

# Sabbath Bulletin

Theme: "First Things First"

Key Text: Matthew 6:33



8<sup>th</sup> March 2025

#### **VISITORS' CORNER**

We are glad you joined us today. God bless you for taking time to come worship with us today. We would be happy for you to make this your place of worship. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask our welcome team on +254 706 222 326. Check our website, church noticeboard and various social media platforms for updates. Welcome and God bless you.

#### **OUR MISSION**

The Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who live as His loving witnesses and proclaim to all people the everlasting gospel of the Three Angels' Messages in preparation for His soon return (Matt 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Rev 14:6-12).



#### **TITHE AND OFFERINGS**

"But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work."

2nd Corinthians 9:6-8 – NKJV

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# Happy Sabbath! Shabbat Shalom!





A warm welcome to the climax of Stewardship Week of Revival

We are delighted to have you join in celebrating this special Sabbath. Our speaker throughout the week has been Pr. Josphat Orangi. He is an ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the last 22 years. He currently serves in multiple leadership roles at the South Nairobi Kajiado Field, including Stewardship Ministries and Trust Services Director, Development Director, Adventist Possibility Ministries (APM) Director, and Adventist Singles Adult Ministry (ASAM) Director. In addition to his pastoral duties, he is a licensed marriage officer and therapist in Kenya.

He is married to Shepherdess Gladys Orangi and together they are blessed with four children (two girls and two boys). We welcome and pray for him as he prepares to speak on the subject, "First Things First", inspired by Matthew 6:33.

As we celebrate this Sabbath, let us reflect on God's love and the vital role 'Tithes' and 'Offerings' (including at the local church level) play in reaching out to God's children as "disciples of Jesus Christ and members of His world church". Please lift in prayer Pr. Josphat, the singing groups, and all those ministering today. May God guide, bless, and inspire them as they lead us in worship.

# PASTORAL MESSAGE: "A FAITHFUL STEWARD"

"Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful." (1 Corin 4:1-2, NKJV)

Paul has described himself and other ministers in the church as stewards of the mysteries of God. A "steward" is someone who manages something that does not belong to him. For instance, a wealthy man may give a trusted servant the job of managing his investments or the running of his household.

Obviously, then, for one to be trusted as a steward, he or she must be considered faithful. That means they need to have a reputation as someone who tells the truth, does not steal, and lives with integrity. This seems obvious.

Paul is making the connection that he and the other Christian teachers must also be found faithful by God in order to serve as stewards of the revealed mysteries of God. They must be trustworthy people of high integrity. Paul will continue by suggesting, however, that the ultimate measure of his

trustworthiness comes from God, not from other people. While it's important that Christian leaders have a good reputation (1 Timothy 3:7), their real responsibility is to the Lord. Paul adds that one task assigned to Christian teachers, as servants of Christ, is to be stewards of the mysteries of God. The mysteries or secret things of God include the gospel, the teaching that those who come to God by faith in Christ and His death for sin on the cross can receive salvation. These "secret things" can be understood only by those who receive this revelation from God through the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:7–10)

# The Six Ts of Stewardship.

Time: Managing time for family, work, and future planning.

Temple: Taking care of your body and health Talent: Using your talents and abilities.

Treasure: Using your money and possessions wisely.

Theology: Studying the Bible, sharing and building relationships with God.

Testimony: Sharing what God has done in your life.

# **Tithes and Offerings**

Tithe is not the same as offering. Tithes are the first ten percent of our (gross) income. Tithe actually means "tenth." The Bible also tells us we should return God's tithe to Him first, before we do anything else with our money (Proverbs 3:9).

Offering is anything you choose to give beyond your tithe. God's people have practiced tithing since Genesis (see Genesis 14:18-20 and 28:22). But Moses reintroduces Israel to tithing as law in Leviticus 27:30-34.

God's tithing law serves many purposes: Tithe was designed to support the priesthood. Today, that means pastors. "Don't you know that those who serve in the temple get their food from the temple...? In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:13-14)

Tithing supports ministry (Deuteronomy 14:28–29). Tithing is a form of worship. It shows God we trust Him (not money) to provide for us (Malachi 3:8-12). God promises to bless us for giving. Offerings are a way we thank God for our blessings. (Deuteronomy 15:10; Proverbs 11:25; Proverbs 3:9-10). Tithing, as part of stewardship, builds character.

God bless you!

