Sabbath School



Seventh-day Adventist Church

Mathare North



Church Bulletin

Sabbath School and Personal Ministry

1st of February, 2025

VISITOR INFORMATION

You are most warmly welcome to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Mathare North, Raila Odinga Road, off Outer Ring Road, Ruaraka Constituency, Nairobi.

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God bless you for coming to worship with us today. We'd be so glad if you would make this your place of worship.

Got questions? Please feel free to ask our welcome team at +254 790 400248. Welcome and God Bless you.



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Our Mission

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).

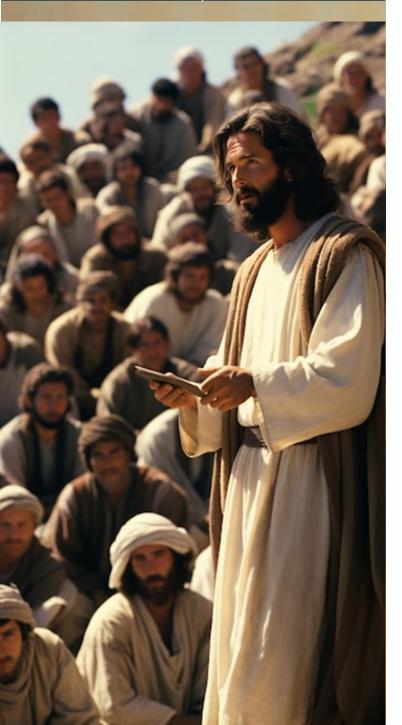
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PASTORAL MESSAGE

SABBATH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL MINISTRIES— DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES

Philosophy

The Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was established as a major setting for religious education in the Church. It exists to teach and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in response to the command of Jesus, in the context of the three angels' messages of **Revelation 14: 6 - 12.** To honour this original purpose, the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department continues to communicate the good news with the objective to win, hold, and train for Jesus Christ, children, youth and adults in all the world.

The Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department endeavours to motivate all members to dynamic Christian service with the conviction that "The church of Christ is organised for service" (MH 148), and "Every son and daughter of God is called to be a missionary; we are called to the service of God and our fellow men" (MH 395).

Recognising that "the Sabbath school work is important, and all who are interested in the truth should endeavour to make it prosperous" (CSW 9); that "the Sabbath school, if rightly conducted, is one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth" (CSW 115); and that "Every church should be a training school for Christian workers. Its members should be taught how to give Bible readings, how to conduct and teach Sabbath school classes, how best to help the poor and to care for the sick, how to work for the unconverted . . . There should not only be teaching, but actual work under experienced instructors" (ChS 59); the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department functions as the primary religious educational and training system at the local church level of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, whereby the majority of Seventhday Adventists world-wide learn the teachings of the Bible, including the tenets of the Church, and become motivated and equipped to share the gospel with everyone.

Desired Outcomes

Produce resources and programmes that are Christcentred, Bible-based, and user-orientated for the unions/attached fields. These involve a variety of modalities in emerging technologies and media that effectively engage audiences. They are presented through extensive and varied training media resulting in the following: 1. Bible Study — Regular individual and group study of God's Word, prayer, and other devotional practices.

2. Fellowship — Christ-centred relationships throughout every aspect of the weekly Sabbath School programme and an atmosphere of love and acceptance in church life.

3. Community Outreach—Discovery of spiritual gifts that educate, equip, motivate, and mobilise members in all forms of personal evangelism, and organised local churches to be transforming agents in their community.

4. World Mission—Expression and perpetuation of a clear vision of the Church's mission to the world.

In the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries are closely related departments, both focused on discipleship and spiritual growth, where Sabbath School primarily provides structured Bible Study and education, while Personal Ministries focuses on actively reaching out to the community and engaging in evangelism, with both working together to nurture new members and equip existing ones for ministry within the church.

Key points about their relationship:

Shared Goal

Both departments aim to develop mature Christians and actively involve them in the church's mission of sharing the gospel.

