



### LADIES BIBLE STUDY - 10 AM

All ladies are encouraged to attend the Wednesday Ladies Bible class. The ladies are busy studying the minor prophets of the Bible.

### SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CLASS 9am

Unfortunately, there are no children's classes until further notice.

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 am.

This Sunday we will be studying the subject of "what happens after baptism?" Braam is facilitating the class. Please join us during this time of learning God's Word.

**Song Leader:** Mike Baisley

**Opening Prayer:** Carry Hagemann

**Closing Prayer:** Ray Calder

**Servers:** Carry, Ray, Chris & Mike

**Scripture Reading:** Mike Baisley

**Lord's Table:** Chris du Preez

**Attendance last Sunday:** 24

### The Prophet Jonah – which means "dove"

The prophet Jonah's name comes from the Hebrew word "yonah," meaning "dove". This is an ironic meaning, as the prophet in the biblical story is portrayed as reluctant and disobedient, which is the opposite of the peaceful and gentle nature often associated with a dove.

Key facts about Jonah:

- **Origin:** He was the son of Amittai and hailed from Gath-Hepher, a village in Galilee.
- **Assignment:** God commanded him to go to Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian empire, to preach a message of repentance.
- **Rebellion:** Jonah initially fled in the opposite direction, towards Tarshish, because he did not want to deliver God's message to his enemies.
- **The Fish:** During his escape, Jonah was swallowed by a great fish. He was inside for three days and nights before being miraculously spit out.
- **The Repentance of Nineveh:** After being rescued, Jonah finally went to Nineveh and his sermon prompted the city's inhabitants to repent, which led God to spare the city.
- **Jonah's Anger:** Jonah was angry that God forgave the people of Nineveh and even prayed for his own death twice because he was so displeased.
- **Jesus's "Sign of Jonah":** In the New Testament, Jesus pointed to Jonah's three days in the fish as a sign of his own future death, burial, and resurrection.
- **A Unique Prophet:** Jonah is considered unique among Old Testament prophets because his ministry was entirely on foreign soil.

This book gives us an imagination for revival among the hardest of souls. It tells the story of multiple unlikely conversions. In the end, we discover why God cares about mission, because they're people He's made. God tells Jonah, "This is a great city with countless people. How can I not have mercy?"

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### SUNDAY TIMES:

**BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00**

**WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00**

**30 NOVEMBER 2025**

**Preacher:** Braam Le Roux

**Sermon Topic:** "Three steps to unlock contentment."

**Scripture reading:** Proverbs 2: 1 - 8

### 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.

We also need to thank God for prayers answered.

### BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

No birthdays nor anniversaries this week.

### 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.

### POTLUCK LUNCH

Please join us after worship for a wonderful potluck lunch. It's a great opportunity to connect, share some delicious food, and enjoy each others' company. Everybody is welcome. Ladies on duty are Sandra and Lorna.

### VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Jonah 3: 10, "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."

This verse describes God's mercy in response to the city's genuine repentance, which included the people and their animals turning from their violent and evil ways.

## DISCONTENT BUT CONTENT

I heard a sermon about God's promise of strength for daily living. The main verses the message was based on were Philippians 4: 10 - 13\*. Christians have a contentment as long as they hold to Christ for everything. Knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of God gives us the ability not to be discontented by our circumstances. I am reminded of Romans 8: 38 - 39\*\*.

However, in a way, we should never be content. We sell ourselves short if we become complacent. We should always be longing to have a closer relationship with God and eager to do more good for others in the name of Jesus Christ. This opportunity is a privilege. The type of discontentment that motivates us not to miss this opportunity, is different from discontentment that results from negative circumstances. It is a source of joy, because though we were the lowest of the low, God has chosen us to be His children and called us to be involved in His holy work (Ephesians 2: 10\*\*\*).

\* Philippians 4: 10 - 13, "I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

\*\* Romans 8: 38 - 39, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

\*\*\* Ephesians 2: 10, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

## TWO IMPORTANT MESSAGES

*A special appeal to please bring items for the "Jars of Hope", which will be distributed in the middle of December.*

*Items especially required are: Rice, maize meal and soya mince.*

### BENEVOLENCE:

*Our special benevolence parcels will be packed on the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.*