

KEAM ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST - WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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I'm In The Lord's Army

"I'm In The Lord's Army" is a song the children love to sing. They enjoy the tramping, riding, shooting, and flying actions. "I may never march in the infantry, ride in the cavalry, shoot the artillery; I may never fly over the enemy, but I'm in the Lord's army. Yes, Sir!" But the message is actually one of great importance. In Ephesians 6:12, Paul tells us that we are in a battle that is spiritual, not physical: "For our struggle is **not against flesh and blood**, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, **against the spiritual forces of wickedness** in the heavenly places."

Paul gives us our "marching orders" for the war. "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, **HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS**, and having shod **YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE**; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take **THE HELMET OF SALVATION**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." (Ephesians 6:10-17)

In the passage, the physical armor and weapons are given a spiritual meaning. In verses 18-20, Paul goes on to ask the Ephesians to pray for all the saints and for him to have boldness and accuracy in proclaiming the gospel, **even while in chains!** "With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; **that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.**" As disciples of Christ, we must speak with confidence and boldness, even in the face of opposition.

The song says, "**I may never**" engage in the battle. In a physical sense, we never do, because "our struggle is not against flesh and blood." (Ephesians 6:12a) However, in the spiritual sense, it is a battle in which **I must always** engage. There is no rest from the danger. As Paul faced his imminent execution, he wrote, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing." (2Timothy 4:7-8) Can you look forward to the end and His appearing with such a level of confidence?

You can have the same confidence Paul did if you are **in Christ Jesus** and **doing the will** of the Father. "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are **in Christ Jesus.**" (Romans 8:1) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who **does the will** of My Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 7:21) Wouldn't it be great if we lived and served with the same zeal with which our children sing the song?"

**A member of the Lord's army,
Bill Elliott**

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday Morning 9:00
Bible Study and
Sunday School

Sunday Morning 10:00
Worship Assembly

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 home.

WEDNESDAY

LADIES BIBLE CLASS at 10:00 – Lesson by Chantelle du Preez, tea will be hosted by Brenda and Millie.

THURSDAY

YOUNG ADULTS

Hosted by Cecile Thomas at her home in Gonubie – meet at 19h00. For more information and directions please speak to Genevieve Britz.

FRIDAY

YOUTH @ Rudi Le Roux home – meet at 19:00. To be hosted by Rudi and Jason Le Roux.

TEA

This morning after the service. All are encouraged to stay and enjoy a cup of tea and biscuit, especially our visitors.

TEA next Sunday evening (**1 April**). Also a reminder that the usual practice for the evening teas which is always the first Sunday of every month is for everyone to bring a plate of eats (except our visitors). Many thanks.

The ladies on tea duty next week are: Shannon, Carla, Natasha, Christan and Shizelle.

OUTREACH PROGRAMME

Will be starting soon. You will be assigned a task.

BIRTHDAYS

Konrad Brandstetter	Today
Carla Maarten	26 March
Morgan Naude	27 March

Happy Birthday, may you enjoy your special day!!!

ANNIVERSARIES

Noel & Pearl Nyemba	29 March
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Congratulations! Enjoy your day.

INFORMATION

Bill Elliott will generally be at the building from 1-5pm through the week for those that would like to meet with or call him there. He is also available through his cell phone or by email to organize different times if needed.

Unless there is a special reason to make additional space in the Fellowship Hall, the tables should be left standing in there rather than being folded up and moved into storage. This will save wear and tear on both the tables and us. If they need to be moved, please be careful to lift them instead of dragging them around. Thank you for your adherence to this request.

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>25/3/2007</u>
SONG LEADER	AM - M. Baisley	PM - M. Baisley
OPENING PRAYER	AM - Rudi Le Roux	PM - Q. Le Roux
LORD'S TABLE	AM - Quintin Le Roux	PM - B. Le Roux
SCRIPTURE READING	AM - H. Granger	PM - J. Roberts
PREACHING	AM - Q. Le Roux	PM - B. Baisley
CLOSING PRAYER	AM - N. Lentz	PM - Justin Le Roux
FLOWERS	Thelna Birkholtz	
	<u>NEXT WEEK</u>	<u>1/4/2007</u>
SONG LEADER	AM - Q. Le Roux	PM - Q. Le Roux
OPENING PRAYER	AM - N. Lentz	PM - Justin Le Roux
LORD'S TABLE	AM - H. Granger	PM - Rudi Le Roux
SCRIPTURE READING	AM - R. Share	PM - N. Lentz
CLOSING PRAYER	AM - Jason Le Roux	PM - B. Le Roux
FLOWERS	Celeste Gordon	

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Sunday AM Worship	114
Sunday PM Worship	66
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	53

BENEVOLENCE

Don't forget our food parcel benevolence ministry. Please try and remember to bring articles that are listed weekly in this bulletin. If everyone brings just one of each item it will help. **Everyone** is asked to help in this regard. Many thanks to our thoughtful brethren who provide so faithfully every month. It is really appreciated by those who prepare the packages.

For next week please provide:

Jam or Peanut Butter / Macaroni 500gr

BAPTISMS

Let us rejoice with the angels in heaven that two new souls entered the kingdom of God. Janine Stubbs was baptized into Christ on Tuesday morning (20/3) around 10.00am. Likewise Paul McCourt was buried with his Lord Wed evening (21/3) about 8.15pm. Let us do our part to make them a welcome part of the fellowship and encourage them in their new life.

Please mark your directories with their information.

Janine: DOB: 3 July. Address: 31 13th Ave, Gonubie. Phone (w) 043 7261666 (Cell) 072 1506736.

Paul: DOB: 31 Oct. Address: 7A Bating Road, Beacon Bay. Phone: 073 0761247.

TRAINING / CRY ROOM

A reminder please that these facilities are provided for mothers with children aged birth to 2 years old only. It is not a play room and Mom's are requested to respect those that use it as a training facility, so they may also hear the service on the speaker provided.

PRAYER REQUEST

Neville Lentz, Jade Preston, Brad Johnson (Bill Elliott's brother in law, who has colon cancer and is to have surgery).

Prayers for safe traveling for Stuart Granger as he undertakes a tour of Europe and the UK from 1st to 8th April 2007.

BUFFALO FLATS 'THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL' CAMPAIGN

DATE: Wednesday 27 June to Sunday 1 July

VENUE: Buffalo Flats Church Building

TIMES: 18h30

CAN YOU HELP?

- 1) With accommodation for the visiting workers?
- 2) With supplying midday meals for the workers at the church building?
- 3) If you can help with the above or in any other way, please speak to Chris du Preez or Johan Smulders. Two groups of workers will be hosted. One from **SABC** and a group from the **USA**. A house to house door knocking ministry will begin from 25 June to 30 June in preparation and in line with the gospel meeting. Your help and attendance at the gospel meeting will be greatly appreciated.

