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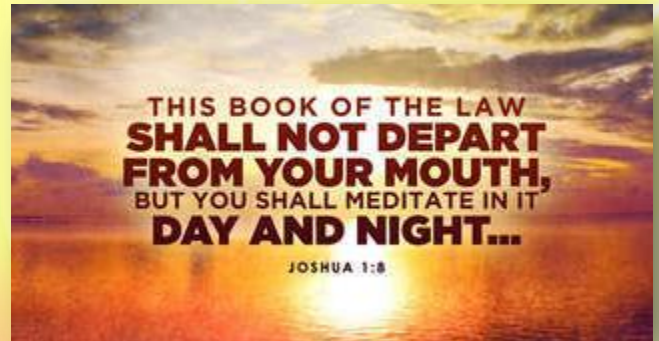
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FROM THE CHAIR

“Boldly live and speak the word” (Joshua 1:1-9)

As a young child and new Christian I boldly preached the Gospel as I had received it to my classmates. Later, as I young teenager I was too afraid to stand and state what I believed to my secondary schoolmates. I later rediscovered my lost boldness in my own upper room experience. Though fear grips me sometimes, I find myself continually strengthened by the Word and empowered by the Holy Spirit to boldly and confidently speak the word.



Everyone's experience is different. However, there is great encouragement to be learnt from the experience Joshua had as he took on the reins to lead the children of Israel into the promised land. The call to be bold, strong and of good courage is reiterated more than once in Joshua 1. We need to be willing to choose to be bold and strong as God's beloved children of promise. This strength is needed to enable us to do as the Lord commands us in His Word (Joshua 1: 7).

Joshua was commanded to keep the commands of the Lord in His heart – meditate upon them day and night and that this would make it possible for him to observe/ obey these commands. How often do we meditate on the Law of the Lord? To meditate on the Word we must have read or heard it enough for it to be registered in our memory. How often do we read or hear the Word of the Lord? So many things crowd our minds often and occupy our time thus making us place the Word of the Lord in the hind seat of our lives. For a child of the King, and a citizen of the heavenly Kingdom, this needs to be overcome.

How shall we do this? This can be done by choosing to be bold with speaking the word, by reading/hearing and meditating on the Word of the Lord as often as God gives the opportunity, by observing/obeying the Word of the Lord. But most of all, none of this can be possible without the in filling of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Let the Holy Spirit lead and guide us to be able to achieve the promises contained in the Word of God.

As a member of the Arusha Community Church family, you can be enriched by the various Bible study groups that meet through the week at different locations. As you study the Word of God individually and as a group you will start to see that the Lord empowers us by His Spirit to live by His Spirit and achieve the great promises He has for us. The seed sown by the Word shall sprout to yield good fruit in our lives- fruit that will last. Fruit that can be harvested to enrich the body of Christ and bring glory to the Lord. That is the mark of a community of believers.

May God bless us and keep us boldly speaking and living the Word in our daily lives!

Christine Ebong

Council Chair

Constantine Murett

ACC Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request and would like our members of our community to support you in prayer, contact the four key persons — if possible by SMS—and they will in-form the others from the prayer chain.

Erwin Kinsey 0754 480 184
Margaret Kenyi 0754 090 078
Susan Simonson 0754 266 559
Stella Karamuna 0754 281 337

New to ACC? Want to be introduced to other ACC congregational members? Not sure of our programs and activities? Want to be involved in some way, but not sure how? Want to receive Glad Tidings by email? Have a general question about Arusha that an old-timer may have the answer to?

Every Sunday, a member of council is available after the service to assist and to answer your questions. OR please contact ACC via our church phone +255 782 397 708 and/or acc.facilitator@gmail.com and you will be responded to as quickly as possible. Our ACC website www.acc.habari.co.tz also provides information as does our ACC pamphlet available at the church door.

As a congregation, we try to be welcoming to newcomers and visitors. But we also recognise that we are not always as welcoming as we might hope to be. If you are new to ACC and we have not reached out to you, please reach out to us and hopefully you will find a warm welcome and response.

No one

*will be able to stand against
you for as long as you live.*

**For I will be with you
as I was with Moses.**

I will not fail you or abandon you.