Complementary Functions

Sabbath School provides the foundational knowledge through Bible study, while Personal Ministries puts that knowledge into practice through outreach and evangelism. • Organizational Structure

At the church level, they operate as separate entities but often collaborate on initiatives and programs.

Leadership Coordination

The leaders of both departments often work together to strategize and coordinate ministry efforts.

Member Involvement

Ideally, members participate in both Sabbath School classes and Personal Ministries activities to fully engage in their spiritual development and outreach.

Source:

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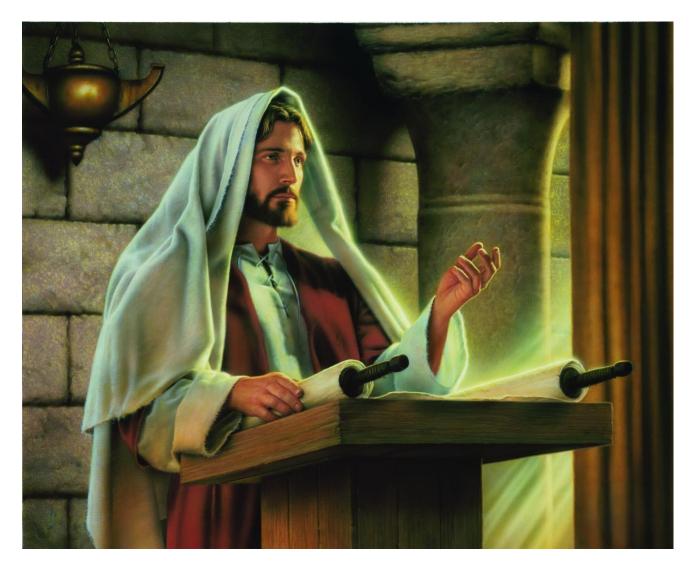
- 1. **WELCOME:** We warmly welcome you all to the Lord's house.
- 2. SABBATH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL MINISTRY DAY: Today is our Personal Ministry and Sabbath School Sabbath. You are all welcome.
- DEVELOPMENT: Collections for our Church Building project start today. A specific goal has been allocated to each Cell. Our contributions begin immediately.
- CHILDREN MINISTRY: Parents, we wish to remind you to begin paying for GYD T-shirts. Children T-shirts Ksh. 450/-. Adult T-shirts Ksh. 500/-. Please pay early. The Global Youth Day will be observed on the Sabbath of March 15, 2025.
- CHURCH CHOIR PRAYER AND FASTING SABBATH: Today, right after the sermon, our Church Choir will be holding a Prayer and Fasting Session at the school. All are welcome to take part.
- 6. **URGENT BOARD:** Church Board members are requested to meet briefly after the sermon.
- ALL MUSIC TEACHERS MEETING: The Music Department is organizing a meeting of <u>all</u> music teachers of all groups in church, from Adventurer Club to the Church Choir, next Sabbath, February 8, 2025 at 4: 00 p.m. Venue: school.
- FRIENDS OF CHOIR AND FRIENDS OF DEVELOPMENT: We welcome all who would be willing to join these two groups that bring together people who are willing to sacrifice financially for the benefit of our Camp Meetings and our Church Building Project. If interested in joining Friends of Development for the completion of our Church Building Project, please contact Elder Dan Carlmax Okendo @ +254721992840. If willing to join the Friends of Choir to plan for a successful Camp Meeting, please reach out to Jack Oriaro @ +254711896921. Rich blessings are up for grabs!

