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INTRODUCTION

This quarter we shall study about LIVING AS I AM TAUGHT BY MY BIBLE. Because we are Christian ~~women~~ every thing that we do is a witness to others. We can be good witnesses or we can be bad witnesses. If we are following the teachings of the Bible we are good witnesses. But if we do not listen to the Word of God and follow His teachings we are bad witnesses. Others watch our lives to see if we practise the teachings of the Bible.

As we study these lessons we shall learn what the Bible says about living for Jesus. We will learn some ways that we can serve God in our communities, in our churches and in all the world.

The ^{SESSION} Programme Leader should plan well for the study of each lesson. ~~She~~ ^{HE} should study all of the ^{SESSION} programme each week. ~~She~~ ^{HE} should read all the Bible verses in each ^{SESSION} programme so that ~~she~~ ^{he} can help to explain what they mean.

Each ~~woman~~ should learn the memory verse before ~~she~~ comes to the meeting every week. Each ~~woman~~ should read all the ^{SESSION} programme for the week. If ~~she~~ ^{he} has a part, ~~she~~ ^{he} should learn it well. Every ~~woman~~ should pray that God will speak to ~~her~~ ^{him} through the ^{SESSIONS} programme.

~~2 Tim. 3: 16, 17~~ "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Tim. 3: 16, 17).

Theme For The Quarter: LIVING AS I AM TAUGHT BY MY BIBLE

Theme For Today: LOVING MY NEIGHBOR

Memory Verse:

" If we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us "
(1 John 4: 12).

Prayer

~~Session~~
~~Programme~~ Leader: When we study our Bibles we learn how Christians should live. Many of us will never travel to far away countries to tell about Christ, but we can live for Christ right where we are. Today we shall begin to study some helpful ways that we can witness and serve God in the place where we live. We should begin by witnessing to our families and relatives. Then others will listen to us because they have seen our witness in our homes.

PART ONE: THE COMMAND OF JESUS

Jesus commanded in Acts 1:8 that we should be witnesses for him " in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." The people who heard these words lived in Jerusalem. So Jesus used the name of their city. He wants us to witness in the place where we are. We should be witnesses for Jesus where we live first of all. How can we witness for Christ where we live? We can love our neighbours and find many ways to help them. Jesus teaches us in the Bible that our neighbour is anyone who needs help.

PART TWO: WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

Jesus teaches us in the Bible that we must love our neighbours. He said we must love our neighbour as we love ourselves. Sometimes it is hard to do this.

One day a man asked Jesus the question, " Who is my neighbour?" Jesus answered the question with the well-known story of the good Samaritan. Let us review the story that Jesus told. (Read Luke 10:30-37 at home and tell it in your own words to the ~~men~~ men now.)

PART THREE: FINDING OUR NEIGHBOURS

When Jesus finished the story, He asked the man some questions. " Who was the neighbour among the three men in the story? " The man answered, " The good Samaritan." Jesus said, " God and help those who need you like this Good Samaritan did."

Jesus showed us that a neighbour is not only one who needs help but one who gives help. Today we should help those who are in need in our community. When we as Christians do good to others because we love God, we are doing the work of God.

If we fail to help others in need, we are not doing all that Jesus commands us. The Bible says in 1 John 3: 18, " Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth. "

PART FOUR: LOVING OUR NEIGHBOURS

Read Luke 10: 27. How can we show our neighbours that we love them? They know we love them when we help them. Many people are hungry. We can share food with them. Many mothers are sick and unable to care for their children. We can help to take care of their children until they are well and strong again. If a neighbour dies, we can go to the family to help them.

Many people are troubled because of the bad things they do. We can tell them about Christ and the comfort that Jesus gives to those who believe on him. We can tell them about our church and invite them to come to worship with us. We can give their names to the pastor and ask him to visit them. Everything that we do for others should be done because we love them and because we want them to learn to love God.

Session
PROGRAMME LEADER: The Bible teaches that we should be good neighbours in our community. Our community is the place where we live. Our neighbour is anyone who needs our help. Let us all be looking around where we live for ways to help those who need our help physically and spiritually.

Discuss together these questions:

Who is our neighbour?

How can we find our neighbour?

What can we do to help our neighbours?

How did Jesus say that we should love our neighbours?

