

Tackling Indecision

"In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:6

We live in a world that offers a wide range of choices—from paper towels to life insurance. In 2004, psychologist Barry Schwartz wrote a book titled The Paradox of Choice in which he argued that while freedom of choice is important to our well-being, too many choices can lead to overload and indecision. While the stakes are certainly lower when deciding on which paper towel to buy, indecision can become debilitating when making major decisions that impact the course of our lives. So how can we overcome indecision and move forward confidently in living for Jesus?

As believers in Christ, seeking God's wisdom helps us as we face difficult decisions. When we're deciding on anything in life, large or small, the Scriptures instruct us to "trust in the Lord with all [our] heart and lean not on [our] own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5). When we rely on our own judgment, we can become confused and worry about missing an important detail or making the wrong choice. When we look to God for the answers, however, He'll "make [our] paths straight" (v. 6). He'll give us clarity and peace as we make decisions in our day-to-day lives.

God doesn't want us to be paralyzed or overwhelmed by the weight of our decisions. We can find peace in the wisdom and direction He provides when we bring our concerns to Him in prayer.

By: Kimya Loder - Taken from odb.org



Watch the Family Service online with Pastor Terry Messenger

Announcements / News

- □ UKRAINE APPEAL: As was intimated last Sabbath your Church Board this week voted to match all donations for Ukraine, up to the sum of £10,000.00. Together we can reach that goal so that ADRA will have £20,000.00 to use to help those in such dreadful distress. This is the most effective way in which we can help at the moment. ADRA donation envelopes are available from today. Please see a deacon or deaconess to obtain one. Please write UKRAINE on the front if you wish your donation to go to the Ukraine Appeal. If you wish to donate online to the Church Treasury account please put Ukraine as the reference so that the funds will be matched. If you have already sent a donation to ADRA UK directly, please let one of the Elders know so that your donation can be added to the church total.

 LETTER FOR THE CHURCH MEMBERS READ HERE
- □ ADRA needs our funds more than ever at the moment. One way in which you can help, while at the same time beautifying our church for Easter, is to dedicate a lily or lilies for the Easter service. You can give thanks to God, remember a loved one, thank a family member, friend, relative or church member, by writing a dedication/s and placing it/them in

an envelope along with your donation/s of £5 per lily. Envelopes are available with details. Please see Audrey or Pat. They need to be returned by Sabbath 2nd April. Thank you.
CLEARANCE SALE – SUNDAY 13TH March from 12-2 p.m. STANBOROUGH CENTRE: Donations cannot be accepted for this sale. Café will be serving Afternoon Tea. Profits from this sale will be divided between the ADRA Ukraine appeal and the Soup Run.
Adventurer and Pathfinder Bible Experience: Thank you for keeping the Adventurers and Pathfinders in your prayers. They have their test at BUC level this Saturday 12 March in Newbold. The adventurers will have a worship service in the morning followed by their test. Pathfinders will have a separate worship in the morning and their test in the afternoon. May they have an enriching Sabbath and travelling mercies to all the teams meeting in Newbold.
Teens Sabbath School Classes (Early Teens and Cornerstone) will join the Global Youth Day activities on 19 March with the Youth Department. Please contact Paula for more information as some zoom provision will be provided for the teens who normally join the lessons remotely.
Global Children Day 19th March: As the young people are out in the community on this special day, Children Sabbath schools have teamed up with Parallel and Traditional Services and our children will be very involved in the Worship services on this date. May God bless our Children and Young people.
Midweek Prayer Meeting every Wednesday on Zoom by 7pm. Zoom ID: 86332812854 & Password: 063944

Women's Ministry: Join us next Sabbath for a lovely afternoon programme. Our speaker for the day is Elder Florence Allen speaking on "The Anointed Tongue". Meeting ID: 7279659834 & Passcode: WMmeeting
The Prayer Ministry Team would like to start a WhatsApp Group for everyone. On this Forum you can make your public Prayer Request and you will be reminded of all the Prayer Activities. If you would like your details to be added please contact <u>Bella</u> or <u>Uche</u> .
Adult Sabbath School Pine Room class: (meets in Pastor Terry's office) LINK Meeting ID: 844 6123 4211 & Passcode: 222000 Maple Class: LINK Meeting ID: 757 070 1887 - Passcode: 111000
PLEASE PRAY FOR God's guidance in the lives of the following members and their families: Joy Bussey, Denver Annable and Terry Menkens. Also pray for: - Everyone who is experiencing recent bereavement Families who are struggling financially and otherwise due to recent economic and social crises A resolution to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Let us pray for all the families who are affected whether it is bereavement, displacement or any other type of suffering in both Russia and Ukraine as the war continues.
If you have private Prayer Requests, please place them in the Prayer Box or you can email Florence Allen at LIZALLF@hotmail.com .
Upcoming dates: 12th March – Baptism 19th March – Adrian Lee – Parallel Fellowship Lunch (all invited) 26th March – Pastor Colin Stewart 27th March – SEC media training event at church 10am-4pm 2nd April – Florence Allen 9th April – Communion 16th April – Easter Service

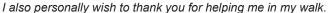
30th April – Baptism in the afternoon 1st May – SEC health fest on the Park 12-6pm

Baptismal candidate

I wish to be baptised because I fell in love with God The Father, His Son Jesus Christ and The Holy Spirit.

I have known about Them for most of my life, that They were there, but in the past I never spent time building a personal relationship with Them. I felt something was missing in my life, so I began to ask questions. I started to pray and study daily, finding things to watch about the bible and I found most of the answers I was searching for; along with an overwhelming feeling of joy and happiness.

I want to be baptised because I am ready to prove how much I love and wish to serve Our Father, His Son and The Holy Spirit.





Family Service & Baptism - 12th March

Prelude - Neilson Roberts
Welcome & Announcements- Roger Murphy
Call to worship- "O praise ye the Lord" (first verse only)
Invocation & Offering prayer

Hymn - "Because He lives" Family Prayer- Roger Murphy

Scripture Reading - Romans 6:1-10 NIV - Joselyn Rajasekaran

Sermon: "Key moments and choices" - Pastor Terry Messenger

Introduction of Candidate - Pastor Terry Messenger Confirmation of Belief

Scriptures selected by the candidate:

Gal 5:16-25 - Jasmine Williams

Rom 8:26,27 & Eph 5:1,2 - Maureen Whitman

Baptism - Janet Melbourne (Pastor Terry Messenger)

John 15:9,10 & John 3:16,17 Selesha Williams

Meditation in music: "Seekers of Your Heart" - Angeline Jeyasundar

Children's story - Amanda Powell

Welcome into fellowship- Pastor Terry Messenger

Hymn- "I will sing of Jesus' love"

Prayer

Postlude - Neilson Roberts

Sabbath School from 9:45am

Welcome - & Opening Prayer - Bella Rajasekararan Opening Hymn: SOF830 - I the Lord of Sea and Sky Facilitator: Wallacia Scott Panel: Chris Levy, Bella Rajasekararan, TBC

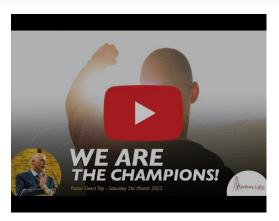
Meet It - Poem by Dennis Johnson

When you face a problem or a challenge or a test
Have you found the only way that works and is the best
I'll tell you one that is designed for every one you meet
Meet it on your knees and never on your feet!
Trying in your own strength may be brave but bring defeat
Meet it on your knees and never on your feet
So if you want relief that feels total and complete
Meet life's tests and trials on your knees not on your feet









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