




SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH SUNNYSIDE

Sabbath Worship

21st February 2026




SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
SUNNYSIDE

JOIN US FOR
Stewardship
Emphasis WEEK

THEME
GROUNDED IN HIS WORD, FOCUSED IN HIS MISSION




22ND -28TH FEB, 2026
5:30 - 6:30 PM

TOPICS

- The Primacy of Stewardship
- Stewardship of the Vertical and Horizontal Relationships
- The Stewardship of Life, Talents and Time
- The First Principle of Stewardship: Be Fruitful
- The Second Principle of Stewardship: Multiply
- The Third and Fourth Principles of Stewardship: Replenish and Subdue
- The Fifth Principle of Stewardship: Have Dominion

With **Pastor Katsekera PhD**

YOU ARE ALL INVITED

   SUNNYSIDE SDA CHURCH



ENGLISH & CHICHEWA SERMON

PREACHER: Elder Kankhuni
TITLE: MAN'S EXTREME IS GOD'S BEGINNING
HYMN: 151 & 191

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WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SABBATH

SABBATH – 21ST FEBRUARY 2026

ENGLISH SERVICE 07:50 - 08:50

Children Sermonette	Madalitso Chakuamba
Preacher	Elder Kankhuni
Sign Language Interpreter	Mr. Justice Makuluni
Singing Groups	AMO
Chorister	Mr. S. Matandika
Pianist	Mr. L. Mahatchi

SABBATH SCHOOL 09:00 – 09:30

Song Service & Sabbath School	AMO
Sabbath School Lesson	All Sabbath school class Leaders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERTORY 09:30 -09:50

Elder On Duty	Elder Z. Matiti
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CHICHEWA SERVICE 11:00 - 12:00

Ulaliki wa Ana	Mrs. Ndazipere
Mlaliki	Elder Kankhuni
Chilankhulo cha Manja	Mr. Justice Makuluni
Gulu Loimba	AMO
Woimbitsa Nyimbo	Mr. S. Matandika
Woimba Limba	Mr. L. Mahatchi

AFTERNOON PROGRAM: BIBLE STUDY

ELDER ON DUTY

ELDER Z. MATITI

DEACONS / DEACONESSES ON DUTY

English Service

Mr. A. Chumachao	Leader
Mr. D. Seyani	Member
Mr. H. Philip	Member
Mr. S. Kamwendo	Member
Mrs. M. Thembachako	Member
Mrs. M. Seyani	Member
Mrs. M. Sabola	Member
Mrs. M. Baloyi	Member

Chichewa Service

Mrs. Chigwenembe	Leader
Mrs. Chakuamba	Member
Mr. L. Saidi	Member
Mr. L. Kazembe	Member

WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SABBATH

SABBATH - 28th FEBRUARY 2026

ENGLISH SERVICE 07:50 - 08:50

Children Sermonette	Maranatha Mahowa
Preacher	Ps. Dr. Katsekera
Sign Language Interpreter	Justice Makuluni
Singing Groups	Youth Choir
Chorister	Mr. C. Vomela
Pianist	Mr. M. Luwani

SABBATH SCHOOL 09:00 - 09:30

Song Service & Sabbath School	Stewardship Team
Sabbath School Lesson	All Sabbath school class Leaders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERTORY 09:30 - 09:50

Elder On duty	Elder Y. Nseula
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CHICHEWA SERVICE 11:00 - 12:00

Ulaliki wa Ana	Mrs. Chilunga
Mlaliki	Ps. Dr. Katsekera
Chilankhulo cha Manja	Justice Makuluni
Gulu Loimba	Youth Choir
Woimbitsa Nyimbo	Mr. C. Vomela
Woimba Limba	Mr. M. Luwani

