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

Preacher: Chris du Preez
Sermon Topic: “A Good Soldier of Christ”
Scripture reading: 2 Timothy 2: 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:** Paul McCourt
Opening Prayer: Des Hagemann **Lord’s Table:** Jan Roberts
Closing Prayer: Rudi Le Roux **Attendance last Sunday:** 48
Servers: Paul, Jan, Rudi & Des

Being Thankful for What We Have: A Christian Perspective

In a world that often encourages us to focus on what we lack, it’s easy to overlook the blessings we already have. As Christians, gratitude isn’t just an attitude - it’s a spiritual practice and a profound acknowledgment of God’s provision and sovereignty.

A Heart of Gratitude Is God’s Will: In 1 Thessalonians 5: 18, Paul writes, “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” This verse doesn’t say to be thankful only when things are going well. It challenges us to adopt a posture of gratitude even in trials. Why? Because thankfulness aligns our hearts with God’s will and reminds us of His ultimate control over our lives.

When we choose to be thankful, we shift our focus from what we don’t have to what we do. Gratitude is a powerful antidote to dissatisfaction and envy.

Gratitude Draws Us Closer to God: When we express gratitude, we acknowledge God as the source of every good thing. As James 1: 17 reminds us, “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.” When we praise God for what we have, we deepen our relationship with Him, recognizing His hand in every aspect of our lives. King David exemplifies this in the Psalms. Even when surrounded by enemies, David often began his prayers with thanksgiving, remembering God’s past faithfulness. His gratitude strengthened his faith and allowed him to trust God for future victories.

Gratitude in Every Season: Even in difficult seasons, we can find reasons to give thanks. Romans 8: 28 assures us, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.”

Gratitude is more than a response to blessings—it’s a declaration of trust in God’s plan and His goodness.

LADIES’ BIBLE STUDY – 10 a.m.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

We give thanks to our God for the prayers He has and will still answer.

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

Philippians 4: 6 – 7, “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*”

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

None this coming week!

WELCOME

We welcome all visitors this morning. May you be blessed as we worship God. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We hope to see you next Sunday again.

SMILE

An elderly preacher, known for finding things to be thankful for in his pulpit prayers, faced a particularly rainy, miserable Sunday.

A member thought, "The preacher will have nothing to thank God for on a wretched morning like this."

The preacher began his prayer, “We thank Thee, O God, that it is not always like this”.

WE THANK THEE, FATHER!

For this new morning with its light,
Father, we thank Thee.

For rest and shelter of the night,
Father, we thank Thee.

For health and food,
for love and friends.

For everything Thy goodness sends,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

FRIDAY EVENING - FUN BIBLE QUIZ AND SUPPER.

We are planning the next get together.

DATE: FRIDAY, 29 MAY 2026

VENUE: 20 KEAM ROAD (CHURCH BUILDING)

TIME: 6pm.

Bring your own picnic supper and come and enjoy
an hour or so of fellowship. See you there!

How to Cultivate a Thankful Heart

1. **Start Each Day with Gratitude** - Begin your day by thanking God for three things. It could be as simple as the gift of life, a sunrise, or a kind word from a friend.
2. **Keep a Gratitude Journal** - Write down blessings daily. Over time, you'll see a pattern of God's provision and faithfulness.
3. **Express Gratitude to Others** - Thank those around you - family, friends, co-workers. A kind word of appreciation not only lifts others, but also reinforces a thankful mindset.
4. **Pray with Thanksgiving** - When bringing requests before God, start by thanking Him for what He's already done. This shifts your prayers from a "wish list" to a meaningful dialogue with your Creator.
5. **Choose Contentment** - In Philippians 4: 11 - 12, Paul writes about learning to be content in all circumstances. Contentment isn't about denying desires but about trusting God's provision for today while holding hope for tomorrow.



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