



LADIES' BIBLE STUDY – 10 AM

All the ladies are invited to join in the Ladies' Bible study classes... and bring a friend! Ladies, please read 1 Peter before Wednesday!

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SUNDAY TIMES:
BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00
WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00
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SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 am.

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

Song Leader: Braam Le Roux **Scripture Reading:** Braam Le Roux
Opening Prayer: Ray Calder **Lord's Table:** Chris du Preez
Closing Prayer: Carry Hagemann **Attendance last Sunday:** 35
Servers: Chris, Carry, Braam & Ray

Preacher: Johan Smulders
Sermon Topic: "People who met Jesus"
Scripture reading: John 20: 24 - 29
Text: John 20: 28

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 Taida Marembo (Geraldine's mother), Petro and Kate, as they are going through a very difficult time. We ask you to include their families in your prayers for a source of strength and comfort as they support their loved ones. Please pray for Louise during this sad time at the passing away of her brother.

BIRTHDAYS

Audrey Smulders – Today, 8th February!
 Gavin Baisley – 13th February
 Joshua Engelbrecht – 14th February
 A bumper Birthday Week! May the Lord's blessings be showered on you in abundance in the year to come.

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.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Hebrews 6: 19 (NIV) states: "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain."

Hope is called the anchor of the soul, because it gives stability to the Christian life. But hope is not simply a 'wish' (I wish that such-and-such would take place); rather, it is that which latches on to the certainty of the promises of the future that God has made.

"Anchoring Our Hope In Christ"

Our world is so complex and is rapidly changing. Televisions, phones, computers and other electronic devices become outdated. We seemingly move from house to house and job to job far more frequently than before. Relationships and our roles in our family are so different as we rush through life. Is there nothing stable on which we can build our lives?

The answer is found in the closing verses of Hebrews chapter six.
Hope is based on His immutable promise. The Bible clearly shows that we are saved by hope (Rom. 8: 24) and this hope is the anchor of our souls. The writer of Hebrews ties hope to the promises of God. God's promises to Abraham enabled the patriarch to see what others could not see. God spoke the promise to Abraham and His word was enough. Yet God wanted Abraham to know how much he could trust Him. So God confirmed this with an oath (Heb. 6: 13 - 16). The writer then says *this* same hope, our hope, is our anchor.

Hope is based on the promises which are secure. Hebrews say that the hope we have is *sure* and steadfast (Heb. 6: 19). What could be more sure? The omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, eternal and Almighty One has given us His promise and He cannot lie (Tit. 1: 2). Life is filled with uncertainty, but the hope we have is far beyond all certainty. It is the basis of all of life's decisions. It is truly the anchor of the soul!

Hope is based on the promises which are steadfast. His promise and our hope are both sure and *steadfast* (Heb. 6: 19). There is no variance in the trustworthiness of our anchor. The life's philosophy of some is forced to change throughout their lives from day to day, but the faith we have is constant and unchanging. As our faith grows stronger, the anchor becomes more secure. It is always there. It is always secure. It is the anchor for our soul.

Hope is based on the life of Jesus and reaches from earth to heaven. Look again at Hebrews six. Jesus, our forerunner, has carried the anchor and has taken it into the very presence of God. No wonder it is an anchor sure and steadfast. The anchor line extends from our hearts, from our trials and reaches into heaven. Hold on to that anchor. It will never move for it is anchored in eternity. God, hasten the day when we arrive at the place where we have anchored our lives! God, we thank You for the anchor You have given to us!

Dan Jenkins - Church of Christ Palm Beach Lakes

H.O.P.E.

- **H - Holding on to God's Faithfulness (Lamentations 3: 22 - 23)**
 - **O - Opening to God's Plans (Jeremiah 29: 11)**
 - **P - Patiently waiting (Psalm 130: 5)**
- **E - Enduring/Expecting with confidence (Hebrews 10: 23)**

The Two Wolves (A Battle of Hope)

An old Cherokee Indian told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. "There are two wolves," he said. "One is evil—he is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow and lies. The other is good—he is joy, peace, love, hope and truth.

The grandson asked, "Which wolf wins?" The old man replied, "The one you feed."

The 12-Year Bleeding Woman (Hope Against the Odds)

For twelve years, a woman suffered, spending all she had on doctors, only getting worse. Yet, when she heard about Jesus, she pushed through the crowd, believing that just touching his cloak would heal her. She didn't let her past failures or the crowd stop her. When you are tempted to quit, remember her faith—hope is louder than the crowd.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,
A consolation strong against despair.
That when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,
I find the Saviour there!
Through present sufferings, future's fear,
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.
For I am safe in everlasting arms,
And they will lead me home.

AMEN!