



SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 am.

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

LADIES BIBLE STUDY – 10 AM

All ladies are encouraged to attend the Wednesday Ladies Bible class. This Wednesday, they will be studying Hosea.

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CLASS 9am

Please bring your children to the Children's Bible class. It is so important to bring a child up in God's Way, teaching them about God's Word and God's Love.

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SUNDAY TIMES:

BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00

WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00

07 SEPTEMBER 2025

Preacher: Johan Smulders

Sermon Topic: "Judge not"

Scripture reading: Matthew 7: 1 - 2

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

Opening Prayer: Carry Hagemann **Lord's Table:** Ray Calder

Closing Prayer: Chris du Preez **Attendance last Sunday:** 44

Servers: Chris, Ray, Carry & Thando

A SHORT SUMMARY OF SIMON THE ZEALOT, THE APOSTLE

Who is not intrigued by a good mystery? One puzzling question is the exact identity of Simon the Zealot, the Bible's own mystery apostle.

Scripture tells us almost nothing about Simon the Zealot. He is one of the most obscure apostles. Although he was one of the 12 main disciples of Jesus Christ, he plays no particular role in the Gospels. The Gospels mention him in four places (Acts 1: 13, Luke 6: 15, Matthew 10: 4, Mark 3: 18), but only to list his name. In Acts 1: 13, we learn that he was present with the apostles in the upper room of Jerusalem after Christ ascended to heaven. Beyond those few details, we can only speculate about Simon and his designation as a Zealot.

The Bible does not describe how Simon the Zealot met Jesus. By the time the Gospels mention Simon (e.g. Matthew 10: 1 - 4), he appears to have already been established as a disciple of Jesus.

Simon was called the Zealot before his coming to Christ. Even his moniker, "the Zealot" is ambiguous enough that we can't be sure what it means, though there are several strong possibilities. He may have belonged to a Jewish sect known as the Zealots, who were bent on revolution and looking for a Messiah to violently overthrow Rome. Or he may have simply been zealous for the Mosaic Law. Or even zealous for Jesus and his teachings.

Simon the Zealot was not the famous Simon – the one we know as Simon Peter. Every time he is mentioned in Scripture (only 4 times), he is called "Simon the zealot." Other Bible translations describe him as "Simon, who was known as the eager one." At times, he is called Simon the Canaanite and so people believe that he lived in Cana, which is part of Galilee.

Acts 1: 13, "When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James."

Luke 6: 15, "Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called the Zealot."

Matthew 10: 4, "Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him."

Mark 3: 18, "Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot."

AWWA – BUFFALO FLATS

Date: 7 September, 2025 - Time: 17H00

Everybody is invited to the area wide worship.

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 Petro, Ian, Kate and Landon, as they are going through a very difficult time.

We also need to thank God for prayers answered.

BIRTHDAYS

Oliver Share – 9 September

Shana Dixon – 10 September

As you celebrate this special day, may God bless you both with a wonderful day, as well as a year filled with happiness and love!

GOD IS OUR ONLY HOPE

Psalms 71: 5 - 8

"For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth. From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you. I have become a sign to many; you are my strong refuge. My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long."

The psalmist reminds us to put our trust in God alone and have faith that He will provide deliverance in due time. Be encouraged as you patiently wait for Him to bring peace into your circumstances. Let this Psalm remind you that no matter what life throws at you, God is the only trustworthy source of help and hope.

Spring's Promise

The winter's long reign begins to fade,
As God's sunlight warms the land, freshly made.
The frozen earth, once held in slumber deep,
Now stirs with life, promises to keep.

Like buds unfurling, reaching for the sky,
So too may our hearts, with hopeful cry,
"Lord, melt the coldness that has held us bound,
Let Your grace and new life on us abound!"

The birds are singing, a joyful, sweet sound,
As flowers appear, their colors all around.
In this vibrant rebirth, Lord, help us to see
Your constant love, Your new mercy for me.

May we, like a branch, bear fruit for Your name,
And flourish in You, a new, blessed flame.
For after the winter, the spring will arrive,
And in Your sweet renewal, we truly revive.

This poem draws inspiration from the following biblical passages and themes:

Song of Solomon 2: 11 - 12, which speaks of the end of winter and the appearance of flowers, the season of singing birds, and the voice of the turtle dove.
(For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.)

John 15: 2, which speaks about the pruning of branches to bring forth more fruit.
(Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.)

The general theme of renewal and new life that spring brings, is often a metaphor for spiritual renewal and growth in the Christian faith.