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# KEAM ROAD BULLETIN

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## STANDING STRONG

By Stanley Strong

I have been a member of the Lord's church since August 1968. My experience is, therefore, limited in comparison with many who read this bulletin. But I have noticed a constant through the years, and that is the church is always challenged. In the last few years, the church has faced and in a large part resisted a challenge from within to become a "nice respectable denomination," and to fit in more peacefully with the religious landscape.

Our commitment to New Testament teachings on the nature of the church will not allow this. But out of challenges like this we are made to wonder at times, what will happen to the church.

I consider myself to be a realistic optimist. I know bad things can and do happen, but I am convinced that good people can order their minds in such a fashion as to accomplish their goals. Our goal is to be, as much as possible, the church that God wants us to be. This requires a certain amount of good-natured stubbornness. It also requires a substantial amount of preparation. So, if we purposefully prepare ourselves through the study and application of the scriptures (2 Timothy 2:15), we can meet the challenges the church will surely face. Thus, I am sure that the church will continue to face a cycle of challenges. Every generation will have its men who see everything in a "new" way and who will seek to lead us, the backward traditionalists, to "new" heights of spiritual bliss. People need what they've always needed—the rock solid truth of God's word, plainly stated.

And as sure as I believe we will face this cycle of challenge, I am sure that we will survive. Why? It is because our plea is founded in the text of scripture. It is because our practices are founded in the text of scripture. And, it is because our preaching is founded in the text of scripture. This may seem old fashioned to some, but that is the way it is. And, more importantly, that is the way it should be.

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The above article was written by Stanley Strong, our Outreach Minister at the West End church of Christ in Knoxville, Tennessee. He is also one of our newly appointed Elders (i.e. Pastors, Bishops, Overseers, or Shepherds). He and I are very like-minded about the sovereignty of God. Like me, Stanley was a somewhat reluctant convert to the faith. He came from a "conservative" denomination. He is a black man in what was then perceived as a "white man's" church. He is an avid student of the Word, and he has become a powerful and effective teacher of the gospel.

Like Jeremiah the Prophet, Stanley and I are compelled to preach the gospel to both those who know nothing of God and to those who have been misled about Him, to those who will listen and to those who will not. "But if I say, 'I will not remember Him or speak anymore in His name,' then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire shut up in my bones; and I am weary of holding it in, and I cannot endure it." (Jeremiah 20:9) Stanley's article demonstrates adherence to a direct instruction from God: "Thus says the LORD, 'Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; and you shall find rest for your souls.'" (Jeremiah 6:16)

*Yours in both the fear and the love of the Lord,*  
*Bill Elliott*

### ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday Morning Bible Study 09:00

Sunday Morning Worship Assembly 10:00

Sunday Evening Worship Assembly 18:30

Wednesday Ladies Class 10:00

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 19:00

### LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Mike Baisley  
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### EVANGELIST AND BIBLE TEACHER

Bill Elliott  
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## Weekly Calendar of Events

### TUESDAY

**Weekly singing practice** at Adriaan & Gaby Le Roux's home at 19:00. "**Ladies only**" practice in order to prepare for Ladies Day.

### WEDNESDAY

**Ladies Bible Class at 10:00.**

**Midweek Bible Study** at 19:00. To be presented by Bill Elliott.

### FRIDAY

**Youth** to meet @ the Building at 19:00.

### Prayer Requests

Basil Baisley, who was attacked at home this week. The Crossley Family. Petro Le Roux's sister, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. Nathan Le Roux, following his fall at church.

### Youth Fellowship Tea –This morning

Our monthly fellowship tea will take place this morning after service and is hosted by our youth. The youth have made tasty tea-time treats, which will be on sale for a small donation. Please support the youth in this venture and join us for this time of fellowship.

### Fellowship Tea—Next Week

A fellowship tea will take place next Sunday evening 6th August, directly after the evening service. Ladies on duty are Pam Share, Thelma, Myra and Kirsten. Please join us for this time of fellowship.

### Youth Outreach

All our youth between the ages of 13—19 are encouraged to join in the youth meetings which take place every Friday evening at 19:00. Exciting new plans are in place to develop the youth ministry and your attendance is required. Support your youth leaders and spend quality time with other Christians.

### Lectureship 2006

The Lectureship will take place from **24-28 September (both dates included)** this year at the Benoni Church of Christ. Those in need of transport and/or accommodation please advise Bill Elliott. It is planned to depart for Johannesburg on **23rd September** and return to East London on **29th September**. Members are encouraged to take up the opportunity to

## Feedback—Evangelist 2007

Bill Elliott is the process of finalizing his plans to extend his stay with Keam Road for next year.

### Eastern Cape Bible School

The following classes are scheduled for the third term:

#### **Mondays at 7.00 pm (Started 24th July)**

Lesson Subject: The Gospel of John

Presented by: Johan Smulders

Venue: Keam Road, Baysville

#### **Tuesdays at 7.00 pm (Starting 1st August)**

Lesson Subject: Personal Evangelism

Presented by: Bill Elliott

Venue: Keam Road, Baysville

#### **Fridays at 5.30pm (Started 21st July)**

Lesson Subject: The Apostles of the Bible

Presented by: Chester Woodhall

Venue: 1 Penzance Road, Sunnyridge

The courses are free of charge—come and enroll on the night.

### Attendance Figures

Sunday AM Worship 94

Sunday PM Worship 52

Wednesday Bible Study 42

**Birthdays:** Alvin Best today and Stuart Granger on 2nd August.

### Benevolence

For next week please provide:

**Minute noodles 75gr and Mielie Meal 1kg.**

## Serving Rosters

### Today - 30th July

<b>SINGING:</b>	<b>AM</b> Youth	<b>PM</b> M. Baisley
<b>OPENING PRAYER:</b>	<b>AM</b> Youth	<b>PM</b> R. Share
<b>LORD'S TABLE:</b>	<b>AM</b> Youth	<b>PM</b> B. Le Roux
<b>SCRIPTURE READING:</b>	<b>AM</b> Youth	<b>PM</b> A. Le Roux
<b>CLOSING PRAYER:</b>	<b>AM</b> Youth	<b>PM</b> G. Baisley
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Lauren Granger	
<b>PREACHING:</b>	<b>AM</b> Youth	
	<b>PM</b>	<b>Bill Elliott</b>

### Next Week - 6th August

<b>SINGING:</b>	<b>AM</b> Q. Le Roux	<b>PM</b> Q. Le Roux
<b>OPENING PRAYER:</b>	<b>AM</b> N. Nyemba	<b>PM</b> G. Baisley
<b>LORD'S TABLE:</b>	<b>AM</b> Jan Roberts	<b>PM</b> A. Le Roux
<b>SCRIPTURE READING:</b>	<b>AM</b> A. Le Roux	<b>PM</b> R. Share
<b>CLOSING PRAYER:</b>	<b>AM</b> J. le Roux	<b>PM</b> B. Baisley
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Erika Roberts	
<b>PREACHING:</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>Bill Elliott</b>
	<b>PM</b>	<b>Bill Elliott</b>