AFTERNOON PROGRAM: STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

ELDER ON DUTY

ELDER Y. NSEULA

DEACONS / DEACONESSES ON DUTY

English Service

Mr. V. Chiumia	Leader
Mr. S. Phalira	Member
Mr. S. Nyahoda	Member
Mr. S. Matiti	Member
Mrs. A. Chiumia	Member
Mrs. Nema	Member
Mrs. A. Vomela	Member
Mrs. M. Chibwana	Member

Chichewa Service

Ms. T. Tembo	Leader
Mrs. W. Nseula	Member
Mr. H. Moyo	Member
Mr. W. Banda	Member

LESSON 8: THE PRE-EMINENCE OF CHRIST

1. The study of Colossians was introduced in Lessons 1 and 2 of this quarter's sabbath school. This week's lesson and the rest of the quarter build on that foundation by seeking to unravel the concept of Jesus being the "invisible image of God" and yet the "first born of all creation". Although both statements appear like a paradox, they show the divinity and pre-eminence (that is, the superiority) of Christ.

2. To understand the pre-eminence of Christ, three questions must be answered. First, what does it mean that Christ is the image of the invisible God? Second, given that humanity was also made in the image of God, does this create an equivalence between humanity and Christ? Third, what does it mean that Christ is the firstborn of all creatures?

3. The phrase "Christ is the image of the invisible God" (Col 1 v.15) can mean two things. First, it speaks of revelation. God, by nature, is invisible. No one has seen Him in His fullness (John 1 v.18). When Paul calls Christ the "image of God", he probably means that Jesus makes the unseen God visible and knowable.

4. Second, it speaks of nature and essence. The word "image" here does not imply lesser copy, but a true and exact imprint of God's nature (Heb 1 v.3). Christ shares the very nature of God (John 1 vs.1 & 14; 14 v.9). Humanity was also created in the image of God (Gen 1 v.27). Is this "image" identical to the one attributed to Christ?

5. The phrase "Christ is the image of the invisible God" appears side by side with the phrase "Christ is the firstborn of all creation" in Col 1 v.15. At first glance, "firstborn" can sound as if Christ were the first created being. Such a reading, however, does not cohere with the preceding statement that presents Christ as the revelation of God in the flesh, nor with the following verses, which affirm that all things were created by and through Him (Col 1 vs.16-17).

6. The word firstborn therefore did not primarily mean "first created". In many instances in the Old Testament, it often refers to status, rank, and inheritance rights, not chronological biology. For example, Israel is called God's firstborn (Exo 4 v.22) and David has references of being made the firstborn (Psa 89 v.27). Understood this way, "firstborn" is about pre-eminence, not origin.

7. Therefore, Christ being the "image of the invisible God" speaks to His nature (part of Godhead) and Christ being the "firstborn of all creation" speaks to His rank and authority (pre-eminence over creation). This further leads to two key issues about Christ that Paul intended the Colossians to understand.

8. First was a threat to Christ's sufficiency and supremacy. Some teachers in Colossae (Col 2 vs.8, 16-23) were promoting ascetic practices as necessary criteria for salvation, thereby diminishing the sufficiency and effectiveness of the cross. Paul made it clear that when Christ is seen as supreme, every competing spiritual claim collapses.

9. Second, when Paul expatiated the vision of Christ to the Colossians, by presenting Christ as God and supreme, he dispelled teachers who wanted to have authority over the church in Colossae. He made it clear that Christ is the head of the church and initiator of both creation and recreation because all authority belongs to Him (Col 1 v.18).

10. The Pre-eminence of Christ allows Him to reconcile all things, whether in heaven or on earth (Col 1 vs.19-20). This ushers us to next week's lesson where we will learn more about reconciliation. Critical is how reconciliation is cosmically grand in scope, yet personal and individual in nature.

