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

Preacher: Mike Baisley
Sermon Topic: The Way, the Truth and the Life
Scripture reading: John 14: 5, 6

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. Start reading through Acts!

Song Leader: Braam Le Roux **Scripture Reading:** Paul McCourt
Opening Prayer: Des Hagemann **Lord's Table:** Ray Calder
Closing Prayer: Rudi Le Roux **Attendance last Sunday:** 45
Servers: Paul, Rudi, Ray & Des

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, as they will be travelling tomorrow to Pretoria for Petro's treatment. They will not be here next Sunday.

BIRTHDAYS

Cheyenne du Preez - 22 April
 May God bless you on this special day!

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.

TEA & BISCUITS

We will have tea & biscuits next Sunday, 26 April, after worship. Ladies on duty are Erika & Louise.

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

Romans 6: 4, "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

IT'S OK BECAUSE by Joe Slater

Rationalize: "to attribute one's actions to rational and creditable motives without analysis of true motives and especially unconscious ones"; "explain away" (Merriam-Webster online dictionary & thesaurus).

Nobody likes being held accountable. Rationalizing provides a mechanism to evade personal responsibility and justify sin. Common rationalizations include the following:

"It's not my fault. He / she / they upset me." The Israelites upset Moses (Numbers 20). He struck the rock rather than speaking to it and failed to give God glory. It cost him the privilege of entering the Promised Land. To his credit, he made no attempt to rationalize.

"It's just the way I am." Perhaps so, but you can and should change. You are not helpless! The very word "conversion" means change. God didn't call you to remain as you are, but to walk in newness of life! (See Romans 6: 4).

"Everyone does it." Even if that were true (which it isn't), would that make it right? God didn't call you to be like "everyone." "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12: 2).

"God wants me to be happy." Indeed, He does! But real happiness doesn't come from satisfying the desires of the flesh! "Blessed (happy) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed (happy) are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5: 6, 8).

Rationalizing indicates severe spiritual immaturity! We expect little children to make excuses for bad behavior. Let it never be so for mature Christians!

AREA WIDE WORSHIP ASSEMBLY – (AWWA)

VENUE: BUFFALO FLATS CHURCH OF CHRIST

DATE: 26 APRIL 2026

TIME: 17H00

The Buffalo Flats congregation has extended an invitation to us (20 Keam Road) to support them in this month's AWWA. Please invite your friends and family.



I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

In John 14: 6, Jesus declares, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me". This statement signifies that Jesus is the exclusive path to God, the ultimate revelation of truth, and the source of eternal life, offering personal access to the Father.

Key Aspects of the Statement:

- "The Way" (John 14: 6): Jesus indicates he is the only mediator and bridge between humanity and God, navigating the journey from sin to reconciliation.
- "The Truth" (John 14: 6): Jesus embodies the ultimate, reliable revelation of God, contrasting with temporary earthly realities and providing spiritual stability.
- "The Life" (John 14: 6): Jesus is the source of both eternal life (salvation) and spiritual life, offering victory over death.

Context and Meaning:

- Response to Doubt: Jesus said this to his disciples to comfort them when they were anxious about his coming death and departure.
- Exclusive Claim: This verse is a central Christian belief that no other path, religion, or work provides access to God the Father, except through Jesus.
- "I Am": Using the "I Am" phrasing, Jesus identifies himself as God.

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