

# BULLETIN

## KEAM ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday Morning Bible Study and Sunday School	9:00
Sunday Morning Worship Assembly	10:00
Sunday Evening Worship Assembly	18:30
Wednesday Morning Ladies Class	10:00
Wednesday Evening Bible Study	19:00

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## What Are We Waiting For?

Most who profess a belief in Jesus Christ are waiting for some sort of return by Him. Unfortunately, erroneous teachings on this subject dominate most of the denominations. Nearly all the well-known televangelists hold to some form of "Premillennialism". This name is given for a variety of doctrines that originated with the teaching that Christ failed in His attempt to establish His **Kingdom** upon His first coming, and that He set up the **Church** instead as a temporary measure. They teach that He will one day return and successfully establish an earthly Kingdom for 1000 years after the Battle of Armageddon.

However, Jesus equates **His church to His kingdom**. (**Matthew 16:18-19**) Over 1900 years ago, Paul said, "For He rescued (*past tense*) us from the domain of darkness, and **transferred** (*past tense again*) us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (**Colossians 1:13**) In the same context, he said, "He is also head of the body, **the church...**" (**Colossians 1:18**) John wrote "...to the seven **churches** that are in Asia" (**Revelation 1:4**), and a few verses later claimed to be a fellow-partaker in the kingdom in Jesus. "I, John, **your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom** and perseverance which are **in Jesus...**" (**Revelation 1:9**) It boggles my mind that anyone can miss, ignore, or explain away these clear and simple statements. Nevertheless, they **did** and they **do!**

During the time of the writing of the New Testament, some had already "gone astray from the truth saying that **the resurrection has already taken place**, and thus they upset the faith of some." (**2Timothy 2:18**) Paul said, "And their talk will spread like gangrene." (**2Timothy 2:17**) Nothing has changed. We should not be surprised when this kind of talk still spreads like a disease.

Today (unless they have recently changed it) just like those two men of whom Paul wrote, the official doctrine of the denomination known as "Jehovah's Witnesses" is that **the resurrection has already taken place**. They teach that Jesus returned in a "secret coming" in 1914. This doctrine came about after their multiple failed attempts, beginning in 1874, to predict the return of Christ accurately. They said that Christ had already resurrected the dead saints and "raptured" them along with the living saints. They said that only the unrighteous living and resurrected were left here. They further stated that, by the miraculous power of God, nobody could even remember the existence of the "raptured" saints. Had I been there in 1914, my first question to the head of their church would have been, "If only the **unrighteous** are still here, then why are **you** still here?"

I have only given two examples of false teaching on the resurrection and return of Christ - one from the Bible and one from a current denomination. There are many more "versions" of the doctrine of premillennialism. The basic gist of them all is to give the false hope that one will have a second chance to "get it right", albeit under very difficult circumstances called the "Great Tribulation". Nevertheless, the Bible **still** says, "And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die **once** and after this comes judgment." (**Hebrews 9:27**)

So, what **does** the Bible teach, and what **are** we waiting for? This is it: "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words." (**1Thessalonians 4:16-18**) How clear, simple, and comforting the truth is to those who accept it.

Yours in hope of the return of Christ and the resurrection,

**Bill Elliott**

## Calendar for this week

### TODAY

**09:00 – 09:15: PUPPETS** in the Fellowship hall every Sunday

**TUESDAY @ 19:00** – Singing practice at Adriaan & Gaby Le Roux's home.

### WEDNESDAY

**10:00 - Ladies Bible Class** presented by Pam Share. Tea will be hosted by Petro and Gwen.

**19:00 – Mid-Week Bible Study Classes:**

**6-9 Year Olds** - Gill du Preez

**10 -12 Year Olds** - Pam Share

**Teenage "Girl Talk" Class** - Gill B.

**Young Men Training** – “Timothy” Class – Chris du Preez.

**Book of Galatians—Bill Elliott**

**THURSDAY @ 07:00** Men's Weekly Prayer Meeting

**FRIDAY: YOUTH @ 19:00**

**0's & +'s** @ the Building.

**YOUNG ADULTS @ 19:00** will begin at the building for an "EXTREME" treasure hunt! ;-)

### TODAY'S SERMON TITLES

**AM Scripture Reading:**

1Corinthians 15:50-53

**AM Sermon:** The Return Of Christ

**PM Scripture: Reading:**

Luke 1:26-38

**PM Sermon:** Angels, Part 3

## Attendance Figures

### Gospel Weekend

Thursday 3rd 71

Friday 4th 79

Saturday 5th 65

Sunday 6th 9:00 72

Sunday 6th 10:00 114

Sunday 6th 19:00 99

Wednesday Bible Study 66

### 40's & 50's

Will be meeting on Saturday **19th April** at 18:00 at Tom and Annelene Thomas' home at 4 Walmer Road, Beacon Bay. For enquiries kindly contact Annelene on Cell 082 495 8309. Please bring a plate of snacks and drinks.

### Men's Breakfast

Will take place next Saturday **19th April** at 09:00 at the Church Building. All men are invited to attend and enjoy this time of fellowship.

### A Special Welcome to our Visitors

All visitors are special to us and to God—we thank you for being here today. We offer private Bible Classes at your convenience and invite you to avail yourself of this opportunity. Please fill in a Visitation Slip on the pews—if you request a visit please provide your contact details.

## Benevolence

As the economy takes a downward turn and inflation is set to sore, a special request to assist with this important form of outreach. Items needed for next week are:

**Jam/Peanut Butter and Macaroni 500gr.**

### Anniversaries

Congratulations to.....

Adriaan & Gaby Le Roux on 13th April.

**Happy Birthday... may you be blessed**

17th Colleen Walters

18th Annelene Thomas

### Prayer Requests

Rodney Share, Emily Nyemba, Basil Baisley, Milly Crossley and Gwen Taylor (for improved health).

Our new Brothers-in-Christ; Ian Roberts and Alfred van Eeden. All our senior members and widows as they battle with life's challenges.

### Bulletin Contributions

All news items and inserts 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.

## PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

TODAY 13/04/2008		SERVING DUTY	NEXT WEEK 20/04/2008	
AM – R. Share	PM – R. Share	<b>SONG LEADER</b>	AM – M. Baisley	PM – M. Baisley
AM – Jason Le R	PM – M. Baisley	<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	AM – R. Voogt	PM – Hugh Kirby
AM – B. Elliott	PM – J. Roberts	<b>LORD'S TABLE</b>	AM – R. Share	PM – O. Engelbrecht
AM – T. Thomas	PM – H. Kirby	<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	AM – H. Granger	PM – B. Le Roux
AM – Bill Elliott	PM – Bill Elliott	<b>PREACHING</b>	AM – Bill Elliott	PM – Bill Elliott
AM – N. Lentz	PM – B. Le Roux	<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	AM – H. Kirby	PM – Jason Le R.
Celest		<b>FLOWERS</b>	Vanessa	