Joshua 1:5

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meets at ACC :

NA (Narcotics
Anonymous) meets:

Monday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Tuesday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Tuesday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Thursday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Thursday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Friday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Saturday 10:00am – 11:00am

**SERVE THE LORD WITH
GLADNESS; COME
BEFORE HIS PRESENCE
WITH SINGING.**

PSALM 100:2

Bible Studies @ ACC

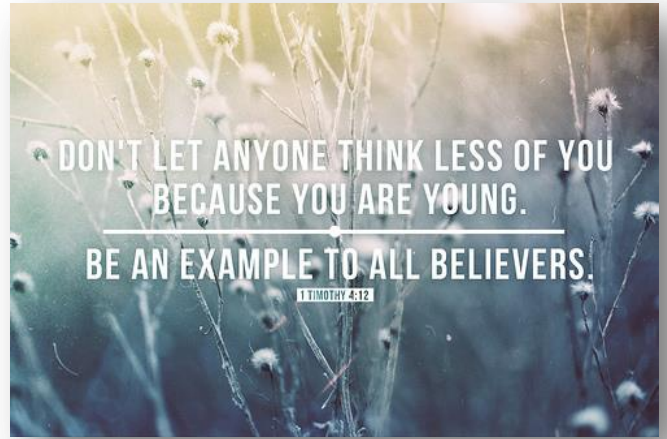
Every **Sunday Morning** – 09:15 to 10:15am

Every **Wednesday evening** from 06:00 to 07:00pm. The group uses a study guide to look at different Bible chapters each week. Please contact Monica Odede odedem@yahoo.com, phone 0756963021 for more details and information.

Ladies Bible Study – meet every second Thursday at individual homes. Please contact Linda Jacobson, 0754 021 842 for more details and specific locations.

News from the Confirmation Class

The Confirmation students have had a busy year! In January, Pastor Deborah Troester began her work in faith by teaching a class of two eager students -- Antonia and Rachel. By February, she was joined in teaching by Ronnie Eng, and two new classmates became a part of the group -- Doreen and Sanita. At a Sunday Service, Pastor Deborah and Ronnie were proud to distribute study Bibles to the four, little realizing that God was sending even more of His children to learn His Word. Harith, Leah, Maya, and Yuki joined the group soon after, and it was at this time that the Confirmation class began to prepare for a new program called "Scripture Skits."