# 1. Servants on Duty

Elder-in-charge of 'Order and Visitation' (9th — 15th March 2025):

Benjamin Rop: +254 721 228 206

# Elder-in-charge of **pulpit**:

**James Tindi** 

# Elder-in-Charge of stewardship:

Jared Ojuok

For any assistance or inquiries in these areas, feel free to reach out.

# 2. "One Church, One Budget, One Programme"

We are kindly reminded to give an offering towards the Local Church Budget (LCB). This kitty, plays a critical role in funding the church's "Jerusalem" initiatives, including: Total Member Involvement (TMI) campaigns, Camp Meeting expenses, administrative expenses, welfare needs, running Saikeri Mission School, pastors' facilitations, ..., and "Judea", "Samaria", and, "to the end of the earth" missions. In 2024, through this kitty we baptized over 700 souls including 128 and 283 souls through Chaplaincy Ministry to schools and prison respectively; witness in Kajiado Central, conduct Vocation Bible School (VBS) outreach programs in Lesos, Nandi County, and share the gospel every Sabbath through communication channels reaching unentered areas. We encourage you to prayerfully plan your giving through any of the following methods:

- Using the offering envelope Local Church **Budget** section.
- M-PESA Paybill 861200; Account: LCB, or
- Standard Chartered Bank, Kenyatta Avenue Branch; Account Number: 0102022990600.

God bless you for your generosity and steadfast commitment to support the "One Church, One Budget, One Programme".

#### 3. Church Board

There will be a physical church board meeting tomorrow, Sunday, 9th March 2025 at 9:00 AM. All Church Board members to attend.

#### 4. Diaconate

We are reminded that conducting any businesses within the church precincts is not permitted, with the exception of the Newlife Garden Cafeteria and the Church Business

#### Lead Deacon:

Stephen Amadi +254 722 440 108

#### Lead Deaconess:

- Rose Matoka +254 721 967 343
  - Management Unit. We thank members for their cooperation in ensuring an orderly and organized worship environment.
- Please return all seats to the Main Sanctuary after lunch.

# **Welfare Ministry: Care and Concerns**

- **Bro. Ken Auma** (+254 704 154 316) lost his beloved sister, Rose Atieno Auma, in Mombasa on 24th February 2025 after battling sickle cell for 49 years. The body leaves Mombasa for Kisumu on Thursday the 13th March 2025. The burial is scheduled for Friday, 14th March 2025 at Kochia Korayo, Homabay County. For visitation and material support, please contact Bro. Ken Auma.
- **Eld. Walter Okuthe** (+254 728 364 900) lost his beloved mother, Mama Mary Auma Okuthe, on 3rd March 2025 at Homa-Bay County Teaching and Referral Hospital. The late Mary, was mother-in-law to Sis. Ann Okuthe and grandmother to Bro. David Okuthe and Bro. Elly Ochieng Odhiambo. The burial plans will be communicated in due course. The family stays at Kasarani (Clay City). For visitation and material support, please contact Eld. Walter.
- iii. Eld. Zachary Ochako (+254 722 979 676) lost his sister, **Mary Nyabonyi Ochako**, on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at Reale Hospital, Eldoret. The late Mary was sister-in-law to Sis. Teresa Ochako (+254 723 250 587). The body was transferred to Kisii Level 6 Hospital mortuary, with the burial scheduled for, Friday, 14th March 2025, at Kenyenya Sub-County, Kisii County. For prayers and support, contact Eld Zachary or Sis. Teresa. The family may be visited at their residence in Kerarapon Estate 14th West, Street #1, Close B, House No. 115.

iv. Sis. Evelyne Otieno and Elder Joseph William Otieno extends their deepest gratitude to the Newlife community for standing with them as they mourned their dear matriarch, Mama Margaret Aoko Owuor. The late Mama Margaret was laid to rest on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Your words of encouragement, presence, and the financial support were a great source of strength. They made the burden lighter. God bless you.

Kindly remember the bereaved families in your prayers during this difficult time.

- v. Sis. Mary Owalla, sister to Sis. Ruth Owalla and sister-in-law to Eld. Boaz Munga, was diagnosed with a stomach tumor causing stomach outlet obstruction. She has travelled to India for further evaluation and treatment and is appealing for your financial support to help cover the medical expenses. The projected cost of treatment is KES 5 million. To support use Paybill No: 4109189 and Account No: "Your Name". For more information, follow this link.
- vi. Elder John Osoro, husband to Sis. Modesta Osoro (+254 723 952 215), has been unwell for some time. He is currently recuperating at home following a long stay at a hospital in India. We thank God for the positive response to the medication and trust Him for total healing. Please remember him and his family in prayers during these trying times. For more information/support, contact Sis. Modesta or Sis. Olive Osoro (his daughter) on +254 724 178 331.

