

Sunday, 9 December 2018—Family Bible Hour

Leader	Item	Details
Anton	Opening Prayer	
Anton	Song	Come Bless the Lord (1 verse)
Anton	Announcements	
Anton	Birthdays and Anniversaries	
Anton	Closing Prayer	

COME BLESS THE LORD

1 Come bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
 who stand by night in the house of the Lord:
 Lift up your hands in the holy place,
 and bless the Lord, and bless the Lord.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	
Sunday, 9 December		Sunday, 9 December	Duane & Therina Mol (23)
Monday, 10 December		Monday, 10 December	
Tuesday, 11 December	Neve Russell Bree Starkey	Tuesday, 11 December	
Wednesday, 12 December		Wednesday, 12 December	
Thursday, 13 December		Thursday, 13 December	
Friday, 14 December	Venita Bekker Bheki Dlamini	Friday, 14 December	Anton & Kerry Beetge (5) Andre & Carmen Truter (22)
Saturday, 15 December		Saturday, 15 December	Sam & Love Amoa (27)

Announcements

- **Cell Phones:** Please take some time right now to ensure that your cell phone is off or silenced for the duration of the service.
- **Family Bible Hour:** Today is the last FBH for the year. We resume again on Sunday, 13 January.
- **Mike McKinley:** In early January, Ekklesia Afrika will host Mike McKinley, pastor of Sterling Park Baptist Church, in South Africa. He will be speaking on Saturday, 12 January at Antioch Bible Church on “Am I Really a Christian.” There is a cost of R50 for registration. Visit the Ekklesia Afrika website to register. See bulletin for details.
- **Carols Service:** Join us tonight for our annual carols service. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 6:00 PM with formal proceedings commencing at 6:30 PM. We will conclude by 7:30 PM. Please bring a candle holder or something that will serve as a candle holder and join us for a special time of focus on the incarnation of Christ.

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GLORIOUS THINGS OF YOU ARE SPOKEN

1 Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God!
 He whose word cannot be broken formed you for his own abode:
 On the Rock of ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?
 With salvation’s walls surrounded you may smile at all your foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
 Well supply your sons and daughters and all fear of want remove:
 Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
 Grace, which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov’ring see the cloud and fire appear
 For a glory and a cov’ring, showing that the Lord is near:
 Thus they march, the pillar leading, light by night and shade by day;
 Daily on the manna feeding which he gives them as they pray.

4 Saviour, since of Zion’s city I through grace a member am,
 Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in your name:
 Fading are the world’s best pleasures, all its boasted pomp and show;
 Solid joys and lasting treasures none but Zion’s children know.

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

1 Come, behold the wondrous myst’ry, in the dawning of the King;
 he the theme of heaven’s praises, robed in frail humanity.
 In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come;
 look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

2 Come behold the wondrous myst’ry, he the perfect Son of Man;
 in his living, in his suff’ring never trace nor stain of sin.
 See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man;
 Christ the great and sure fulfilment of the law; in him we stand.

3 Come behold the wondrous myst’ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree;
 in the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
 See the price of our redemption, see the Father’s plan unfold;
 bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

4 Come behold the wondrous myst’ry, slain by death the God of life;
 but no grave could e’er restrain him, praise the Lord; he is alive!
 What a foretaste of deliv’rance, how unwavering our hope;
 Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

COME, O LONG EXPECTED JESUS

1 Come, O long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free!
 From our fears and sins release us, Christ, in whom our rest shall be.
 Israel’s strength and consolation, born salvation to impart;
 dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

2 Born your people to deliver, born a child and yet a King;
 born to reign in us forever, now your gracious kingdom bring.
 By your own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
 by your all sufficient merit raise us to your glorious throne.

OH, THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

1 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
 rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
 Underneath me, all around me, is the current of your love,
 Leading onward, leading homeward, to your glorious rest above.
Oh, the deep, deep love, all I need and trust, is the deep, deep love of Jesus.

2 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—spread his praise from shore to shore:
 how he came to pay our ransom through the saving cross he bore;
 how he watches o’er his loved ones, those he died to make his own;
 how for them he’s interceding, pleading now before the throne.

3 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest:
 It’s an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test.
 Oh, the deep, deep love of Jesus—mighty Saviour, precious Friend—
 You will bring us home to glory where your praise will never end.

THERE IS A HOPE

1 There is a hope that burns within my heart, that gives me strength for every passing day;
 a glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part, yet drives all doubt away:
 I stand in Christ, with sins forgiv’n; and Christ in me, the hope of heav’n!
 My highest calling and my deepest joy, to make his will my home.

2 There is a hope that lifts my weary head, a consolation strong against despair,
 that when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit, I find the Saviour there!
 Through present suff’rings, future’s fear, he whispers “courage” in my ear.
 For I am safe in everlasting arms, and they will lead me home.

