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KEAM ROAD BULLETIN

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Last week I wrote of the joy and sense of renewal that comes from sharing the word of God with others and helping them to clearly see and understand His will. But what must one do with this newfound knowledge? What is the point? What is next? This week I am beginning a series of lessons that will answer these very reasonable and important questions.

Since I arrived in East London, I have emphasized the authority of the scripture in both the Old and New Testaments, the sovereignty of God, the Lordship of Jesus, the organization and function of the church, and righteous living. These things have been my emphasis because I have experienced too much emphasis on the **church** of Christ and not enough emphasis on the **Christ** of the church. I did not want to be guilty of doing that.

We need to be converted to and devoted to the Saviour of the church, the Head of the body. Jesus is the Head, and He said, "...for apart from Me you can do nothing." (**John 15:5b**) The church is the body, and it **MUST** be connected to and controlled by the Head, Jesus Christ. However, the body is important to the head, in both the physical and spiritual unions.

Having established that the emphasis must be **Christ OVER the church**, it is now time to focus for a while on the clear and **ABUNDANT** teaching on the one body, the one church, and the one faith revealed in the Bible. If you should doubt the accuracy of these statements or be offended by them, then please read, in order, **Matthew 16:18, Ephesians 1:22-23, 1Corinthians 12:12,13,20, Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 4:5, and Jude 1:3**. If you do, whether you agree or not, you will see that I have merely quoted what the Bible teaches.

**THE
"CALLED
OUT"**

The New Testament (Covenant) describes God's people in many ways – the Way, saved, redeemed, saints, holy ones, light of the world, salt of the earth, disciples, Christians, household of God, family of God, children of God, the people of God, Israel, a chosen race, children of Abraham, children of the promise, children of light, obedient children, slaves or servants, the remnant, a holy nation, a royal priesthood, a people for God's own possession, His flock, sheep, little ones, citizens of heaven, heirs, righteous, justified, sanctified, the bride of Christ, the body of Christ, and probably more. But by far the most common description is as the **church**.

In the 1611 KJV, the word church appears 114 times (111 times in the 1901 ASV). All but once in the KJV, it is the same Greek word: **ekklesia** – pronounced ek-klay-see'-ah. This is a compound word meaning literally "a calling out". It refers to an entity that is gathered together as one, or called out as an assembly. The word itself is not confined to Christians in its use, not even in the Bible.

In **Acts 19:32,39,41**, **ekklesia** is translated **assembly** and refers to a group perhaps better described as a **mob**. They could never be confused with the **ekklesia/church of Christ**. In fact, they were **assembled** in Ephesus in violent protest against the Apostle Paul, the **church**, and Paul's teaching about Christ and his **church/assembly**. Most probably, these are the very ones Paul had in mind when he wrote "...I fought wild beasts at Ephesus." (**1Corinthians 15:32**)

Being "**called out**" means two very important changes must take place in us. First, it means that we are called to a higher standard of conduct. This means we are to develop a new attitude and have a new approach to life. Second, it means that we have a new view toward God, His authority, His will, and His truth. It means that our standards must become His standards. Are these things important? Well, let's just say one's soul depends on them.

From one "called out",

Bill Elliott

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday Morning 09:00
Worship Assembly

Sunday Morning 10:00
Bible Study

Sunday Evening 18:30
Worship Assembly

Wednesday Ladies 10:00
Class

Wednesday Eve- 19:00
ning Bible Study

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WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY

Weekly singing at 19:00 at Adriaan and Gaby le Roux's home.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class at 10:00.

Midweek Bible Study at 19:00. The study of 1 Corinthians with Bill Elliott continues.

FRIDAY - YOUTH

@ the Le Roux's place (Adriaan & Gaby's). Just bring yourselves and your Bibles for volleyball and a braai!! @ 19:00 Need a lift? See Shiz.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Milly Crossley and Basil Baisley. All our members battling with ill health and those that are spiritually weak. John Stals whose father passed away recently. Derrick Featherstone (Rodney Share's colleague). Our many new converts as they continue to grow in their knowledge and commitment. The Elliott family as they prepare to travel to South Africa. Travelling mercies for Quintin and Jason Le Roux and Rita Granger.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy (belated) birthday wishes for the past two weeks to: Ray Calder 20th, Dillon-Ross Crossley and Maria Sikwana on 23rd, Kristal Brandstetter and Ian Niblock Stuart on 26th. Muriel Schult on 27th, Thanduxolo Sikwana on 28th. **This week, happy birthday to:** Cindy Naude and Selwyn Blom on 5th September. May you all have/have had a wonderfully blessed day. If your birthday has been overlooked please advise, so we can rectify that.

CONDOLENCES

Petro Le Roux's sister passed away yesterday and we offer the whole family our love and sympathy.

SPECIAL APPEAL TO MEMBERS

Members who have volunteered to assist in the various disciplines, (including the men's serving roster, preparation of the Lord's Table, providing flowers or assisting with tea duties), are reminded to please check their commitments and be available as scheduled. This will greatly assist in an orderly worship service, in line with the allotted time schedules. Copies of the various duty rosters are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer for ease of reference —please diarize your duties. Should you

BENEVOLENCE

Thank you to all that support this worthy cause. For next week please provide:

Soya mince 200gr and sugar 1kg. Optional items needed include toilet paper, toilet soap, long life milk, biscuits and canned fruit.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Sunday AM Worship	75
Sunday PM Worship	64
Wednesday Bible Study	41

FELLOWSHIP TEA

Our monthly evening fellowship teas will take place this evening after service. Ladies on duty are Petro, Louise and Gill. Please join us for this time of fellowship.

POTLUCK LUNCH

A potluck lunch will be held on

Sunday 17th September to welcome Debbie, Tyler and Lisa Elliott, who will be visiting from the USA. Lunch will be served directly after the morning Bible study at 12:00. All members are encouraged to bring a main meal and dessert and join in this time of fellowship.



BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS

All news items and prayer requests for the bulletin are to be forwarded to Pamela Granger on Cell: 082 898 8083 or e-mail: hpls.granger@absamail.co.za by 16:00 on a Friday for inclusion.

SERVING ROSTERS

TODAY - 3RD SEPTEMBER

SINGING:	AM R. Share	PM R. Share
OPENING PRAYER:	AM I. Engelbrecht	PM Q. Le Roux
LORD'S TABLE:	AM G. Baisley	PM N. Lentz
SCRIPTURE READING:	AM S. Granger	PM B. Le Roux
CLOSING PRAYER:	AM Justin Le R	PM Basil Baisley
FLOWERS:	Gillian Heath	
PREACHING TODAY :	AM Bill Elliott	
	PM Bill Elliott	

NEXT WEEK - 10TH SEPTEMBER

SINGING:	AM M. Baisley	PM M. Baisley
OPENING PRAYER:	AM Justin Le R	PM Basil Baisley
LORD'S TABLE:	AM B. Le Roux	PM G. Baisley
SCRIPTURE READING:	AM G. Baisley	PM Justin Le R
CLOSING PRAYER:	AM R. Le Roux	PM A. Le Roux
FLOWERS:	Tracey Burke	