:36 we are to emulate our father: Be merciful as your father in Heaven. In the Parable of the Good Samaritan Jesus challenges his followers to follow the ideal because true compassion extends to all, even to the extent of loving one's enemies and caring for the fallen. The parable in Matt 18:25-35 underscores how God expects us to treat others in view of the compassion we have experienced. Ironically, the transformative power of the church resides in the ability of its members to be purveyors of God's mercy to all who have fallen short. How then do we show compassion? We do so when we are willing to feel another's pain-- to enter into the pain of another person and truly share their pain. We show compassion when we extend mercy to the fallen, we show compassion when we put aside our judgement of them.

Paul speaking on Christian conduct in Col 3:12-15 challenges us (Christians) to wear the appropriate garment which constitutes compassion. Furthermore, we should be eager to have this garment on because of God's mercy towards us: He has chosen us, He has set us apart, and He loves us.

Blessings for the week. BDB

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* **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.

* **Happy Birthday** to Betsy Christie our most senior member who celebrated her 98th Birthday on Sunday 25th May. Congratulations and God be with you.

* **Adult Bible Study** (Thursday evening) - We would like to invite any adults who wish to join us for a Bible Study on Thursday evening at 18:30 at the church. We will study together the main beliefs of our church. This is meant for anyone who is interested in knowing what our church stands for, as well as establishing those who would like to re-visit their faith.

* **Teens Bible Study** (Wednesday evening) - Young people who would like to learn about the main pillars of our church are invited to join in a Bible Study on a Wednesday evening at 18:30 at the church. Please bring along your own Bibles.

* **Spiritual Weekend with Pr. Llew Edwards** - We would like to invite you all to plan to attend a Weekend of Spiritual Emphasis with Pr. Llew Edwards (Ministerial Director at the British Union Conference) during the last weekend of May. The meetings are scheduled as follows: Saturday morning - 11:15; Saturday afternoon - 2:30; Sunday morning (Board members only) - 10:00.

* **Church Board meeting:** the Church Board members are invited to attend our scheduled meeting on Sunday, 1st June, at 10:00 with Pr. Edwards. Our regular meeting will follow. Lunch will be included.

* **Floods in Serbia and Bosnia.** Worst since records began. Over 3000 landslides have buried thousands of homes. Over 3 million people affected. 20 SDA families lost their homes and 4 SDA churches were destroyed. ADRA Serbia and ADRA Croatia have initiated collection of food, drinking water and clothes for people who have had to leave their homes. "Please keep praying for those people who are suffering and those who have lost their loved ones." If you would like to donate please visit: <http://www.adra.org.uk>,

* **Felt Bible Set.** Small size flannelgraph set available from Margaret Lesar for anyone who might find it useful; contact: lesarfb@aol.com

* **Lost Property.** There are quite a few items hanging on pegs in the small corridor (Barrie Centre) that have been there for some time. Please claim them if they are yours.

* **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.

* **Online Bulletins** at: www.adventistdundee.com. Email announcements and items for the Bulletin to John Walton: jcw@st-and.ac.uk on or before Wednesday.

Forthcoming Preachers:

31st May – Pr. Llew Edwards

07th Jun – P. Claudiu

14th Jun – Pr Marcel Ghioalda

21st Jun – Pr Neil Robertson

Forthcoming Events:

13-15th June - Women's Ministries retreat, Kinross

27th June to 4th Jul. - SM Kilberry Camp

24-26th Oct. - SM Camp Meeting, Gartmore House



BULLETIN FOR 31st MAY 2014



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