In the story that Jesus told, who was a good neighbour? Ask some ~~women~~ men to act out what they have understood are ways to love our neighbours.

Pray Today For:

Rev. ~~W. Kamuzangaza~~. W. Kamuzangaza, Karoi Baptist Church, Karoi

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+ Did some from your ^{B M F} ~~W. B. B.~~ attend the ^{B M F} ~~W. B. B.~~ Convention Last year.
+ this past week-end? Take some time for testimonies about
+ how God spoke to them at the Convention. Remember to pray
+ often for the new officers of our ^{B M F} ~~W. B. B.~~ Convention, ~~and~~
+ *The Director and Coordinators for the Department*
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14 April 1990

14 October 1976

Theme For The Quarter: LIVING AS I AM TAUGHT BY MY BIBLE

Theme For Today: VISITING THE SICK AND SORROWFUL

Memory Verse: " And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity " (Matthew 9: 35).

SESSION

~~PROGRAMME~~ LEADER: Our memory verse tells us that Jesus went about all the cities and villages teaching and preaching and healing the sick. He was often called to homes where there was sorrow and sadness. He healed the blind, and lame, those with diseases and those who were sick in their minds. He healed them because he loved them.

Today Jesus heals the sick. He also heals people who are sick spiritually. We understand this when we repent and receive Christ and have our sins forgiven. When we become Christians God wants us to help others to know that He can heal all who come to Him. We serve God by visiting and helping those who are lost and those who are sick and sorrowful.

PART ONE: PREPARING TO VISIT

Jesus said, " I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me. " (Matthew 25:36) How can we find those who are sick or sorrowful or in prison? Our visitation leader can give us names each week of persons who need a visit from a Christian friend. She can get these names from the pastor, deacons or others in the community.

We can best prepare ourselves to visit by remembering the reason for visiting. We want to share Jesus with those who need Him. We must prepare our own hearts so that we can visit in the name of the Lord. We should pray and ask God to give us the right words to say. We will want to take our Bibles with us and have some verses marked to read. We might take food, clothing, blankets, tea or soap to persons in need.

Perhaps the visitation leader will have all the ~~men~~ men to meet at the church one day each week to prepare their hearts to visit. The ~~men~~ men can read the Bible and pray together before they go to visit. Then the ~~men~~ men can go two by two to visit so that many persons can be visited on the same day.

PART TWO: VISITING THE SICK

When you go to visit a sick person remember that you want to make him feel better. We should not tell our own troubles to the sick person. We should talk softly about things that will make the patient feel happy. We should read some comforting verses from the Bible and pray for the sick person. We can find out if

there is work that needs to be done in the home and offer to help. Perhaps the house needs sweeping or clothes need to be washed. Perhaps the children need to be cared for or food needs to be cooked. Jesus said, "I was sick and you visited me. . . As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Matthew 25: 36,40).

PART THREE: VISITING THE SORROWFUL

We read in the Bible that Jesus was called to the homes of people who had died. Jesus brought comfort to those who mourned. We too can bring comfort to the families and friends of those in our community who have died. We can visit in the home and help with the work that needs to be done. We can cook for the visitors who have come to mourn. We can care for the children. We can help prepare the box for burying the body. We can show our love and concern for the sorrowing family by the good deeds that we do. We can read some verses of comfort from the Bible and pray quietly with the family. We may remain the whole night to bring comfort.

(Tell about a time your ~~SELF~~ has helped a family of one who has died. Tell what it meant to the family for Christian ~~men~~ to come and share their sorrow.)

PART FOUR: VISITING THOSE IN PRISON

Read Matthew 25:39-40. People in prison need our help. We can visit the families of those in prison. We can go with the wife to visit her husband in prison. Often when the father is put into prison there is no one to care for the wife and children. Even if someone is caring for them, the Christian can help also. We can help by taking food to eat and clothes for them to wear. We can take charcoal or wood for fuel.

We can help them not to feel ashamed and invite them to church. Perhaps we can walk with them to church so that they will know that we really care. We can give a Bible and Christian literature to the one in prison and assure him that we are praying for him. We can help him to know that God forgives sin. Jesus said, "If you have done it to one of the least of my brethren, you have done it to me."