- 9. ALL CHURCH MEMBERS' WHATSAPP WALL: We now have a one-stop WhatsApp wall created purposely for wholesome and easy communication to all church members at a go. It is a read-only wall intended for communication of vital announcements and church News from the church administration. Please use this link to join this wall <u>https://chat.whatsapp.com/IJ2HibYqEaY6537664U</u> <u>Voi</u>
- ADVENTURERS' FUN DAY: Our Adventurers' Fun Day is tomorrow, Sunday, February 2, 2025. Venue: Arboretum. Charges: Ksh. 200/-, payable to teacher Calton Tel. 0740510174. Dress Code: Red Tshirts and track suits. Parents, please give the children enough packed lunch and water for themselves and their friends. Meanwhile, annual Adventurer Club registration is ongoing at Ksh. 200/- per child.
- 11. AMBASSADORS SOCIAL SUNDAY: All Ambassadors, even those not singing in the Ambassadors Choir are invited to the Ambassadors Social Sunday of tomorrow, Sunday, February 2, 2025. Venue: Kenyatta University Sports grounds. Charges: Ksh. 200/-.
- 12. CAR PARK JOB INTERVIEW: Interviews for the recently advertised Car Park positions will now be conducted at the school tomorrow, Sunday, February 2, 2025 from 9: 00 a.m.
- ELDERS ON DUTY NEXT WEEK: February 2 8, 2025: Elder Evans Nyang'au Bota, Telephone no: 0729 628 231 and Elder Ken Odhiambo, Telephone: 0721 845 359.

"An ounce of obedience is better than a ton of learning."— Charles Spurgeon



Yes. God will use it... Little is much when God is in it...



15 And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to **read.**

17 And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to **preach the gospel to the poor;** He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, **to preach deliverance** to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

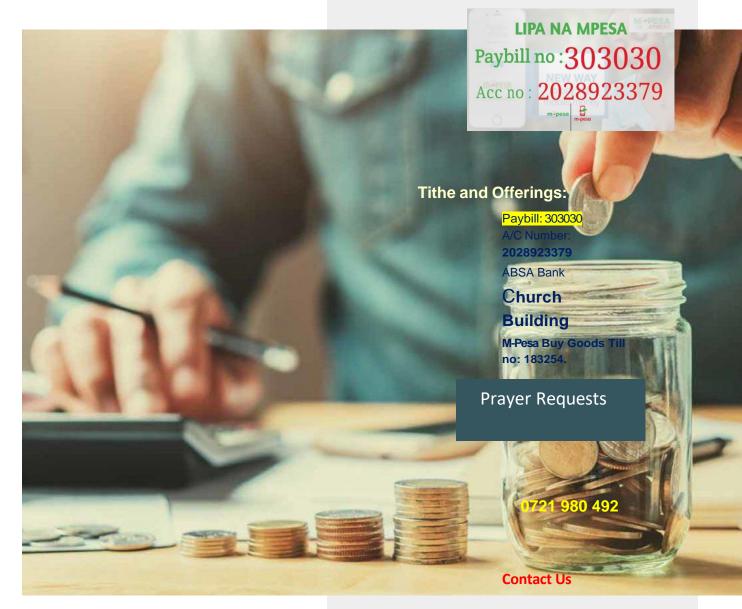
19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. 20 And He closed the book, and He gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on Him.

21 And He began to say unto them, **This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.** 22 And all bare Him witness, and wondered at the **gracious words** which **proceeded out of His mouth.** And they said, Is not this Joseph's son? – **Luke 4: 15 – 22, KJV.**



"But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

– 1 Corinthians 15: 10, KJV.



