

Nkana East Chapel Weekly Bulletin

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PULPIT MINISTRY & DUTY ROTA – AUGUST WEEK 3: 2020

Date	Morning Service			Evening Service			Officers on duty	
	Song Leader	Text	Speaker	Chairman	Text	Speaker	Elder	Deacon
02.08.2020	Mr. W Mwape Psalm 116	Ps 101	Pf. F Kalaba	Ps. S Banda <i>Faeroes Island</i>	Eccles. 1:1-3	Open	Mr. L Chisha	Mr. P Mbewa
09.08.2020	Mr. W Mwape Psalm 117	Ps 111	Mr. L Chisha	Mr. M Mwelwa <i>Eritrea</i>	Eccles. 1:4-11	Ps. S Banda	Pf. F Kalaba	Mr. J Siwingwa
16.08.2020	Mr. W Mwape Psalm 118	Phil 2	Ps. S Banda	Mr. M Lukwesa <i>Estonia</i>	Eccles. 1:12-18	Mr. P Mbewa	Mr. R Kamanga	Mr. W Mwape
23.08.2020	Mr. W Mwape Psalm 119:1-8	Phil 2	Ps. S Banda	Mr. J Chiyengi <i>Ethiopia</i>	Eccles. 2:1-11	Mr. G Chanda	Mr. L Chisha	Mr. C Tembo
30.08.2020	Mr. W Mwape Psalm 119:9-16	Phil 2	Ps. S Banda	Mr. P Mbewa <i>Falkland Islands</i>	Eccles. 2:12-18	Pf. F Kalaba	Mr. R Kamanga	Mr. M Mwewa

To meet or not to meet, is the question?

By Simon Banda

For the last three weeks, there has been a controversy between the Governor Gavin Newsom of the State of Californian and the Grace Community Church in USA led by Dr. John MacArthur. The debate is whether the church should resume their services or not. The governor had introduced measures more than six months ago in the view of



Covid 19, which classified places of worship among non-essential places of services. This meant that they were not allowed to conduct their services until such a time as deemed fit by the state. Grace community Church along with other churches and places of worship followed this directive. This church relied on livestreaming their messages until recently when members starting showing up for the recording of the services.

About three weeks ago the number of those who were turning up for services was between six to seven thousand people which prompted the leadership of the church to consider the matter of reopening the doors of the church to everyone. They decided to reopen the church services on the basis that the rate of infection in the state is very low and that chances of contracting the virus were less than 0.01 percent. They also argued that they had gone without fellowship for a very long time (six months) and that this is not healthy for the body of Christ.

The governor of the state did not take kindly to the reopening of Grace Community Church for services and threatened them with legal action of fines in thousands of dollars if they continued to meet and even possible imprisonment. Of course, the debates heated up nationwide as the pastor of the church was interviewed by television networks including FOX and CNN. Donald trump, the president of the United States has since passed a federal decree making places of worship reclassified as places of essential services, thus overruling the governors on this matter.

In Zambia, no such directive had been made except that the government had appealed to the churches at the end of March to consider suspending their services for two weeks with a view of preventing the spread of the virus. After the expiry of the period the president stated that the church could resume their services as long as they followed measures allowed by the Ministry of Health, such as obtaining certification before resuming the meetings, limiting to the number of people to fifty, making that the duration of the meeting was one hour only. Other measures included physical distancing, use of sanitizers and washing with soap before and after the meetings, the wearing of masks and the

keeping of a register for the people attending the meetings. When the measures were announced by the president there was a heated debate on whether this was the right move or not. Some churches started reopening their doors to people while some were still studying the situation.

With time a lot more churches resumed their services. In the month of July with the increase of the reported cases of infections the government heightened their monitoring of churches for the adherence of the measures. This has resulted in some churches being issued with notices for them to cease their meetings for not following the measures that government has put in place. This then raises the question – should the churches continue to meet or not? Is Christian fellowship an essential aspect of life?

The World Health Organization (WHO) and world governments have put Covid 19 measures to people to follow to avoid further infections. These measures include the avoidance of all non-essential gathering, wearing of masks when one is in the public and observing physical distancing. It is a fact that religious gatherings were the sources of transmission in the early stages of the pandemic in places like Italy, Spain, South Korea etc. However, statistics have shown that adherence to the health measures reduce considerably the risk of infections as can be seen in Europe and Asia to the extent that they are opening up more of their businesses and services that had closed down during the lockdown.

In the case of Zambia, the cases have spiked in the last month due the lack of observing the measures as well as the belief among some people that Covid 19 does not exist. It is also important to note that Christian fellowship is an essential aspect of the child of God, indeed all human beings. It is clear in the word of God as can be seen from passages such as Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 2:42; Phil 2:1-2 that regular Christian fellowship is key to spiritual nourishment. Fellowship is important because it gives Christians opportunities to corporately worship their maker. It also allows them to hear from Him as well as encourage one another. At a time of gloom, hopelessness and fear, the meeting of the

believers becomes a great source of strength for people to face the challenges out there in the world. It is therefore, important that the believers do not neglect the meetings of the church. And as they meet with fellow believers, the need to adherence to the health measures cannot be overemphasized as this helps to stop the spread of the virus.