The Welfare leadership is appealing to church members to support those in need through in-kind donations. Many among us are facing hunger or could greatly benefit from clothing donations. If you have items to give, such as food or clothes that are no longer in use, please consider contributing to this noble cause. For more information on how to offer your support, contact the Welfare leader, Sis. Eucabeth Onuong'a, on +254 722 741 282.

# 6. Baptismal Classes

Those who desire to be baptised are invited to join the Baptismal Class. The class meets every Sabbath from 8:30 AM for Bible study.

# 7. Vacation Bible School (VBS)

- This year's VBS is scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> April 2025. The theme is "Mountain of Miracles". The VBS council requests you to keep this event in prayer.
- ii. The registration of children (Age 4-14) is open until 31st March 2025. Sign up here Fink. Registration of teachers and volunteers is closed. For more information, contact the leader, Sis. Mercy Nyangeri-Okello, on +254 700 347 672.

# 8. Adventurer Club

- i. The club is requesting parents of children who have outgrown their uniform to donate them to the club. For more information, reach out to the club Director, Tr. Elizabeth Ochieng, on +254 724 523 975. God bless you.
- ii. There will be an Outdoor Activity at Oloolua Nature Trail on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at KES 300 per Adventurer and KES KES 500 per parent/caregiver payable through the church's M-PESA Paybill No: 861200 and Account No: "Adventurer/Parent/Caregiver Name".
- iii. There will be the first regular club meeting tomorrow, Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon here in church. The Uniform is Class B Uniform (Club T-shirt). Adventurers are to come with their Bible, a notebook, a pen that writes and the attitude to learn. Please keep time.

# 9. Master Guide

The registration for the 2025/2026 Master Guide training starts on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025. It will be open until 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025. A registration link will be shared. You are requested to be on the lookout. For more information, contact Master Guide Director, Sis. Christine Onguru (+254 734 839 498).

# 10. Ambassadors Ministry

Youth aged 16 - 21 are urged to register and join the Ambassador Ministry, which provides a opportunity for growth and personal development. Registration fee is **KES 500** payable to the Treasurer, Sis. Sharon Ochuka (+254 114 562 080).

# 11. Young Adults Ministry

- i. Every youth who wishes to be part of this ministry this year is invited to register with a membership fee of KES 150 payable to the Treasurer: Sis. Ruth Koskei (+254 713 847 336).
- ii. The Young Adults Ministry is planning an Easter Retreat at Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge in Arusha between 18<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025. The cost is **KES 15,500** to be sent to the Treasurer, Sis. Ruth Koskei on M-PESA number: 0713 847 336. The registration deadline, with a commitment of KES 7,000, is 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025. There are limited slots available. For more information, reach out to the leader, Bro. Jerry Odhiambo Omollo.
- iii. The youth are reminded to come early and attend their Sabbath School lesson class every Sabbath from 8:55 AM. The class meets next to where the Church Choir sits.

# 12. Global Youth Day

Ambassadors and Young Adults are jointly planning a Community Outreach Mission on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Saikeri (Sabbath) School. They are appealing to you to support them in cash and inkind. Monetary contributions to be sent via church M-PESA paybill no. **861200**, Account: **GYD**. Please drop in-kind donations at the in church by the Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

# 13. Public Campus Ministries (PCM)

We invite members interested in serving as mentors or guest speakers at public campuses to enroll and contribute to this initiative. For more details or to sign up, contact the Secretary, Bro. Korimbas Morphine, on +254 796 64812.

# 14. Adventists Young Professional (AYP)

The AYP is planning an Easter Retreat at Mfangano and Rusinga islands between 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025. The cost is **KES 17,500** (<u>KES 15,999</u> if you pay by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025) inclusive of transport, accommodation at the Great Siambi resort and excursions to the great Tom Mboya mausoleum, Takawiri white sands beach and Rusinga Island lodge. The registration deadline is 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025. There are limited slots available. Those interested in attending to reach out to the deputy leader, Sis. Audrey Charlotte.

