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

Preacher: Johan Smulders
Sermon Topic: A Better Life
Scripture Reading: Proverbs 16:16 - 20
Text: Zechariah 3: 4

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: Jan Roberts **Lord's Table:** Chris du Preez
Closing Prayer: Rudi Le Roux **Attendance last Sunday:** 42
Servers: Braam, Chris, Rudi & Jan

TOWARD BETTER COMMUNICATION – Sewell Hall (Edited) **A Practical and Biblical Guide**

"This you know, my beloved brethren. But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger, for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God." (James 1: 19 - 20).

Can you imagine better advice for getting along with others? How often we hear it said that the problem in a family, an office, a school, or even a congregation, is a breakdown of communication. Obedience to this verse would change all of that.

"Be quick to hear." Listen! Try to understand where the one who is talking "is coming from" and what he or she really means. If a reply is needed, take your time. "Be slow to speak." Think of what you are saying. Ask yourself if what you are about to say, will do good or do harm. Ask God to help you say only what needs to be said. Nehemiah was asked a question by the king and managed a prayer before he answered. *"Then the king said to me, 'What is it you want?' Then I prayed to the God of heaven, and I answered the king, 'If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favour in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it."* (Nehemiah 2: 4 - 5). Once we have spoken, we cannot recall our words.

Above all, "be slow to anger." Anger almost always breaks down communication. We may fancy that our anger is "righteous indignation," but the Holy Spirit says: "The anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God." (James: 20)

May we be quick to listen to others, slow to speak our own words, a calm heart that is slow to anger, and the self-control to pause, reflect, and love others the way God loves us.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

All the ladies are invited to join in and attend the Bible Study classes, every Wednesday morning at 10am. The book of Hebrews is being studied and discussed.

BIRTHDAYS

Gill du Preez – 13 August
 Thanking God for the wonderful gift of your life on your Special Day, Gill, and wishing you an abundant and blessed year ahead.

BAPTISM

We rejoice in the baptism of young Thando Mduma last Sunday morning. *"For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead".* (Colossians 2: 12).

PRAYER REQUESTS

There are so many people in our congregation who are in need of constant prayers. Please add Kristal to your prayer list for a quick and full recovery. We thank God for prayers He so faithfully answers.

FUN QUIZ AND SUPPER. Every third Friday of the month at 6.00pm at Keam Rd. The idea is to spend some time thinking about the Word of God and then to just spend some time with other Christians in fellowship. An excellent time to invite a friend to join us in a friendly atmosphere. Pack a light picnic supper and come and join in a time of fun and fellowship. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Saturday – 15 august – 08:00

Keam rd church of christ

Fellowship, song & devotional

Rsvp by 12 august – 084 771 8165

R40 per person

Our gratitude to Jan for volunteering to do the catering.

The Sacred Page

A lamp unto my feet,
A light upon the way,
It guides my wandering steps,
And keeps me lest I stray.
From Genesis of old,
To Revelation's light,
It speaks of grace and truth,
And conquers darkest night.



Bread of Life

Within these pages, truth is sown,
Through ancient words and stories known.
A lamp to guide, a shield from strife,
The Living Word, the Bread of Life.

2 Timothy 3: 16 : "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness".

The Coal Basket & The Bible

An old farmer lived a remote life in the mountains with his young grandson. Each morning he rose early to sit at the kitchen table and read his Bible. His grandson was keen to copy him and tried to imitate him in every way he could.

One day the grandson asked: *"Grandpa, I try to read the Bible just like you, but I don't always understand it, and what I do understand, I sometimes forget. What good does reading the Bible do?"*

The Grandfather turned from stoking coal in the stove and replied: *"Take this empty coal basket down to the stream and bring me back a basket of water."*

The boy did as he was told, but the water leaked out before he returned to the cottage. The grandfather sent him back to the river and said: *"You'll have to move a little faster next time."*

This time the boy ran, but again the basket was empty before he reached home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was impossible to carry water in a basket, and off he went to fetch a bucket.

This grandpa replied: *"I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water."*

At this point, the boy knew the task's impossibility, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he arrived back.

The boy again dipped the basket into the stream and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather, the basket was yet again empty. Breathlessly the boy reminded: *"See Grandpa, it's useless!"*

Grandpa then advised: *"Look again into the basket."*

The boy looked at the basket and for the first time realized it was now very different. The basket had been transformed from a dirty old coal receptacle into a clean fresh basket, inside and out - ready for all types of new tasks it could not have done as a coal basket.

"Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, you will be changed, inside and out. That is the work of God's word in our hearts and lives."

What matters is not how much of the Bible we cleverly recall, but how much we humbly allow it to wash us.

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