



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

There will be no more Ladies or Children's Bible Study classes until next year.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 am.

We are at present studying the four Gospels. Johan is facilitating the class. Please join us during this time of learning God's Word.

For this Sunday, please read the first few chapters of your choice of Gospel and evaluate how Jesus challenged his world, then how he challenges our worldly thinking today.

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SUNDAY TIMES:

BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00

WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00

14 DECEMBER 2025

Preacher: Johan Smulders

Sermon Topic: The Light of the World

Scripture reading: Ephesians 1: 15 - 23

Text: Matthew 6: 22

Song Leader: Mike Baisley **Scripture Reading:** Thando Ntozakhe

Opening Prayer: Rudi Le Roux **Lord's Table:** Braam Le Roux

Closing Prayer: Ray Calder **Attendance last Sunday:** 42

Servers: Rudi, Thando, Ray & Braam

The Prophet Nahum, which means "God consoles"

Prophet Nahum was a Minor Prophet in the Bible. He is known for prophesying the doom of Nineveh, the capital of the cruel Assyrian Empire, around the 7th century BC. His prophecy brought comfort to Judah by foretelling justice against their oppressors. His message was one of divine judgment on Assyria's wickedness, contrasting God's wrath with His faithfulness and detailing Nineveh's inevitable, total destruction, a poetic prophecy fulfilling about 612 BC.

Key Facts about Nahum:

- **Name Meaning:** His name, "Nahum," means "God consoles," reflecting the comfort his prophecy brought to Judah.
- **Origin:** He was from Elkosh, though the exact location is debated (possibly Galilee or Judah).
- **Time Period:** He prophesied between 663 BC (after Thebes' fall) and 612 BC (Nineveh's fall), likely around 612 BC, predating the final destruction of Nineveh.
- **Core Message:** His book is a powerful poem about God's judgment on Nineveh for its cruelty, idolatry and injustice, offering hope to Israel.
- **Contrast to Jonah:** While Jonah brought a message of *potential* repentance to Nineveh, Nahum delivered a message of *inevitable* destruction after they relapsed into wickedness.
- **Literary Style:** He's renowned for his vivid, powerful and poetic language, describing the siege and fall of Nineveh in dramatic detail.
- **Fulfillment:** His prophecy accurately predicted Nineveh's final ruin by a coalition of Babylonians, Medes and Scythians in 612 BC, leaving the city desolate.

Nahum 1: 7, "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knows those who trust in Him."

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the members in our congregation who are in need of God's grace, healing and strength through difficult times. Please pray for Olga (Gill Brandstetter's mother), Taida Marembo (Geraldine's mother), Petro, Chester, Ian, Kate and Landon, as they are going through a very difficult time. Also pray for Kayla Gunn, Rebecca's sister-in-law, who is recovering from her injuries sustained in a car accident.

We also need to thank God for prayers answered.

ANNIVERSARIES

Charmaine & Colin Bailey – 15 Dec.

Donovan & Joan Harper – 17 Dec.

Malcolm & Kristal Share – 19 Dec.

May God bless you as you celebrate this joyous day together, remembering the love that you share for each other!

WELCOME

We welcome all visitors this morning. We believe that you will be blessed as we worship God. Please feel free to ask any questions regarding our worship or about God's Word.

VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The most pivotal verse in Nineveh relate to the city's repentance and God's response. The key verse is arguably Jonah 3: 10, which highlights God's mercy.

"When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, He relented and did not bring on them the destruction He had threatened" (NIV).

The ABC of God's Word

- A – Ask and it will be given to you – Matthew 7: 7
- B – Be kind to one another – Ephesians 4: 32
- C – Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you – Psalm 55: 22
- D – Do not be afraid, for I am with you – Isaiah 41: 10
- E – Enter His gates with thanksgiving – Psalms 100: 4
- F – Fear not, for I have redeemed you – Isaiah 43: 1
- G – Give thanks in all circumstances – 1 Thessalonians 5: 18
- H – He heals the broken hearted - Psalms 1: 47
- I – I can do all things through Christ – Philippians 4: 13
- J – Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever – Hebrews 13: 8
- K – Keep your eyes on Jesus – Hebrews 12: 2
- L – Let your light shine before others – Matthew 5: 16
- M – My Grace is sufficient for you – II Corinthians 12: 9
- N – Nothing is impossible with God – Luke 1: 37
- O – Obey God rather than men – Acts 5: 29
- P – Pray without ceasing – 1 Thessalonians 5: 17
- Q – Quench not the Spirit - 1 Thessalonians 5: 19
- R – Rejoice in the Lord always – Philippians 4: 4
- S – Seek first the Kingdom of God – Matthew 6: 33
- T – Trust in the Lord with all your heart – Proverbs 3: 5
- U – Under his wings you will find refuge – Psalm 91: 4
- V – Victory belongs to the Lord – Proverbs 21: 31
- W – We walk by faith (not by sight) – II Corinthians 5: 7
- X – Exalt the Lord our God – Psalm 91: 5
- Y – You are the Light of the world – Matthew 5: 14
- Z – Zion hears and rejoices – Psalm 97: 8

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

BENEVOLENCE:

Our special benevolence parcels will be packed on the 17th of December. Please start bringing your contribution as early as possible, so that there will be no delay in distributing the parcels.

A special appeal to everybody, if possible, to contribute a little extra for these parcels.

We thank everybody who is involved in bringing food and other items for the benevolence to the needy, as this is truly a worthy cause.