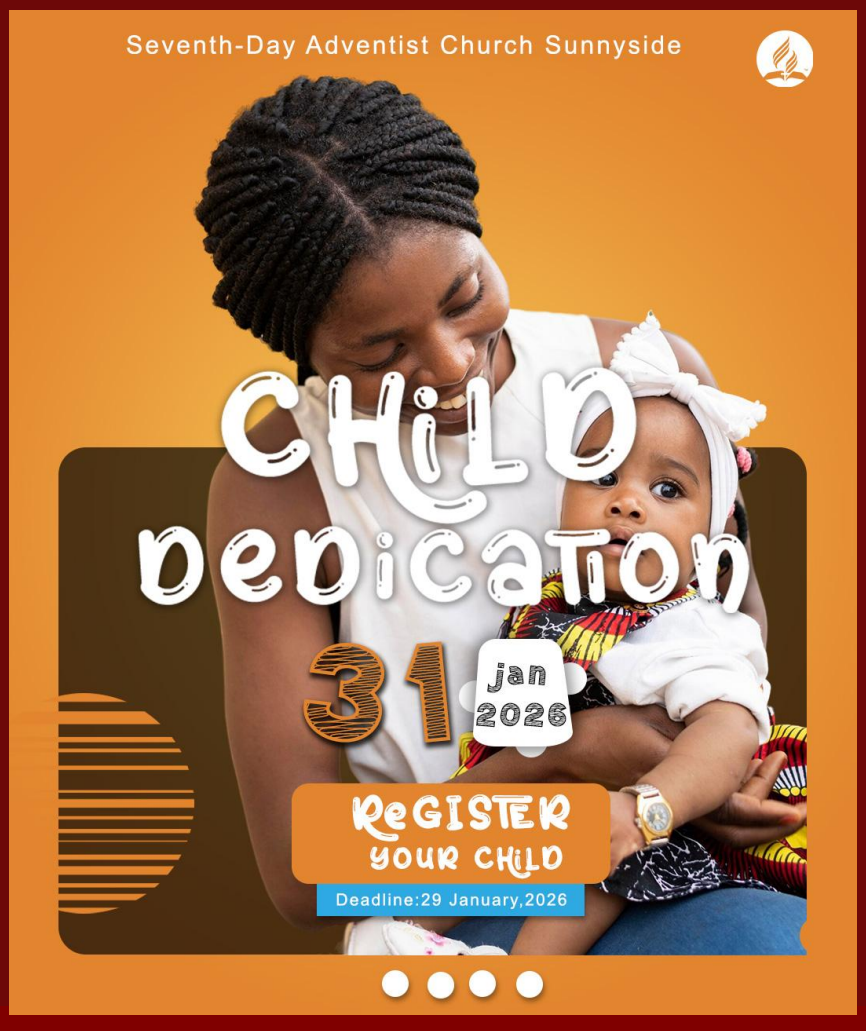
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
SUNNYSIDE

Sabbath Worship **31st January 2026**



ENGLISH & CHICHEWA SERMON

PREACHER: Ps. Dr. L Katsekera
TITLE: 1. “Living for Better Things”
HYMN: 124

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WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SABBATH

SABBATH – 31st January 2026

ENGLISH SERVICE 07:50 - 08:50	
Children Sermonette	Mrs. T. Chikuni
Preacher	Ps. Dr. T Katsekera
Sign Language Interpreter	Mr. Justice Makuluni
Singing Groups	Amazing Grace
Chorister	Mr. S. Nkosi
Pianist	Mr. M. Luwani
SABBATH SCHOOL 09:00 – 09:30	
Song Service & Sabbath School	Amazing Grace
Sabbath School Lesson	All Sabbath school class Leaders.
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERTORY 09:30 -09:50	
Elder On Duty	Mr. J. Dzinga
CHICHEWA SERVICE 11:00 - 12:00	
Ulaliki wa Ana	Mrs. R. Jeremiah
Mlaliki	Ps. Dr. T Katsekera
Chilankhulo cha Manja	Mr. Justice Makuluni
Gulu Loimba	Amazing Grace
Woimbitsa Nyimbo	Mr. S. Nkosi
Woimba Limba	Mr. M. Luwani

AFTERNOON PROGRAM: BIBLE STUDY

ELDER ON DUTY

ELDER J. DZINGA

DEACONS / DEACONESSES ON DUTY

English Service

Mr. H. Philip	Leader
Mr. D. Seyani	Member
Mr. H. Moyo	Member
Mr. S. Kamwendo	Member
Mr. Thembachako	Member
Mrs. Manjolo	Member
Mrs. M. Seyani	Member
Ms. M. Sabola	Member