THE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- **Wednesday 19th August**, the fifth installment on the study of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. The meeting shall be held at the Chapel from 18:00hrs to 19:00hrs; to be led by elder Kalaba.

Subject: The doctrine of the Holy Spirit. This coming Wednesday we shall consider the questions that have arisen from the study.
Come and be part of this meeting.

- **Saturday, 22nd August**, Men's Prayer Meeting at the Chapel from 06:00hrs to 07:00hrs, with the rest joining from their homes.
- **Sunday, 23rd August**, Morning Service at the Chapel from 10:00hrs to 11:00hrs. Chairman – Mr. W Mwape, Preacher: Ps S Banda.
- **Sunday, 24th August**, Evening Service at the Chapel from 16:00hrs to 17:00hrs. Chairman Mr. J Chiyengi, Preacher Mr. G Chanda.
- **Saturday, 22nd August, 2020 Wishard and Lisa Wedding Service** starting at 10:00hrs.
- **Saturday, 5th September, 2020** a meeting organized by the couple's fellowship - Part Two of the topic – Raising Children God's Way – at the Chapel, all are welcome.



PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 16TH AUGUST TO 21ST AUGUST, 2020

Sunday 16th August

- We thank the Lord for the Njovus from Lusaka who came for the graduation of their son Mutale from the CBU.
- We thank the Lord for our members who graduated from Copperbelt University yesterday in a virtual ceremony, below are some pictures of the graduates. Let us pray for them that the Lord may open doors for employment.



Janet Lumandi



Priscilla and Kambuta Kadochi



Mutale Njovu



Ethel Tembo



- Continue to pray for the Kwensas Mrs Kwensa has an appointment with the doctors in Lusaka in October. Continue to remember Mr. Milambo, Mrs. Nyekele and Mrs Chishala Chipili; remember those with chronic ailments such as hypertension, diabetics, asthmas etc.

Monday 17th August

- We thank the Lord for those who were away and have returned to us. The Mbewas are back from Eastern Province, elder Kalaba and team from the Northern Province, the Mwapes from NorthWestern Province. Mr. Mumba Mwelwa from Lusaka where he went to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law.
- Pray for the school with the challenges of Covid 19 situation, with income not coming in as before. Pray for resources to continue to pay the teaching staff.
- Pray for children from NEC families studying outside Zambia that the LORD will keep them safe and shield them from Covid 19.
- Remember the midweek service on Wednesdays.

Tuesday 18th August

- We thank the Lord for those who are on the mend, our brothers Mr. Richard Chiyangi, Mr. Hastings Kadochi, Mrs. Margret Muyangwa, Mrs. Jenipher Njovu. Our brother Ndanji Simokoko has also recovered after being unwell for the last two weeks.
- Chilufya and Kunda Chipili are still waiting for transport back to Zambia from south Africa where they are doing their studies.
- Let us continue to pray for the Pulpit Ministry - soul-searching and faithfulness to God's word from both teachers and hearers.
- For those seeking College/ University entry.

Wednesday 19th August

- We thank the Lord for the two brothers and sister who were restored back into fellowship. Continue to pray for them that the Lord shall continue to help them in their walk with him. Pray also for the members of the church for God's grace and protection.
- Let us pray for the leaders of our nation for the Lord's help with the difficulty changes that we are facing as a nation. Pray for stability in our walk with the LORD during these hard times.
- Pray for the work among the chapels. Remember the leaders of Chimwemwe, Chachacha, Kitwe, Solwezi, East Park, Garneton, Mikambo Baptist, Ndeke Village, Nkana East, Riverside chapels.

- Continue to pray for PIZ that the Lord shall continue to lead the work. The Principal is unable to return from leave due to the Covid situation. Mr. Mtonga likely to continue to act as principal until the end of the year. Pray for the new employees that the Lord shall help them as they start their service - that they shall be assets to the ministry.

Thursday 20th August

- We praise the Lord that we hear that visitors have started coming to East Park Chapel in Kapiri. They have just completed the painting of the outside of the hall this past week. Pray that the work of evangelism and discipleship shall take root in the church.
- Pray for the students at Central African Baptist University. Our brother Lloyd Kwensa who doing his final year for grace to complete his program. The two brothers who are attached to our church namely Justine Palata and Lazarus Chanda who both are doing first year, that the Lord shall help them in their studies. We thank the Lord for the progress on the construction and refurbishments of the campus. Pray for the Lord's protection of students, staff and family members from Corona virus.

Friday 21st August

- We thank the Lord for Lisa Nyekele's bridal shower which took place on Saturday, 15th August. Pray for the wedding that takes place tomorrow Saturday, 22nd August.
- Let us remember the economical consequence of Covid 19 on households. The times have not been kind to those doing their own businesses; while those in employment are facing situations of delayed salaries and wages.
- Let us remember the Covid 19 situation on the schools, which have been closed for a long time and are unlikely to be opened soon. Pray for Youth to encourage each other with meaningful activities to deal with boredom during current Covid 19 situation.