SESSION
PROGRAMME LEADER: We can serve God right where we are by following the example of Christ. Jesus visited all kinds of people and helped them in many ways. We can show our love and concern for the sick and sorrowing and those in need by visiting. They might not come to the church for help, but because we are Christians we will go to them.

Ask questions to see that the ~~men~~ understand the lesson. Ask someone to be prepared to show how to visit a sick person.

SOME VERSES TO USE IN VISITING:

Psalm 23	John 14: 1-4	Romans 8:28	Philippians 4: 19
Matthew 6:25-34	Luke 11:5-13	Matthew 17:20	John 10:27-30
John 3: 16-18	Philippians 4: 4-7	Romans 8:31-39	

Pray Today For: Rev. and Mrs Adaabore J. Sugauke. MBizo
~~Baptist Church Kusekwe~~
~~Pray also for all our girls as they have~~
~~G.A. Focus Week next week.~~

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 ++ Next week is G.A. Focus week. What can your ++
 ++ W.M.U. do to help the G.A.s in your church? ++
 ++ If you do not have a G.A. in your church, you ++
 ++ should begin one. Pray that God will lead you ++
 ++ to a woman who will be the leader. Then you ++
 ++ should help the leader all you can. Perhaps ++
 ++ the women can help to buy G.A. Manuals and ++
 ++ programme books so your G.A. will have a ++
 ++ good beginning. ++
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Draw a ~~scriptural~~ line as a BMF
 for next session. The Apostle Paul
 tells us that perilous times shall come
 in the last days. We understand by
 this that it will be dangerous in
 these times for men's souls. Without
 question, we are living in these
 perilous times. It is time to
 arise and proclaim without fear,
 repent or perish! Only Bible
 repentance preaching will produce
 sin-killing, soul-saving,
 restitution revivals. And it
 begins with you!

Theme For The Quarter: LIVING AS I AM TAUGHT BY MY BIBLE

Theme For Today: KEEPING MY OWN LIFE PURE

Memory Verse:

" . . . know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. . . So glorify God in your body " (1 Corinthians 6: 19, 20).

Prayer:

~~SESSION~~ LEADER: As Christian ~~women~~ men we should live lives of purity. People who are not yet Christians are watching us daily to see if we are living as we are taught in the Bible. If we say that we are Christians and yet we do evil things, we are not good witnesses for our Saviour. Today we shall study some ways that we can follow to keep our lives pure so that others may see Jesus in us.

PART ONE: NOT SMOKING

We read in the newspapers and hear on the radio that doctors say tobacco is harmful to the body. In many places it is now a law that a warning of danger must be written on all packets of tobacco sold in shops. Still many people continue to smoke even though they know that it might cause their death.

Smoking uses our money in a way that does not honour God. It is like folding up money and lighting and smoking it or throwing it away without thinking. A Christian should not continue to smoke.

Smoking harms our bodies which the Bible says are now the temples of the Holy Spirit. (Read 1 Corinthians 3: 16, 17.) When we refuse to smoke because we are Christians, we will be better witnesses for Christ to our family and neighbours.

PART TWO: NOT DRINKING BEER

(Read Ephesians 5:18.) A Christian should never drink beer. If we say that we are Christians and yet we drink beer, our friends and neighbours will not believe what we say. We should set a good example before our ~~husbands~~ ^{wives} and children by refusing to drink beer or even to have it in our home. When we refuse to drink beer we show others that we honour God in our bodies.

We would not think of offering beer to Jesus if He was our guest. So we should not buy beer for any visitor in our home. Our bodies are the temples of God and we should not destroy them with evil drink. (PROV. 20: 1) (HAB. 2: 15)

Beer drinking not only harms the body but it causes unhappiness in the home. It causes husbands and wives to quarrel. It causes diseases which affect the brain, It causes one to lose control of himself. It keeps the family from having money enough for good food. Many times the father or mother will spend all their money on beer for their friends and there is none left to buy milk for the children. As Christian women we should never drink beer.

PART THREE: NOT COMMITTING ADULTERY NOR DIVORCING

(Read Exodus 20:14 and Matthew 5:31-32.) One of the saddest things that can happen in a family is for the husband or wife to commit adultery. Christian ~~men~~ ^{women} should not go about with other ~~men~~ ^{women} in the absence of their husbands. The Bible teaches that this is wrong. We should not use our bodies carelessly. If we use our bodies in this sinful way, we are not honouring God. Our bodies are not ours; they belong to God.