To have your announcement included in this bulletin, please submit it to the church clerks by Tuesday, 5:00 PM. &

# 15. Adventist Women's Ministries (AWM)

- i. AWM appreciates the church leadership, and all who raced the International Women's Day of Prayer as well as all women who attended the Social Sunday & 2025 program launch on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025. Those who missed the 2025 Program launch on Sunday to kindly collect the commitment cards at the Diaconate desk.
- ii. There will be a night prayer vigil (KESHA) on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Adventist women are requested to prayerfully prepare for the Kesha. Further information will be shared in due course.
- iii. The 2025 AWM registration is now open at a fee of KES 500 to be sent to church M-PESA paybill no. 861200; Account: AWM Registration. Kindly remember to fill the form on this <u>link</u> after paying the fee.
- iv. All women who are not in the AWM WhatsApp Group are encouraged to reach out to the Secretary, Sis. Rebecca Moyo, on +254 742 379 009 to be added.

# 16. Adventist Men's Ministries (AMM)

All men who are not in the AMM WhatsApp Group are encouraged to reach out to the Secretary, Bro. Maxwell Omondi, on +254 712 060 431, to be added.

#### 17. Newlife Adventist School – Saikeri (Nass)

The NASS Board of Management (BOM) invites church members who are willing and able to donate laptops, desktops, or a printer to support the implementation of the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC). Your contribution will have a lasting positive impact on the education of our pupils and students.

### 18. Chaplaincy Ministry – Hospital

- i. The ministry visits and supports the sick at home and in hospitals using the Christ method of compassionate love. Should you need these services, reach out to the Chaplaincy Ministry – Hospital leader, Sis. Nelly Koskei, on +254 721 864 793 or the Diaconate leadership.
- ii. The ministry is appealing for donations in kind to support their outreach programs. You may give baby clothes, baby shawls, pampers, prophecy books, slippers, soaps, tissue paper, sanitary pads, or long-life milk. God bless you.

#### 19. Church Clerks' Desk

## a. Wedding Banns

Youths intending to get married and married couples intending to formalise their union should notify the church AT LEAST 3 MONTHS before the date of the wedding. Wedding notification forms are available from Monday to Friday at the Pastor's office (church secretary). You may also contact any of the Church Clerks or reach us through our church website.

# b. Collection of Baptismal and Baby Dedication Certificates

Members are requested to collect their baptismal and baby dedication certificates. Some certificates, dating back to 2024, remain uncollected.

# c. Church Membership Review

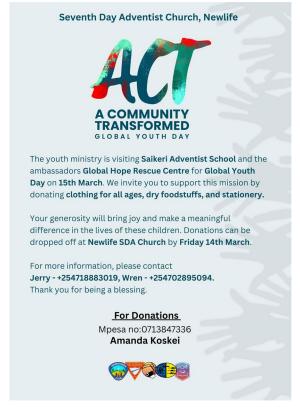
The church is in the process of reviewing and updating its Register of Members. Church Members are requested to visit our website through the <u>link</u> to submit their records or visit the Church Clerks' Desk to confirm their membership details.

# d. Church Clerks' Ministry

Church members and visitors are reminded of the services offered at the Church Clerks' Desk (next to EXIT 3). They include; Membership Review, registration for Baby Dedication, collection of Baby Dedication certificates, Baptismal Certificates, Wedding Notification Forms, and Membership Transfer Request forms. You are most welcome.



All visitors are humbly requested to meet the *Interest Coordination* team immediately after the Divine Service on the right-hand side of the pulpit next to where the pulpit team sits.



The **Southern Nairobi Station (SNS)** elections, originally scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025, will now take place on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Newlife at 10:00 AM. Additionally, the Newlife District election will be held on Sabbath, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025, at 3:00 PM at Newlife. The list of leaders to attend is shared in the Church Workers Wall.









**Dr. Janie Unruh** holds a Ph.D. in Public Health, specializing in the connection between diet, lifestyle, and disease. She is a Health Consultant focused on lifestyle and whole, vegan, raw, living foods, as well as a Public Speaker and Cooking Class Instructor. Additionally, she is a Certified Program Director for the Nedley Depression & Anxiety Program and a Certified Hydrotherapist.

Her healthcare career began in the U.S. Army, where she served for seven years. As a former Certified Diabetes Educator, she played a pivotal role in developing a nationally recognized diabetes program.

The program became the model for her organization across three states. Her work emphasized diabetes and chronic disease reversal through a whole-food, plant-based diet and lifestyle medicine rooted in biblical principles.

