

* * * SERVICES FOR SABBATH 24th JANUARY 2015 * * *

“Meet Your God” - Prayer Session 9:30 -10:00 - with Johnny Addai-Peprah

BIBLE STUDY HOUR: 10:00 am

Welcome	Tarzan Bhebhe
Opening Song	100 “Great is Thy Faithfulness”
Opening Prayer	Tarzan Bhebhe
Lesson Study	Johnny Addai-Peprah
Mission Story	Richard
Closing Song	499 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
Closing Prayer	Jabu Bhebhe

DIVINE SERVICE: 11:15 am

Welcome & Announcements	
Opening Hymn	520 “He Hideth My Soul”
Opening Prayer	Bankole
Scripture Reading	2 Peter 1:1-8 - Tobias
Tithes and Offering	Romana
Special Item	Joel
Children’s Story	Bankole and Friends
Special Item	Annina and Deborah
Sermon	Victor Pilmoor
Closing Hymn	612 “Onward Christian Soldiers”
Benediction	Victor Pilmoor

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

2:00 pm: Pathfinders & Adventurers classes.
2:30 pm: “Hymns, songs and theology” - Mike Lewis

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Sabbath 24th January– 16:25 pm
Friday 30th January – 16:38 pm

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* * * THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK * * *

Garden of Praises in 2015

Praise is an important part of our daily worship and it was the praise of the leper that gladdened Jesus’s heart. With this thought, I would like us to look at how, where and when are we able to praise God? The word praise is defined by Webster as the saying of good things, such as: ‘honour, commend or worship, thanking and showing adoration, as well as looking at the goodness of God, I trust we all praise him at all times and not only when he answers our prayers.

The Psalmist says, ‘let every breath in me praise the living God’. We should testify to his greatness for each new morning, success, peace of mind, good health, lovely families, fellowship and many more he does for us. When we praise God, we acknowledge God’s greatness and we put full attention on God and not ourselves, which humble and help us to acknowledge that God is the one who has given us what we have, rather than us having achieved anything by our own efforts. We enter God’s gate with thanksgiving and his court with praises, any time our prayers are answered (Psalm 100: 4). Our methods of praise may differ, some finding singing songs and hymns satisfying, while others prefer testimonies, prayers with the heart, deeds or mind! No matter the method, opportunity or place, we should not forget to give praise to the source of our strength, life and blessings received and those yet to come. I would like us to consider an array of lessons from the following Bible characters praising God!

Hannah, for example, praised God and said; “My heart rejoices in the Lord”. In (1st Samuel 2: 1); Hannah rejoiced in the Lord and looked beyond the gift and rather praised the giver of the gift- what about us then, when and how do we rejoice in the Lord?

Job, on the contrary, had a great loss, yet, in his pain and grief, said, “The Lord gives and takes away, may the name of the Lord be praised”. (Job 1: 21b). Job’s praising style was, rather praising God in a crisis and challenging times because all that he knew was that he served a powerful, able and all sufficient God, thus, he had to give thanks and praises for all things (1 Thessalonians 5: 18). Job’s praising style demonstrated his faith, which increased his trust and confidence in God. Job did not allow his condition to overwhelm and dictate his actions, rather, he looked beyond his condition and into the faith he had in God. Are we able to walk in faith in turbulent times, as did Job? Do we show a Faith in God which will help us to cope with whatever challenges we must face?

Lastly, Leah’s experience is also helpful in our understanding of praise. ‘She conceived and gave birth and said, this time, I will praise the Lord so she named him Judah’. (Genesis 29: 35) She did not blame God for Jacob’s rejection; her life was full of pain and a lack of the acceptance and affirmation we usually seek in marriage, however, she praised God for what she had; the Lord’s favour, compassion, love and healthy children. God knew what was best and provided it. How might we today consider these examples? How do these examples speak to us? The lesson for us today is we, as those mentioned, are encouraged to give praise, not only for answered prayers but also when in challenging situations and as regards blessings yet to be bestowed on us. We should not wait for a miracle before we praise him but be willing to praise him also for His providence and promises yet to be fulfilled.

Is my prayer, we continue to celebrate God ensuring his praises will be on our lips (Psalms 34: 1). In 2015; our wealth of praises to God should be overflowing with a cocktail of praises, acknowledging that our joy, peace, strength and hope come from Him. Let everything that has breath praise God. (Psalm 150: 6). Amen.

Margaret Owusu Obeng

* * * 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.

* **"Agape Feast"** every Sabbath! We will have a variety of bread, spreads, fruit, nuts and salads, etc. Please plan to join us and all contributions are greatly appreciated!

* **Betsy Christie** is now recuperating in the Lochleven Care Home, 121 Lawers Drive, Broughty Ferry, DD5 3UP; tel. No. of the home is 01382 775831.

* **Teens Bible Study** –on **Wednesdays in the church** at 18:30 pm.

* **Adult Bible Study** –on **Thursdays** from 18:00 – 19:00 – please arrive on time to avoid missing out!

* **Renewal of Marriage Vows.** All married couples are invited to the Renewal of Vows on the 14th of February. You can invite your non Adventist friends interested in renewing their vows to join us as well. The service will start at 15:00 followed by a meal. Please give Tarzan or Priscilla your names as you will like them to appear on your certificate.

* **Church Library** Would you like some books to read? There's a good selection on the bookshelves in the Fellowship hall. Just write your name on the borrowing sheet and return the books promptly so others can enjoy them.

* **Lost Property** There are a number of items: scarves, etc. in the small corridor – owners please reclaim them.

* **Toddler Group, Tuesdays 10:00 – 12:00.** The number of children attending is now in the 30's and there is a great need for help in meeting their parents/carers and befriending them, as well as helping in the kitchen. Please consider coming along to lend a hand.

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

Forthcoming Preachers:

24th Jan – Victor Pilmoor
31st Jan – Pastor Marcel Ghioalda
7th Feb – Pr. Bernie Holford
14th Feb – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda
21st Feb – Pr. Bob Rodd
28th Feb – Pr. Marcel Ghioalda
7th Mar – Pr. Robin Riches
14th Mar – Pr Marcel Ghioalda

Forthcoming Events:

25th Jan - Pathfinders & Adventurers
14th Feb – Renewal of marriage vows



BULLETIN FOR 24th JANUARY 2015

*Worship
& Praise*

*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