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SUNDAY TIMES:
BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00
WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00
3 MAY 2026

Preacher: Johan Smulders
Sermon Topic: “Jesus Standing Alone”
Scripture reading: John 8: 13 - 21
Text: Matthew 24: 46

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 a.m.

We encourage everyone to attend the morning Bible Study classes, as we study the book of Acts. Johan is facilitating the class. Please join us during this time of learning God’s Word. Continue reading through Acts!

Song Leader: Braam Le Roux **Scripture Reading:** Braam Le Roux
Opening Prayer: Ian Roberts **Lord’s Table:** Jan Roberts
Closing Prayer: Chris du Preez **Attendance last Sunday:** 44
Servers: Ian, Jan, Chris & Braam

Count Your Many Blessings

Of all the hymns we sing, none expresses the joy of thanksgiving better than the 1897 song, “Count Your Blessings.” With its true to life lyrics and lively tempo, it is difficult to sing the words without thinking upon the countless blessings we have received from a loving, caring, and benevolent God.

The first verse describes a life filled with difficulty; a life tossed about by the tempest of life. One can become discouraged, thinking there is no reason to carry on, but then offers a simple remedy; “count your many blessings, naming them one by one.” The surprising result is coming to the realization of just how much God has done for us.

The second stanza speaks of the heavy burdens and the cross one may have to bear. But remember that cross bearing is part of discipleship (Luke 9: 23) and that God has given us the church to help bear our burdens (Gal. 6: 2).

The third verse mentions observing the wealthy of the world who seem to have it all. But for us, real wealth is found in Jesus Christ and that we have everlasting riches laid up in heaven (Matt. 6: 19 - 21).

The fourth and final section describes a God who is in control of all things (Dan. 2: 21) and that our relationship with the Lord will give us help and comfort throughout our life’s journey.

With such encouraging words, confirmed by the Scriptures, how can we not have a song in our heart and rejoice in the Lord always (Phil. 4: 4).

“Count your blessings, name them one by one; count your blessings, see what God hath done; count your blessings, name them one by one; count your many blessings, see what God hath done.”

LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY – 10 a.m.

All the ladies are invited to join in and attend the ladies’ Bible Study classes.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the members and their families in our congregation who are in need of God’s grace, healing and strength through difficult times. Please keep Braam & Petro in your prayers.

We also thank our Lord for travel mercies over the past long weekend.

BIRTHDAYS

Pam Share – 5 May

A Special Day for a very Special Lady. May your day be filled with joy – and lots of cake!

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.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Psalm 62 vs 1 - “A Psalm of David. My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress; I will never be shaken.”

REST

- **R**eleasing
- **E**verything into the
- **S**aviour’s
- **T**ender care.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11: 28).

Happy New Month to you! May God seize the moments of worries from your life and replace them with faith and joy in the month ahead!

“Dear God, thank you for a new month and for your powerful presence with us. Even with all the cares and burden we've carried, we know You have great purpose in these next days, and we're grateful that Your plans are for good.”



The Preacher's Donkey – Food For Thought

A man bought a donkey from a preacher, learning that to make it go, he had to say "Hallelujah" and to stop, he had to say "Amen." Riding through the mountains, the man nearly rode off a cliff, forgetting how to stop. He tried "Whoa," "Halt," and "Stop," but the donkey kept going. Finally, in panic, he prayed, "Please, Dear Lord... make this donkey stop before I go off the edge of this mountain, in Jesus' name, AMEN." The donkey stopped immediately. Relieved, the man shouted, "HALLELUJAH!"

Sometimes we rely on worldly commands, but true safety and peace come from relying on God and finding time to pray.

THESE ARE FOR OUR YOUNGSTERS – AND OUR SENIORS!

Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?

Because he knew something fishy was going on.

Where was Solomon's temple located?

On the side of his head.

Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?

When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

It's Christmas, Eve!

How do we know Peter was a rich fisherman?

By his net income.

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