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Time	Program	Facilitator
8: 00 a.m. – 10: 00 a.m.	Sabbath School	S/School Superintendent Irene Odhiambo
10: 00 a.m. – 10: 15 a.m.	Announcements	Elder Jacob Opiyo/Church Clerks' Office
10: 15 a.m. – 10: 30 a.m.	Cells Division	Cell Leaders
10: 30 a.m. – 11: 30 a.m.	Praise & Worship	Elder Mishael Mariga
11: 30 a.m. – 1: 00 p.m.	DIVINE SERVICE	
	Theme:	
	Doxology	All
	Invocation:	Pastor Njoroge Mburu
	Welcoming:	Elder Barrack Lwendo
	Scripture reading	Jerim Okoth
	Hymnal	Irene Odhiambo
	Pastoral Prayer	Elder Elizaphan Oichoe
	Tithe & Offerings	Elder Jacob Opiyo
	Children's sermon	Teacher Irene Odhiambo
	Special Item	Jerim Okoth
	Sermon	Pastor Njoroge Mburu
	Closing Song	Jerim Okoth
	Benediction	Pastor Njoroge Mburu
1: 00 p.m. – 2: 00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK	
2: 00 p.m. – 3: 00 p.m.	Song Session	Choristers
3: 00 p.m. – 4: 30 p.m.	BIBLE STUDY	Pastor Njoroge Mburu
4: 30 p.m. – 5: 00 p.m.	Song Session	Choristers
5: 00 p.m. – 5: 55 p.m.	Departmental Meetings	Heads of Departments
5: 55 p.m. – 6: 05 p.m.	Closing Prayer	Elder Evans Nyang'au Bota

Pastor's Appreciation Sabbath, February 1, 2025

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 10, KJV.

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

5 And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

6 After that, He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, He was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

8 And last of all He was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and His grace which *was bestowed* upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.



Receive. Impart.

"Christ has bidden us, through the prophet, "Deal thy bread to the hungry," and "satisfy the afflicted soul;" "when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him," and "bring the poor that are cast out to thy house." Isa. 58:7-10. He has bidden us, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. But how often our hearts sink, and faith fails us, as we see how great is the need, and how small the means in our hands. Like Andrew looking upon the five barley loaves and the two little fishes, we exclaim, "What are they among so many?" Often we hesitate, unwilling to give all that we have, fearing to spend and to be spent for others. But Jesus has bidden us, "Give ye them to eat." His command is a promise; and behind it is the same power that fed the multitude beside the sea.

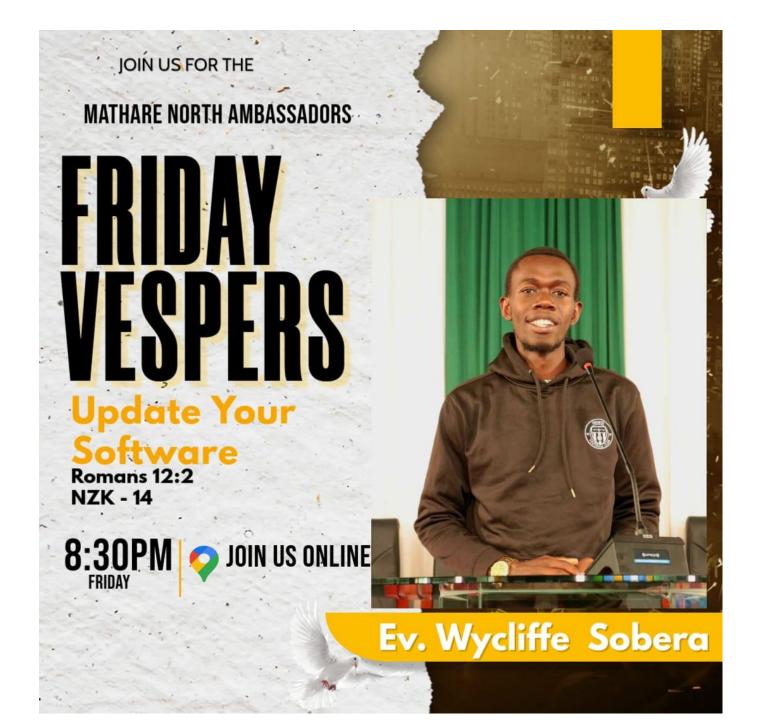
In Christ's act of supplying the temporal necessities of a hungry multitude is wrapped up a deep spiritual lesson for all His workers. Christ received from the Father; He imparted to the disciples; they imparted to the multitude; and the people to one another. So all who are united to Christ will receive from Him the bread of life, the heavenly food, and impart it to others.