Chichewa Service

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

WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SABBATH

SABBATH –7TH FEBRUARY 2026

ENGLISH SERVICE 07:50 - 08:50	
Children Sermonette	Maranatha Mahowa
Preacher	Pastor Jeke
Sign Language Interpreter	Justice Makuluni
Singing Groups	Press On
Chorister	Mr. D. Phiri
Pianist	Mr. L. Mahatchi
SABBATH SCHOOL 09:00 – 09:30	
Song Service & Sabbath School	Personal Ministries
Sabbath School Lesson	All Sabbath school class Leaders.
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERTORY 09:30 -09:50	
Elder On duty	Elder B. Supuni
CHICHEWA SERVICE 11:00 - 12:00	
Ulaliki wa Ana	Prince Chilunga
Mlaliki	Pastor Jeke
Chilankhulo cha Manja	Justice Makuluni
Gulu Loimba	Press On
Woimbitsa Nyimbo	Mr. D. Phiri
Woimba Limba	Mr. L. Mahatchi

AFTERNOON PROGRAM: PERSONAL MINISTRIES

ELDER ON DUTY

ELDER B. SUPUNI

DEACONS / DEACONESSES ON DUTY

English Service

Mr. S. Phalira	Leader
Mr. S. Nyirenda	Member
Mr. S. Matiti	Member
Mr. V. Chiumia	Member
Mrs. A. Chiumia	Member
Mrs. Nema	Member
Mrs. A. Vomela	Member

Chichewa Service

Mr. W. Banda	Leader
Ms. T. Tembo	Member
Mrs. M. Chibwana	Member
Mr. Chabaluka	Member

LESSON 5: SHINING AS LIGHT IN THE NIGHT

We have learnt from last week's lesson that unity is achieved when members of the congregation are humble, an expression that in itself shines as light in the night. In this week's lesson, we turn our attention to six additional ways in which believers are called to shine as lights in the night, embodied in the life and ministry of Christ.

Doing things without complaining (Phi 2 vs.14-15). Paul ties internal harmony to external radiance by linking unity and shining as lights directly to the refusal to grumble or dispute. Complaining echoes Israel's wilderness failure (Exo 16 vs.2-3; Num 14 v.2) and dims Christian witness. Does this mean complaining about perceived wrongs in the church is wrong?

Obedience in the sight of the world (Deut 4 v.6). In the night of cynicism and despair, joyful obedience becomes a visible countercultural light that points others to God's sustaining grace. Obedience becomes illumination that reflects God's character rather than personal ambition, and public wisdom that draws people to God.

Following Jesus, the light of the world (John 1 v.9; Matt 5 v.14). Shining requires anchoring in the self-emptying and love-giving Jesus (John 8 v.12; Phil 2 v.16a), not self-assertion. Holding fast to the word of light and light of the world amid darkness keeps us within the source of light, with a message to proclaim, guarding us against doctrinal and moral drift. The scripture shapes thinking, directs action, and sustains hope.

Working out our salvation (Phil 2 vs.12-12). Paul clarifies divine-human cooperation to demonstrate that salvation is only a divine gift achieved only through faith and nothing else. It is worked out through human acts. If God is the one who initiates both the "willing" and the "doing," what part of our spiritual victory can we actually take credit for?.

Blameless characters (Phil 2 v.15a). In a crooked and perverse generation, blameless lives are beyond reproach and are a beacon of hope. In such lives, integrity stands out and preaches without words, declaring that God's kingdom operates by heavenly values. Is it possible to live a flawless life like Job (Job 1 v 1,8)?

Being joyful (Phi 2 vs.17-18). Paul describes his potential execution as his life being poured out like a drink offering. Rather than lamenting loss, he rejoices. Light shines brightest when suffering is met with joy anchored in God. Such joy defies darkness, declaring that Christ is worth everything. In the night of fear, joyful surrender illuminates God's worth.

Paul then gives us two characters that exemplify shining as light in the night. First is Timothy, whose "proven character" (Phil 2 v.22) is described by Paul as shining not only through words but through faithful presence and selfless service (Phil 2 vs.19-24). The life of Timothy proves that in a dark world marked by competition and neglect, genuine care becomes a powerful witness.

Second is Epaphroditus, whose life is described by Paul as shining through risky obedience and vulnerability (Phil 2 vs.25-27), and should be esteemed. Epaphroditus nearly died in the service to Christ, yet God restored him. His story reminds us that shining does not require strength alone but faithfulness even in weakness.

Shining as lights in the night is a shared calling of a united church where obedience becomes wisdom, humility becomes witness, and sacrifice becomes joy (2 v 15-18). Celebrating sacrificial services should be recognised and reinforced among brethren, just as Paul urged Philippians (2 vs.28-29) to honour servants like Epaphroditus. Next, we study being confident only in Christ.