Upcoming Events

January 2026

1. 22nd Feb to 28th Feb – Stewardship Emphasis Week

BIRTHDAYS COLUMN

01st January 2026 to 31st January 2026

Sunnyside Church members would like to celebrate the birthdays of the following brethren;

1. **Mrs. Priscilla Bunyani Kulisewa 18th February**

Note: Members who would like to share their Birthdays are kindly requested to register with the **Communications Secretary, Mr. A. Phuza, on 0999008697**

Announcements

1. We warmly welcome our visitors and regular Church members. Let us all observe reverence in the Church.
2. The Church Pastor would like to notify all church members that he is continuing to conduct Home Visitations. Please accord him a warm welcome when he visits your home.
3. We shall have a stewardship emphasis week starting on the 22nd – 28th Feb, led by our Pastor, Dr. Katsekera. The theme is GROUNDED IN HIS WORD, FOCUSED IN HIS MISSION. All church members are encouraged to attend.
4. Members are reminded to faithfully support the Local Church Budget to sustain church ministries and operations.
5. Members are encouraged to read this year's Book of the Year, The Great Controversy, or gift a copy to someone else to share its message.
6. The Fundraising department is reminding all members who have not yet honoured their 2025 pledges to do so.
7. The Church is requesting all of those who are interested in supplying Goods and services in 2026 to send an application to Mrs. Betty Matandika.
8. All members are invited to the weekly online Bible study every Wednesday, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Anyone with problems accessing the bible study should communicate with the communication department.

Recurring Announcements

- Members are being encouraged to notify Head Deacon, Mr. T Kazembe, of any sickness or bereavement, for members to pray and be available for the concerned families.
- The Church would like to appeal to members who have been worshiping with us for more than six months, or will be worshiping with us for a long time, to contact the Church Clerk to have their names transferred to Sunnyside Church.
- Sunnyside Jesus Way meets every Wednesday and Friday from 5:30- 6:15 pm. All members who would like to attend are most welcome.

- 2026 Sunnyside Church AY Membership Fee Registration is as follows;

ADVENTURERS	PATHFINDERS	SENIOR YOUTH	MASTERGUIDE
K2,000.00	K3,000.00	K4,000.00	K5,000.00

- Announcements from Adventist Youth

Monthly Contributions are as follows;

Adventures	-K500.00
Pathfinders	-K500.00
Senior Youth(16 years above)	-K1,000.00

AY classes shall be held on Sundays.

- Both men and women, boys and girls, are reminded to dress responsibly, bearing in mind that as Children of the Most High come to God's house to worship in truth and in spirit. Therefore, need to dress appropriately as befitting Christians waiting for the second coming of Jesus Christ.
- Members are being encouraged to come on time for the Church services and encouraged to attend afternoon programs. English service starts at 07:30 am.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The health department invites all members to Sports activities every Sunday, from 05:00 am, here at the church. This Sunday, everyone coming to the Sports should bring a notebook and a pen. The health department would like to monitor the progress of all participants.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Sabbath Music Session: From 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm

Special appeal to Parents to ensure that their wards attend afternoon programs and are not outside during afternoon worship.

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USE THE ENVELOPES FOR YOUR PLANNED TITHE & OFFERINGS

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Reading from 14th – 21st FEB 2026

22/02/2026 - (1 Kings 21)
 23/02/2026 - (1 Kings 22)
 24/02/2026 - (2 Kings 1)
 25/02/2026 - (2 Kings 2)
 26/02/2026 - (2 Kings 3)
 27/02/2026 - (2 Kings 4)
 28/02/2026 - (2 Kings 5)

SABBATH PROGRAMS

ACTIVITY	TIME	
Teachers Lesson	6:45:am	7:20:am
Prayer Band	7:20:am	7:30:am
Song Service	7:30:am	7:50:am
English Service	7:50:am	8:50am
Song Service	8:50:am	9:00am
Sabbath School	9:00:am	9:30:am
Announcements & Offertory	9:30am	9:50am
Sabbath School Classes	9:50am	10:50am
Song Service	10:50am	11:00am
Chichewa Service	11:00am	12:00noon
Afternoon Program	2:00pm	4:00pm

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This chapter is based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13.

