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KEAM ROAD BULLETIN

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THE ALIENS HAVE LANDED !!!

The lesson from two weeks ago was on the Greek word **ekklesia**, the **called out**. There is a place one is **called from** and is then **called into**. Simply stated, God calls one **from the world into heaven**. (**Philippians 3:20**) One is called from ignorance and indifference into a great glory **and** responsibility. One is called out of the world and into a distinct separation from the world **and** false religion.

Speaking of the Apostles in **John 17:16**, Jesus said: "They are **not of this world**, even as **I am not of this world**." Clearly, they had been **called out** of this world. In **2Thessalonians 2:14**, Paul says, "**He called you through our gospel...**" The point is simple; God is calling everyone out of this world into His mercy and grace. However, He also commands obedience (**John 14:15**), and He warns of the terrible consequences of disobedience. (**Romans 2:8, 2Thessalonians 1:8; Hebrews 10:31**)

God himself has **called out** and **chosen** people He describes as **aliens** in this world. In writing to those "**who reside as aliens...who are chosen**" (**1Peter 1:1**), Peter describes disciples in several ways. "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has **called you out** of darkness into his marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. (**1Peter 2:9**)

Being an alien is a difficult thing, and Jesus said that the road to life is a difficult and narrow way. (**Matthew 7:14**) Both He and the Apostle Paul said one should expect persecution. (**Matthew 5:10-12; 2Timothy 3:12**) Jesus prayed to the Father concerning His apostles: "I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." (**John 17:14**)

The Jews and the world referred to the **church** as a **sect**, not **The Way**, as Luke routinely refers to the **church** in the Book of Acts. Speaking of the **church**, the Jews said to Paul, "But we desire to hear from you what your views are; for concerning **this sect**, it is known to us that it is spoken against everywhere. (**Acts 28:22**) Today, the **church** is referred to as either a **cult** or a **denomination**, depending on one's view of religions. Paul was called "a ringleader of the **sect of the Nazarenes**" by the accusing Jews. (**Acts 24:5**) Just because opponents said it, that did not make it so! Neither does it make it so today, just because someone says it.

If one desires to be popular with, have or continue fellowship with, and be loved by the world and its false "**churches**", he cannot be a member of **the Lord's church - the called out body**. (**Colossians 1:18**) **Jesus Christ's church** must stand only for the truth, God's word. All the irreligious, the falsely religious, and the manmade churches of the world oppose **the Way of the Lord**. (**Acts 18:25**) Being a true disciple of the Lord (**John 8:31-32**) makes the world hate one.

Though everyone hates to be hated, one must recognize that **aliens** are always feared and opposed by the residents. The Word of God cannot be modified, cheapened, or altered to appease the world. However, **the church** must also speak the truth properly - in love and gentleness. (**Ephesians 4:15; 1Peter 3:15**) Only the truth will save one. (**1Timothy 2:4**)

Speaking the truth in love, your friendly alien,

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 Evening 19:00
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. A class for under 12's has also commenced—all kids welcome.

FRIDAY - YOUTH

@ the Building @ 18:50 for a visit to Joy Petzer's home. Bring your singing voices and encouraging attitudes.

A WARM WELCOME TO

A special welcome this morning to Bill Elliott's wife Debbie, his son Tyler and daughter-in-law Lisa, who are visiting from the USA. It is wonderful to have you worship with us today. A pot luck lunch will be served at 12:00 to celebrate their visit to East London. All members and visitors are most welcome to join us for the special fellowship lunch.

WELCOME BACK TO

A warm welcome back to Quintin and Jason Le Roux following their trip to New Zealand. It is also great to have Bill Elliott back this week.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Petro le Roux, Milly Crossley and Basil Baisley and families for on going strength. Travelling mercies for our members as they travel to the Lectureship in Benoni, and the Elliott family as they return to USA on Tuesday. Rita Granger who is recovering from surgery.

BIRTHDAYS

This week, happy birthday to: Travis Brandstetter on 18th; Noel Nyemba, Tyler Roberts and Basil Herman on 20th, Joan Harper on 23rd. May you all have a wonderfully blessed day.

ANNIVERSARIES

Thys & Sharlene Nothnagel on 15th September. Congratulations we trust you enjoyed your special day.

MORNING TEA

Our monthly morning fellowship teas will take place next Sunday 24th September, directly after the morning bible study. Ladies on duty are Joy,

BENEVOLENCE

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

Baked Beans/sweet corn and coffee 100gr.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Sunday AM Worship	77
Sunday PM Worship	55
Wednesday Bible Study	35

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY 2006

Pam Share is currently updating the Church Directory for 2006 and hopes to have the new directory published shortly. All members are requested to please check their details and update where necessary, in the master copy which will be placed in the foyer. Should no changes be required, please tick and sign next to your name.

DONATION REQUEST

Members wishing to support the Athlone Church of Christ in Cape Town in raising funds for the establishment of a church in Namibia are requested to forward their cash donations to Adriaan Le Roux.

BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS

All news items and prayer requests for the bulletin may 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 - 17TH SEPTEMBER

SINGING:	AM R. Share	PM R. Share
OPENING PRAYER:	AM R. Le Roux	PM N. Nyemba
LORD'S TABLE:	AM A. Le Roux	PM I. Engelb.
SCRIPTURE READING:	AM M. Baisley	PM R. Le Roux
CLOSING PRAYER:	AM M. Wium	PM Basil Baisley
FLOWERS:	Brenda Baisley	
PREACHING TODAY :	AM Bill Elliott	
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SCRIPTURE READING	AM: 1Peter 2:7-10	
	PM: Acts 9:1-6	

NEXT WEEK - 24TH SEPTEMBER

SINGING:	AM R. Share	PM R. Share
OPENING PRAYER:	AM M. Baisley	PM N. Nyemba
LORD'S TABLE:	AM Justin Le Roux	PM M. Baisley
SCRIPTURE READING:	AM M. Baisley	PM Jason Le R
CLOSING PRAYER:	AM Gavin Baisley	PM J. Roberts
FLOWERS:	Gaby Le Roux	