Upcoming Events January 2026

1. 31st January - Child dedication
2. 4th Feb to 7th Feb – Personal Ministry evangelism
3. 8th Feb – Dorcas Breakfast

BIRTHDAYS COLUMN

01st January 2026 to 31st January 2026

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

1. 26th January – Susan Nyondo

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 advise all church members that he started conducting Home Visitations. He is visiting homes in Sunnyside and Naperi Jesus Way areas. Please accord him a warm welcome when he visits your home.
3. All members are invited to the Personal Ministry evangelism seminar from 4th February to 7th February, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The theme is "Effective witnessing for Jesus.
4. The Fundraising department is reminding all members who have not yet honoured their 2025 pledges to do so.
5. There will be a Stewardship, Ministerial, and Health Ministries Seminar at Chirimba SDA Church on the 8th February, from 8 am -1 pm (Pastors, elders, health, and stewardship department leaders)
6. Dorcas Department is inviting all Ladies to the Breakfast function on 8th February 2026, from 08:00 AM. For details, contact Dorcas Leaders.
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. The Church Board at its meeting on 25th January 2026 made the following resolutions;

   Approval of 2026 Sabbath School Teachers. Refer to page 7 for the list.

   Approval of Sabbath School Class Offering Goals as attached.
9. 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.

TRANSFERS (IN)

The following members would like to have their names transferred to Sunnyside SDA Church

1. Mrs. Gladys Malinga from Chilobwe SDA Church
2. Michael Aufi from Chiradzulu Boma SDA Church

This is the first announcement.

TRASFER OUT

The following members would like to transfer their names from Sunnyside

1. Lloyd Kadyaudzu to Airwing SDA Church
2. Bertha Gusto to Namisusa SDA Church

This is the first Announcement

2026 Sabbath School Class Leaders

Sunnyside Sabbath School Classes Leadership 2026

Class name	Chairperson	Secretary	Treasure	Teachers
Chichewa Adult 1	Mrs. Nema	Mr. Chiuzeni	Mrs. Chigwenenbe	Mr. Mtike Mrs. Malimuse Mr. Chamba
Chichewa Adult 2	Mr. Kavina	Mrs. Mahowa		Mr. Mahowa Mrs. Nseula snr.
Chichewa Adult 3	Agness Kubwalo	Mrs Kalondo		Mr. Nkosi Mrs. Chataika Mr. Katchole
Chichewa Adult 4	Mr. Matiti	Mrs. Mwandama	Mrs. Muzivizi	Mr.Mike Phiri Mr. Meke
English Adult 1	Ps. Matiti	Mrs Unyolo		Ps. Matiti Mr. Koloviko
English Adult 2	Mr. Mataya	Mrs. Sabola		Mrs. Baloyi Mr. Bamusi Mr. Chitsime
Chichewa Youth 1	Marcus Banda Alipo Dann Kunkhoma	Monica Pamdera	Mphatso Chibonga	Mr. Gomani Mr. Mlomba Mr. Dzinga Miss. Limani
Chichewa Youth 2	Andrew Mahau	Hendrina Kazembe	Love Masiyano	Abel M'dala Benedicare Mtikama
English Youth 1	Precious Chonzi Lizzie Supuni	Judith Salima	Faith Thole	Luntha Kazembe Thoko Malefula Lozindaba Mbvundula
English Youth 2	Arnold Phuza	Akuzike Mpinganjira		Samuel Nkhoma Astonie Mukiwa
Model Class	Mrs. Namondwe	Mrs. Vomela		Mr. Nyondo
Real time (10 -12yrs)				Mrs. Kampani Mr. Njala Dr. Kululanga
PowerPoint (13 -14yrs)				Mrs. Katundu Mr. Chikuni
Bible Class				Ps. Katsekela Mr. Chirunga Mr. Nseula Mr. Pendame
English primary				*Mrs. Moyo *Praise Chabwana Blessings Gwembere *Lupakisho Mbewe
Kindergarten			Mrs Chapaladza	Rhoda Jeremiah *Constance Mpinganjira *Asefu Banzi
Cradle Roll	Dr.L Kazembe	Gloria Bondela	Mrs. Msokera	Mrs. Ntete Mrs. Dzinga Mrs. Gausi Mrs. Banda