A few miles south of Jerusalem, “the city of the great King,” is Bethlehem, where David, the son of Jesse, was born more than a thousand years before the infant Jesus was cradled in the manger and worshiped by the Wise Men from the East. Centuries before the advent of the Saviour, David, in the freshness of boyhood, kept watch of his flocks as they grazed on the hills surrounding Bethlehem. The simple shepherd boy sang the songs of his own composing, and the music of his harp made a sweet accompaniment to the melody of his fresh young voice. The Lord had chosen David, and was preparing him, in his solitary life with his flocks, for the work He designed to commit to his trust in after years.

While David was thus living in the retirement of his humble shepherd’s life, the Lord God was speaking about him to the prophet Samuel. “And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided Me a king among his sons.... Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the Lord. And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto Me him whom I name unto thee. And Samuel did that which the Lord spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably.” The elders accepted an invitation to the sacrifice, and Samuel called also Jesse and his sons. The altar was built and the sacrifice was ready. All the household of Jesse were present, with the exception of David, the youngest son, who had been left to guard the sheep, for it was not safe to leave the flocks unprotected.

When the sacrifice was ended, and before partaking of the offering feast, Samuel began his prophetic inspection of the noble-appearing sons of Jesse. Eliab was the eldest, and more nearly resembled Saul for stature and beauty than the others. His comely features and finely developed form attracted the attention of the prophet. As Samuel looked upon his princely bearing, he thought, “This is indeed the man whom God has chosen as successor to Saul,” and he waited for the divine sanction that he might anoint him. But Jehovah did not look upon the outward appearance. Eliab did not fear the Lord. Had he been called to the throne, he would have been a proud, exacting ruler. The Lord’s word to Samuel was, “Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.” No outward beauty can recommend the soul to God. The wisdom and excellence revealed in the character and deportment, express the true beauty of the man; and it is the inner worth, the excellency of the heart, that determines our acceptance with the Lord of hosts. How deeply should we feel this truth in the judgment of ourselves and others. We may learn from the mistake of Samuel how vain is the estimation that rests on beauty of face or nobility of stature. We may see how incapable is man’s wisdom of understanding the secrets of the heart or of comprehending the counsels of God without special enlightenment from heaven. The thoughts and ways of God in relation to His creatures are above our finite minds; but we may be assured that His children will be brought to fill the very place for which they are qualified, and will be enabled to accomplish the very work committed to their hands, if they will but submit their will to God, that His beneficent plans may not be frustrated by the perversity of man.

Eliab passed from the inspection of Samuel, and the six brothers who were in attendance at the service followed in succession to be observed by the prophet; but the Lord did not signify His choice of any one of them. With painful suspense Samuel had looked upon the last of the young men; the prophet was perplexed and bewildered. He inquired of Jesse, “Are here all thy children?” The father answered, “There remaineth yet the youngest, and behold, he keepeth the sheep.” Samuel directed that he should be summoned, saying, “We will not sit down till he come hither.”

The lonely shepherd was startled by the unexpected call of the messenger, who announced that the prophet had come to Bethlehem and had sent for him. With surprise he questioned why the prophet and judge of Israel should desire to see him; but without delay he obeyed the call. “Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to.” As Samuel beheld with pleasure the handsome, manly, modest shepherd boy, the voice of the Lord spoke to the prophet, saying, “Arise, anoint him: for this is he.” David had proved himself brave and faithful in the humble office of a shepherd, and now God had chosen him to be captain of His people. “Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of [from among] his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.” The prophet had accomplished his appointed work, and with a relieved heart he returned to Ramah.

Samuel had not made known his errand, even to the family of Jesse, and the ceremony of anointing David had been performed in secret. It was an intimation to the youth of the high destiny awaiting him, that amid all the varied experiences and perils of his coming years, this knowledge might inspire him to be true to the purpose of God to be accomplished by his life.

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