3 There is a hope that stands the test of time, that lifts my eyes beyond the beck’ning grave,
 to see the matchless beauty of a day divine when I behold his face!
 When suff’rings cease and sorrows die, and every longing satisfied.
 Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul, for I am truly home.

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Steve	Closing	

COME PRAISE AND GLORIFY

1 Come praise and glorify our God: the Father of our Lord;
in Christ he has in heav'nly realms, his blessings on us poured,
for pure and blameless in his sight he destined us to be;
and now we've been adopted through his Son eternally.
*To the praise of your glory, to the praise of your mercy and grace;
to the praise of your glory: You are the God who saves.*

2 Come praise and glorify our God who gives his grace in Christ;
in him our sins are washed away, redeemed through sacrifice.
In him God has made known to us the myst'ry of his will:
that Christ should be the head of all, his purpose to fulfil.

3 Come praise and glorify our God, for we've believed the Word,
and through our faith we have a seal: the Spirit of the Lord.
The Spirit guarantees our hope until redemption's done,
until we join in endless praise to God, the Three in One.

O HOLY NIGHT

1 O holy night! the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of our dear Saviour's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! O hear the angels' voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born; O night divine, O night, O night divine.

2 Humbly he lay, Creator come as creature, born on the floor of a hay-scattered stall.
True Son of God, yet bearing human feature, he entered earth to reverse Adam's fall.
In tow'ring grace, he laid aside his glory and, in our place, was sacrificed for sin.
Fall on your knees! O hear the gospel story!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born; O night divine, O night, O night divine.

3 Come, then, to him who lies within the manger: with joyful shepherds, proclaim him as Lord.
Let not the promised Son remain a stranger: in reverent worship, make Christ your adored.
Eternal life is theirs who will receive him: with grace and peace, their lives he will adorn.
Fall on your knees! Receive the gift of heaven!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim; his pow'r and glory evermore proclaim.

JOY TO THE WORLD

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns! Let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,

MEEKNESS AND MAJESTY

1 Meekness and majesty, manhood and deity, in perfect harmony: the man who is God.

Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity, kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*O what a mystery: meekness and majesty;
bow down and worship, for this is your God!*

2 Father's pure radiance, perfect in innocence, yet learns obedience to death on a cross.

Suff'ring to give us life, conq'ring through sacrifice, and as they crucify prays, "Father forgive."

3 Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible, love indestructible, in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly, lifts our humanity to the heights of his throne.

GLORIOUS CHRIST

1 The radiance of the Father, before the dawn of time,
you spoke and all creation came to be.
The molecules and planets reveal your great design,
and every one was made so we could see, so we could see.

*You are the glorious Christ, the greatest of all delights,
your pow'r is unequalled, your love beyond all heights.
No greater sacrifice than when you laid down your life—
we join the song of angels, who praise you day and night: glorious Christ.*

2 You left the air of heaven to breathe the dust of earth
and dwell among the outcast and the poor.

You came to be forsaken, and died to take our curse,
so you could be our joy forevermore—forevermore.

Bridge: You're seated now in heaven, enthroned at God's right hand—
you've shattered death and freed us from our fears;
and though we cannot see you, you're coming back again,
and all will be made right when you appear—
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O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel
who mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God draws near:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, O come, great Lord of might who long ago on Sinai's height
gave Israel's tribes the holy law in cloud and majesty and awe:

3 O come, true Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save to rise victorious from the grave:

4 O come, bright Morning Star, and cheer our spirits by your advent here;
dispel the long night's lingering gloom and pierce the shadows of the tomb:

5 O come, strong Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery:

and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

FROM THE SQUALOR OF A BORROWED STABLE

1 From the squalor of a borrowed stable, by the Spirit and a virgin's faith;
to the anguish and the shame of scandal came the Saviour of the human race!
But the skies were filled with the praise of heav'n, shepherds listen as the angels tell
of the Gift of God, come down to man at the dawning of Emmanuel.

2 King of heaven, now the Friend of sinners, humble servant in the Father's hands,
filled with power and the Holy Spirit, filled with mercy for the broken man.
Yes, he walked my road, and he felt my pain, joys and sorrows that I know so well;
yet his righteous steps give me hope again: I will follow my Emmanuel!

3 Through the kisses of a friend's betrayal, he was lifted on a cruel cross;
he was punished for a world's transgressions, he was suffering to save the lost.
He fights for breath, he fights for me loosing sinners from the claims of hell;
and with a shout, our souls are free—death defeated by Emmanuel!

4 Now he's standing in the place of honour, crowned with glory on the highest throne,
interceding for his own beloved till his Father calls to bring them home!
Then the skies will part, as the trumpet sounds: hope of heaven or the fear of hell;
but the Bride will run, to her lover's arms, giving glory to Emmanuel!

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