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**SUNDAY TIMES:**  
**BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00**  
**WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00**  
**08 MARCH 2026**

**Preacher:** Johan Smulders  
**Sermon Topic:** Joy to the world!  
**Scripture reading:** Luke 2: 1 - 11  
**Text:** Eccl. 2: 26: Gal. 5: 22

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 am.**

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:** Braam Le Roux  
**Opening Prayer:** Jan Roberts      **Lord's Table:** Chris du Preez  
**Closing Prayer:** Rudi Le Roux      **Attendance last Sunday:** 47  
**Servers:** Jan, Braam, Rudi & Chris

**LADIES' BIBLE STUDY – 10 AM**

All the ladies are invited to join in the Ladies' Bible study classes. This week will be a singing morning, with Braam doing the song-leading.

**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.

We also need to thank God for the many blessings He grants us every day.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Andiswa Moyo – 11<sup>th</sup> March  
 Amelia Share – 12<sup>th</sup> March  
 Donovan Harper – 14<sup>th</sup> March  
 Happy Birthday! May God bless you with a year of joy, peace, and love.

**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**

Acts 4: 12, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

This verse highlights that only the person, character, and authority of Jesus can redeem humanity, contradicting ideas of multiple paths to heaven.

**SUMMARY OF ACTS**

The Book of Acts, written by Luke, chronicles the birth and expansion of the early Church through the power of the Holy Spirit, beginning with Jesus's ascension (Acts 1) and moving from Jerusalem to Rome. It highlights the ministries of Peter (chapters 1 - 12) and Paul (chapters 13 - 28), detailing the gospel's spread to both Jews and Gentiles despite intense persecution.

**Key Events and Themes:**

- **The Holy Spirit (Pentecost):** The book opens with the promised Holy Spirit descending on believers, empowering them to witness (Acts 2).
- **Expansion of the Church:** The church moves from a local Jerusalem movement (Acts 1 - 8) to Judea, Samaria and the Roman Empire (Acts 9 - 28).
- **Key Figures:** Peter leads in the early chapters, while Saul (later Paul) converts and becomes the primary missionary to the Gentiles.
- **Persecution and Growth:** Despite severe opposition, including the martyrdom of Stephen (Acts 7), the church grows rapidly.
- **Key Transitions:** The Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15) settles the crucial debate that Gentiles do not need to follow Jewish law to be saved, solidifying the church's universal mission.
- **Paul's Journeys:** The latter half of the book covers Paul's three major missionary journeys and his final journey to Rome as a prisoner to preach. The book ends with Paul preaching in Rome, symbolizing the gospel's reach to the heart of the Gentile world.

**The Book of Acts:**

- Acts 1: Jesus commissions his disciples and ascends to Heaven.
- Acts 2 - 7: Pentecost in Jerusalem and the birth of the church.
- Acts 8 - 12: The Jesus community becomes an international movement.
- Acts 13 - 20: Mission to Israel and clashes with Roman culture.

## SMILE

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to the elementary school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up along with thunder and lightning. The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school, and she herself feared that the electrical storm might harm her child.

Following the roar of thunder, lightning, like a flaming sword, would cut through the sky. Full of concern, the mother quickly got into her car and drove along the route to her child's school. As she did so, she saw her little girl walking along, but at each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up and smile. Another and another were to follow quickly, and with each flash of lightning, the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile.

When the mother's car drove up beside the child, she lowered the window and called to her.

"What are you doing? Why do you keep stopping?"

The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty; God keeps taking my picture."

May God bless you today as you face the storms that come your way.

Use the space below for sermon notes:

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