In full reliance upon God, Jesus took the small store of loaves; and although there was but a small portion for His own family of disciples, He did not invite them to eat, but began to distribute to them, bidding them serve the people. The food multiplied in His hands; and the hands of the disciples, reaching out to Christ Himself the Bread of Life, were never empty. The little store was sufficient for all. After the wants of the people had been supplied, the fragments were gathered up, and Christ and His disciples ate together of the precious, Heaven-supplied food.

The disciples were the channel of communication between Christ and the people. This should be a great encouragement to His disciples today. Christ is the great center, the source of all strength. His disciples are to receive their supplies from Him. The most intelligent, the most spiritually minded, can bestow only as they receive. Of themselves they can supply nothing for the needs of the soul. We can impart only that which we receive from Christ; and we can receive only as we impart to others. As we continue imparting, we continue to receive; and the more we impart, the more we shall receive. Thus we may be constantly believing, trusting, receiving, and imparting.

The work of building up the kingdom of Christ will go forward, though to all appearance it moves slowly and impossibilities seem to testify against advance. The work is of God, and He will furnish means, and will send helpers, true, earnest disciples, whose hands also will be filled with food for the starving multitude. God is not unmindful of those who labor in love to give the word of life to perishing souls, who in their turn reach forth their hands for food for other hungry souls."

— Ellen G. White, The Desire of Ages, p. 369 – 370.



The relations between **God** and each soul are as distinct and full as though there were *not another soul upon the earth to* share His watchcare, not another soul for whom He gave His beloved Son.

STEPS TO CHRIST, P. 100



With JOOU Jall things are possible. MATTHEW 19:26 KJV Top-BibleVerses.com

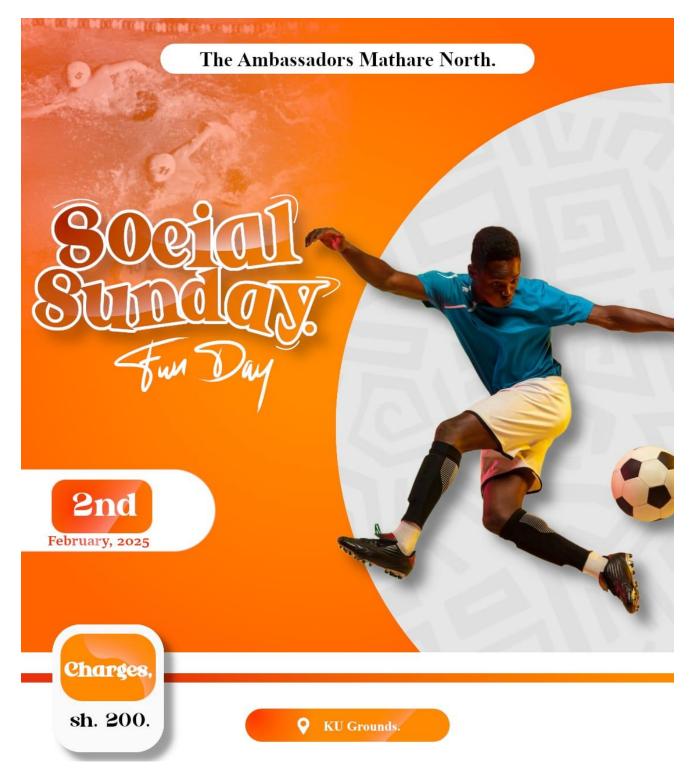


Pray,

pray earnestly and without ceasing, but do not forget to



PRAYER, P. 88



All Ambassadors are welcome!

The book of life contains the names of all who have ever entered the service of God.

THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, P. 480



"And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women <u>which laboured with me in the gospel</u>, with Clement also, and *with* other my fellowlabourers, whose <u>names *are* in the book of life</u>." – **Philippians 4: 3, KJV.** By beholding the scenes of nature, the works of the Creator, by studying God's handiwork, imperceptibly you will be changed into the same image.

> Ellen G. White COUNTRY LIVING, P. 14

"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord."

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- 2 Corinthians 3: 18, KJV.