



## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We warmly welcome our visitors. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask. It was wonderful having Carl all the way from Cape Town with us last Sunday!

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for all in need, whether it's illness, spiritual, emotional or financial related. Let us also never forget to thank God for prayers answered. **Philippians 4: 6 – 7**, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

**Song Leader:** Mike / Braam

**Opening Prayer:** Carry Hagemann

**Closing Prayer:** Rudi Le Roux

**Servers:** Jan, Ray, Carry, Rudi

**Scripture Reading:** Ray Calder

**Lord's Table:** Jan Roberts

**Attendance last Sunday:** 34

## FIVE LESSONS A PENCIL CAN TEACH US

1. **There is a hand that directs the pencil.** Proverbs 3: 5 – 6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

2. **A pencil needs to be sharpened.** God wants to sharpen us. With His Spirit, He wants to work in our life and shape us more and more into His image. Luke 9: 23, "Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

3. **A pencil trace can be erased.** When we make a mistake and do things we regret, we can ask God to forgive us and He will erase all our sins.

1 John 1: 9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

4. **A pencil is all about the inside.** God looks at the core, the heart. He knows that our real purpose and talent lies on the inside, just like a pencil.

1 Samuel 16: 7, "But the Lord said to Samuel, Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees. Man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

5. **A pencil leaves a trace.** If we lay our lives in God's hands, our life will leave an incredible trace. Through us, God can create the most beautiful picture of Himself.

Matthew 5: 16, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

### A THOUGHT TO PONDER ON:

"I am a little pencil in God's hands.

He does the thinking. He does the writing.

He does everything, and sometimes

it is really hard, because it is a broken pencil  
and He has to sharpen it a little more."

### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

When in sorrow, ..... call John 14

If I want to be fruitful, ..... call John 15

When I have sinned, ..... call Psalm 51

When I worry, ..... call Matthew 6:19 - 34

When I am in danger, ..... call Psalm 91

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## SUNDAY TIMES:

**BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00**

**WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00**

**4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

**Preacher:** Johan Smulders

**Sermon Topic:** "Alone and Afraid"

**Scripture reading:** 1 Kings 19: 1 - 9

**Text:** 1 Kings 19: 3

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 am.

We are at present studying the book of Romans, with Johan facilitating the class. Please join us during this time of learning God's Word.

### SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S

#### CLASS – 9 am

Thank you to Shana for taking this class. This Sunday the theme will be Noah's Ark.

Proverbs 22: 6, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

**Especially for our youngsters –**

What animal did Noah not trust?

*Cheetahs, of course!*

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY – 10 AM

The Jars of Hope that were going to be filled last week, will be prepared for distribution this Wednesday. Our thanks to all who contributed towards the contents, as well as the task of filling the bottles.

The **BENEVOLENCE PARCELS** will also be packed this week for collection. If you still need to bring your contributions, please be so kind as to drop them off as soon as possible.

### THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

**East Cape Bible College**

Starting date: Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> May

18H00 – 19H00

20 Keam Rd

Invitations are available for distribution. If you have any questions, please chat to Johan.

### BIRTHDAY WISHES to two of our

**Very Special Ladies!**

Pam Share – 5<sup>th</sup> May

Celeste Gordon – 10<sup>th</sup> May

May the Lord bless you and keep you safe and healthy for many, many more years!

## **Which Way?**

By Jeff Norberg

Standing on the crossroads, deciding which way to go toward.  
To the left is my way and to the right is to the Lord.  
My way means humans who are just as imperfect as me.  
The Lord's way means perfection will walk beside me and be a friend in need.  
My way is like a boat that doesn't have an oar.  
The Lord's way is like an eagle that was made to soar.  
It is true that with my way, a false sense of freedom could seem strong.  
Whereas the Lord's way might take work and the road may seem long.  
Eventually though, the illusion of freedom would end and I would be destitute and all alone.  
But the Lord's way means I would have a friend to take my hand and lead me home.  
I notice that even with all my possessions, my life would always get unfurled.  
So I reached for the treasures of Heaven and not those of the world.  
I know I made the right choice as I turned right onto the road.  
For it was at that instant I felt the Lord take my hand and release my load.

## **Bridge to Life –**

Lucy A. Cain

Thank you, Jesus, for making a way  
For crossing the chasm of sin,  
For giving me a solid path  
And giving me Life within!

Thank you, Jesus, for taking my sin  
And nailing it on that tree,  
Sacrifice made, Lamb was slain  
So I may live for eternity!

Thank you, Jesus, for precious blood  
That ran so freely for all,  
So we might cross from death to Life  
When we heed the Master's call!

## **I Will Not Give Up**

by Joye Atkinson

Sometimes it's all I can do to take another step.  
Then God reminds me gently of the promises He's kept.  
At times I want to say I quit, I've had all I can take.  
It's hard to take my words to heart; I feel like such a fake.  
I've tried so hard to be a light, so that the Lord above  
Could use me as a vessel to emanate His love.  
Giving up is not an option. I've trusted God too long.  
Even though my path is rough, He keeps me safe and strong.  
I know God is on my side; the victory has been won  
By the power of the blood of Jesus Christ, His son.  
Lord, don't let me lose my faith. Help me to live each day  
Contented in your love and peace as you gently lead the way.