For over 25 years, Dr. Janie has passionately researched the impact of diet on health, delivered sermons, and consulted clients on disease prevention and reversal through nutrition, lifestyle changes, and natural remedies. She has traveled to nearly 40 countries, many as a medical missionary, conducting health seminars, cooking classes, Bible studies on health, and establishing wellness programs.

Her expertise has been featured on QuoVadis TV Ministry, Lighthouse Ministry, 3ABN, various YouTube channels, and radio programs. As a freelance writer, she has authored numerous health-related articles.

Dr. Janie's dedication to health education is deeply personal. After 12 years as an atheist, she married her husband, only to lose him to cancer just 40 days later. This profound loss fuels her mission to help others prevent the premature loss of loved ones through better health. She finds immense fulfillment in seeing clients regain their health to the point where they no longer need her guidance.

Alongside her husband, she is building a Health & Wellness Education Center in Kamloops, BC, which has been operational since 2021.

An avid hiker, Dr. Janie now resides in beautiful British Columbia, Canada, with her husband of 13 years.

The Medical Missionary Council warmly welcomes you to register and attend.

# Are you aware?

- The official website of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is www.adventist.org/.
- ii. Founded in 1994, the <u>Adventist News Network</u> (ANN) is the official news service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, produced by the Communication at the Church's world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland. Its content is shared across websites, publications, broadcasters, and social media platforms.
- iii. The Alive in Jesus Babies curriculum for 0-12 months is available for the first-time starting Quarter 1 of 2025! "The curriculum is written with you and your baby in mind. It is simple, practical, and easy to use." Follow this link for more information.
- iv. The 62<sup>nd</sup> General Conference (GC) Session will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A., from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025. The theme for the Session is: "Jesus is Coming, I Will Go!" Kindly pray for God's leading.



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# ORDER OF SERVICE

Stewardship Sabbath 8<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**SABBATH SCHOOL (08:00 - 8:55 AM)** 

Song Service:

Opening Prayer:

Welcome & Introduction:

Opening Song:

Bro. Stanley Kioko

Bro. Stanley Kioko

Sis. Naomi Misati

Special Thought: Sis. Naomi Misati
Special Song: Choristers

Mission Story: Sis. Agnes Whitney (Title: "I Can't Live Like This!"; Jin-seok)

Choristers

Closing Song: Bro. Hesborn Kirwa
Closing Prayer: Bro. Hesborn Kirwa

CHURCH AT STUDY (8:55 - 10:00 AM)

Lesson Study: Lesson Classes in Church and the Online Church Panel

Closing Prayer: Sabbath School Superintendent

HEALTH NUGGET & ANNOUNCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS (10:00 – 10:30 AM)

Health Nugget: Dr. Esther Anyango (Topic: "Dangers of Medicines")

Announcements Highlights: Eld. Benjamin Rop

Worship in Music: Choristers

**DIVINE SERVICE (10:30 AM - 12:35 PM)** 

Doxology: Choristers

Invocation:Pr. Josphat OrangiWelcome & Introduction:Eld. Boaz MungaWelcome Song:"What A Fellowship."

Scripture Reading (Matthew 6:33):

Sis. Dorca Obwaya
Hymn of Praise (SDAH #330):

Sis. Dorca Obwaya

Pastoral Prayer: Eld. Boaz Munga & Sis. Gladys Sing'ombe

Offertory / Stewardship: Sis. Irene Omogi

Special Songs (2 Items): Joy of Service & Redemption Singers

Offertory Response: Choristers

Children's Corner: Gaylia & Gabriel Obae

Special Song: Newlife Adventist Church Choir

Sermon: (Topic: "First Things First"): Pr. Josphat Orangi Closing Hymn (SDAH #330): Choristers

Benediction: Pr. Josphat Orangi

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Recessional Hymn: Choristers

AFTERNOON SERVICE (2:00 - 4:30 PM)

Song Service: Choristers, Joy of Service & Redemption Singers

Special Song: Newlife Adventist Church Choir

Interactive Bible Study on Stewardship: Pr. Josphat Orangi

Items of Music: Joy of Service & Redemption Singers

Vote of Thanks & Closing Prayer: Eld. Boaz Munga

Sign Language Interpreters: Hope Mandela and Stephen Koina

Choristers: Azgard Akoto, Christine Onguru, Rehema Omosa, Don Winstone

Pianist: Braivin Magana

Stewardship Council: Roselyne Okumu (Leader), Irene Omogi (Deputy), Dorcah Obwaya (Secretary), Boaz Munga (Elder)

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