The First Monthly Youth Meeting Since
the Covid 19 Lockdown

PRAY FOR ESTONIA



Pray for Estonia

Republic of Estonia
Europe
See Prayer Informatio8

Geography

Area: 45,215 sq km

Northernmost of the three Baltic states. Separated from Finland to the north by the Gulf of Finland.

Population: 1,339,459 Annual Growth: -0.11%

Capital: Tallinn

Urbanites: 69.5%

HDI Rank: 40 of 182 (UN Human Development Reports 2009)

Peoples

Peoples: 37 (16% unreached) All peoples

Pray for the Unreached Lezgian of Estonia



Country: Estonia
People: Lezgian
Population: 100
World Pop: 647,000
Main Language: Lezgi
Main Religion: Islam
Status: ■ Least-Reached
Christ-Followers: Few, less than 2%
Bible: Portions

www.operationworld.org
www.joshuaproject.net

"Declare his glory among the nations" Psalm 96:3

Unreached Peoples Prayer Card

Official language: Estonian; Russian is still common Languages: 18

All languages

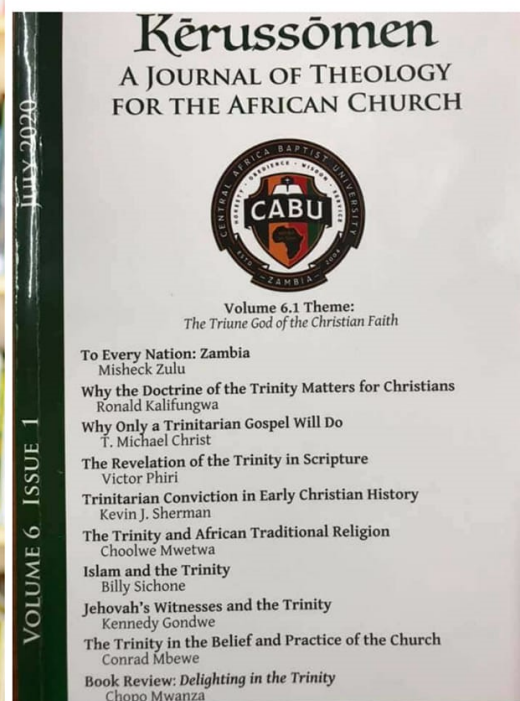
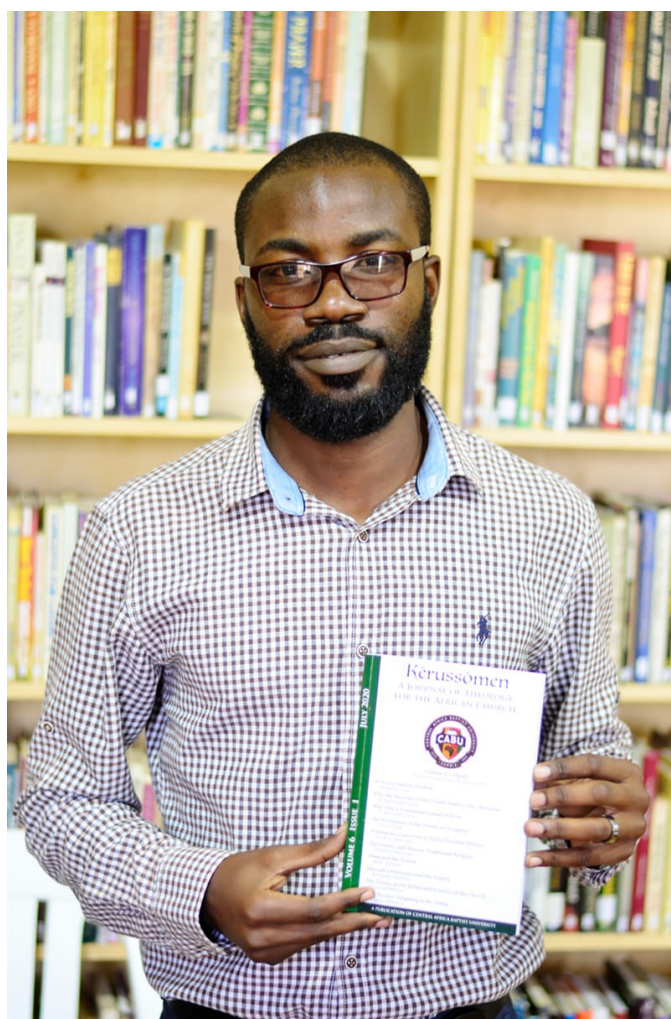
Religion

Largest Religion: Non-religious

Religion		Pop %	Ann Gr
Christians	606,775	45.30	-1.4
Evangelicals	65,726	4.9	0.5
Non-religious	723,308	54.00	

More Information

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