Names with a star * are those who have volunt eered to be class teachers

2026 Sabbath school classes offering targets

Sabbath School Classes Offerings Targets

Class name	2025 Average	2026 Target
Chichewa Adult 1	K26,000.00	K30,000.00
Chichewa Adult 2	K13,000.00	K15,000.00
Chichewa Adult 3	K13,000.00	K15,000.00
Chichewa Adult 4	K30,000.00	K35,000.00
English Adult 1	K10,000.00	K15,000.00
English Adult 2	K15,000.00	K20,000.00
Chichewa Youth 1	K18,000.00	K22,000.00
Chichewa Youth 2	K13,000.00	K16,000.00
English Youth 1	K76,000.00	K100,000.00
English Youth 2	K18,000.00	K22,000.00
Model Class	K15,000.00	K18,000.00
Real time (10-12yrs)		K8,000.00
PowerPoint (13-14yrs)		K8,000.00
Bible Class	K8,000.00	K10,000.00
English primary	K6000.00	K8000.00
Kindergarten	K4000.00	K5000.00
Cradle Roll	K12,000.00	K15,000.00
Sabbath School Department	K12,000.00	K15,000.00

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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REMEMBER TITHE AND OFFERING

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN TITHE AND GIVE OFFERINGS

USE THE ENVELOPES FOR YOUR PLANNED TITHE & OFFERINGS

JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

Reading from 1st – 7th FEB 2026

01/01/2026 - (2 Samuel 24)
02/01/2026 - (1 Kings 1)
03/01/2026 - (1 Kings 2)
04/01/2026 - (1 Kings 3)
05/01/2026 - (1 Kings 4)
06/01/2026 - (1 Kings 5)
07/01/2026 - (1 Kings 6)

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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SELECTED EGW BOOK: PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS 59

Chapter 59—The First King Of Israel.

The government of Israel was administered in the name and by the authority of God. The work of Moses, of the seventy elders, of the rulers and judges, was simply to enforce the laws that God had given; they had no authority to legislate for the nation. This was, and continued to be, the condition of Israel's existence as a nation. From age to age men inspired by God were sent to instruct the people and to direct in the enforcement of the laws.

The Lord foresaw that Israel would desire a king, but He did not consent to a change in the principles upon which the state was founded. The king was to be the vicegerent of the Most High. God was to be recognized as the Head of the nation, and His law was to be enforced as the supreme law of the land. [SeeAppendix, note 8.]

When the Israelites first settled in Canaan they acknowledged the principles of the theocracy, and the nation prospered under the rule of Joshua. But increase of population and intercourse with other nations brought a change. The people adopted many of the customs of their heathen neighbors and thus sacrificed to a great degree their own peculiar, holy character. Gradually they lost their reverence for God and ceased to prize the honor of being His chosen people. Attracted by the pomp and display of heathen monarchs, they tired of their own simplicity. Jealousy and envy sprang up between the tribes. Internal dissensions made them weak; they were continually exposed to the invasion of their heathen foes, and the people were coming to believe that in order to maintain their standing among the nations, the tribes must be united under a strong central government. As they departed from obedience to God's law, they desired to be freed from the rule of their divine Sovereign; and thus the demand for a monarchy became widespread throughout Israel.

Since the days of Joshua the government had never been conducted with so great wisdom and success as under Samuel's administration. Divinely invested with the threefold office of judge, prophet, and priest, he had labored with untiring and disinterested zeal for the welfare of his people, and the nation had prospered under his wise control. Order had been restored, and godliness promoted, and the spirit of discontent was checked for the time. But with advancing years the prophet was forced to share with others the cares of government, and he appointed his two sons to act as his assistants. While Samuel continued the duties of his office at Ramah, the young men were stationed at Beersheba, to administer justice among the people near the southern border of the land.

It was with the full assent of the nation that Samuel had appointed his sons to office, but they did not prove themselves worthy of their father's choice. The Lord had, through Moses, given special directions to His people that the rulers of Israel should judge righteously, deal justly with the widow and the fatherless, and receive no bribes. But the sons of Samuel "turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment." The sons of the prophet had not heeded the precepts which he had sought to impress upon their minds. They had not copied the pure, unselfish life of their father. The warning given to Eli had not exerted the influence upon the mind of Samuel that it should have done. He had been to some extent too indulgent with his sons, and the result was apparent in their character and life.

The injustice of these judges caused much dissatisfaction, and a pretext was thus furnished for urging the change that had long been secretly desired. "All the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, and said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." The cases of abuse among the people had not been referred to Samuel. Had the evil course of his sons been known to him, he would have removed them without delay; but this was not what the petitioners desired. Samuel saw that their real motive was discontent and pride, and that their demand was the result of a deliberate and determined purpose. No complaint had been made against Samuel. All acknowledged the integrity and wisdom of his administration; but the aged prophet looked upon the request as a censure upon himself, and a direct effort to set him aside. He did not, however, reveal his feelings; he uttered no reproach, but carried the matter to the Lord in prayer and sought counsel from Him alone.

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