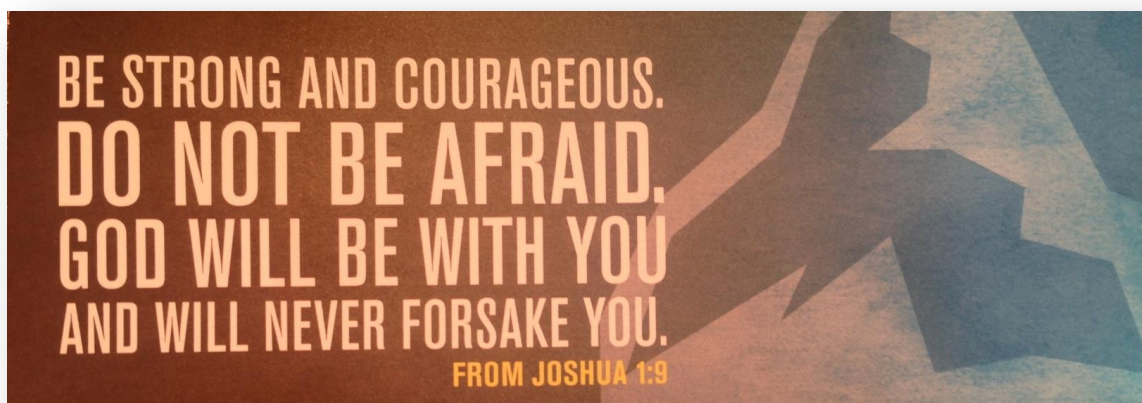


Scripture Skits is an opportunity for the Confirmation students to serve our congregation during the monthly Family Services by sharing their passion for God's Word and inspiring other brothers/sisters-in-Christ (whether young or old) to inscribe God's love letters onto the tablets of their own hearts (Proverbs 3:3). The group began with a double-feature on Trinity Sunday -- contrasting perspectives with Isaiah's Commission from the Old Testament (Isaiah 6:1-8), and the story of Jesus and Nicodemus from the New Testament (John 3:1-17). In June, the cast added two new members, Kelvin and Salama, in performing the two miracles where Jesus healed the sick woman and restored the dead girl to life (Mark 5). The final performance of the semester proved to be so compelling that another two boys, Joshua and Norman, expressed interest in joining the group -- bringing the total number to the symbolically full 12!

To further encourage the students in their progress, the second batch of students were presented with Bibles. As Ronnie reiterated during the Family Service presentation: (1) to the congregation, we are all called to change and be like children if we are to enter the kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 18:3-4), and (2) to the students, "do not let anyone look down on you because you are young... but because you are His children, everybody should look at you as an example... because of how you speak, how you act, how you love, how pure you are, and the faith that you have in Him." (1 Timothy 4:12)

The Confirmation students' response? "Until Jesus comes, we will speak, preach, and teach God's Word." (1 Timothy 4:13)

Children ages 11-14 are welcome to be part of the ACC Confirmation class. Please contact Brenda Kimaro, ACC Facilitator, at acc.facilitator@gmail.com or 0782 397 708 for more information.





Mission Statement: Arusha Community Church seeks to bring Christian praise and witness to God through worship, service and study. The congregation provides opportunity for Christian fellowship, service and witness, community outreach, personal growth and family growth. Recognizing the close link between worship and culture, Arusha Community Church has an inter-denominational ministry to the international community in Arusha.

ACC September 2015 Sunday Worship Services

Date	06-Sep	13-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep
Church Calendar	15 th Sunday after Pentecost	16 th Sunday after Pentecost	17 th Sunday after Pentecost	18 th Sunday after Pentecost
Service Type	Communion Service	Morning Worship	Communion Service	Harvest Festival (Family service)
Worship Leader	Alexis Kwamy	Steve McFarland	Penina Kariuki	Susan Simonson
Preacher	Dave Sullivan	Deborah Troester	Mark Jacobson	Gabriel Kimirei
Music	Linda Jacobson	Erwin Kinsey	Wilf and Barb Stout	Wendy Willmore
Sound	Edmund Ntwale	Eunpa Cho	Edmund Massawe	Joseph Kraft
Flowers	Yoka Bruinsma /Willingness	Erwin Kinsey	Helena Koster	Yoka Bruinsma
Ushers	Peter Feer / Dorice Cliuta	Hedrique Christopher / Roger Eliau	Oouer Muhoza / Peter Metili	Obeid Nickodemsasy / Senias Joseph
Duty Elder	John Kraft	Erwin Kinsey	Elizabeth Hudgin	Olivier Muhoza
Library	Ingrid Sangiwa	Elizabeth Hudgin	Charlotte White	Narola Mollel
Books	Betty Mgaya	Eliau Rogers	Peter Feer	Mkalla Janet Gideon
DVDs	Sion Mira	Eliel Gideon	Nancy Kimaro	Leon Veen
Scripture readings	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29
	Psalms 146	Psalms 116:1-9	Psalms 54	Psalms 19:7-14
	James 2:1-17	James 3:1-12	James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a	James 5:13-20
	Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:27-38	Mark 9:30-37	Mark 9:38-50

We, **Arusha Community Church (ACC)**, are an international, interdenominational, lay-led congregation. We are united in faith in Christ and worship in the English language. Services are held at 10:30am every Sunday morning, as well as on other special days of the Church Year. **Sunday School** for children is during church through the school year. **Adult Education** is usually held before the service at 9:15am.

For more information, please visit our **website** www.acc.habari.co.tz

Submission date for **Glad Tidings** articles, announcements, schedules, photos etc: 15th of September 2015 to **Fitsimt Dejene (Mrs.)** FitsimtD@ethiopianairlines.com. **Thank you, GT Team (Fitsimt Dejene & Esther Charles-Lampart)**