We must believe this important teaching of Jesus and teach our children to believe it. When the husband or wife commits adultery, they usually become divorced. This causes sadness and hardship to come upon the children in the family. Christian ~~men~~ ^{women} should love their ~~husbands~~ ^{women} and children. We cannot be a good Christian witness if adultery or divorce happens in our home. We should live together with our ~~husbands~~ ^{wives} so that they do not desire adultery or divorce. (Rom. 12:1)

PART FOUR: NOT GOSSIPING AND SPEAKING EVIL

The Bible has much to say about the harm we do others when we gossip. When we gossip, it is like putting a stick of a match on the grass. That little fire will spoil the whole bush. A little gossip can spoil a person's name and dignity. (Read Proverbs 20:19 and James 3:5.)

We must be faithful to others in all that we say and do. We must please God. Do not say things about your friends which you would not want said about you. When we say unkind things about other people we are committing a great sin. When we say that we are Christians and yet we say untrue or evil things about our friends and neighbours, we are not being good witnesses for Jesus Christ.

One of the Ten Commandments says, " Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. " If we remember that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, we will not want to use unclean speech. Jesus would not speak evil of others. We are created in the image of God and when we remember this we will try to live like Christ.

Session

PROGRAMME LEADER: People who do not believe in Jesus Christ now will never believe in Him unless we can show that He changes our lives. Every day we must live the Christian life before other people. Everything that we say and do is a testimony to our belief in God. If our lives are clean and pure, others can see it. Then when we speak to sinners about accepting Christ as their Saviour they will know that we are truly following Jesus.

PRAY TODAY FOR:

Rev. and Mrs. CHIKOO MABUKU BAP. CHURCH.
HARAKE

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+ Are all the ~~men~~ ^{women} reading their Bibles every day? Are they having
+ family worship with their ~~husbands~~ ^{wives} and children each day? Are the ~~men~~ ^{women}
+ leading their families in thanking God for each meal before they eat? These
+ things will help us to grow spiritually. +

Also remember to pray
for B.M.F. programmes, department and leaders.
Next week 29th is B.M.F. day of prayer and
Sunday Collection. We do Covet your prayers indeed,
and support.

Theme For The Quarter: LIVING AS I AM TAUGHT BY MY BIBLE

Theme For Today: HONOURING THE LORD'S DAY

Memory Verse: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8).

Prayer

Programme Leader: What should a Christian do on Sunday? Are there some things that we should not do? In this lesson we shall study what the Bible says about the Lord's Day. People who are not Christians are watching to see what we do on Sunday. If we honour God on Sunday, people who are not Christians will think that Sunday is an important day to us. We can be good witnesses in our community by keeping Sunday a holy day.

PART ONE: SUNDAY IS A DAY OF REST

The first mention of the Sabbath in the Bible was in the creation when "God blessed the seventh day. . . because on it God rested from all his work which he had done in creation" (Genesis 2:3).

God, by His own example, made the day holy and designed it for rest. God created us and He knows that our bodies become tired. So He gave us a day of rest from the kind of work that we do all week. We Christians rest on Sunday, which is the first day of the week, because Christ arose on that day. This day still follows six days of work.

The first Christians gave us the example of resting and worshipping on Sunday. (Read 1 Corinthians 16:2). Christians who honour God will not keep their shops open on Sunday. We should not plan to work on the Lord's Day. We should make preparation on Saturday so that we can rest on Sunday.

PART TWO: SUNDAY IS A DAY OF WORSHIP

(Read Hebrews 10:25.) The command is that we keep the day holy. This means that it is a day of worship. We need spiritual rest and food. The Lord's Day meets that need. We need to come to church to worship with our fellow Christians.

The Bible teaches that Jesus went regularly to the synagogue to worship. We can worship alone at home, but that is not enough. We need to feel the comfort and strength of praying with others. We need to hear God's Word preached. We need to help the other Christians in the work of the church. "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" (Psalm 122:1).

PART THREE: SUNDAY IS A DAY OF SERVICE

The Bible teaches that Jesus went about doing good on the Sabbath. He taught in the synagogue, He healed the sick and He helped others.

We can follow the example of Jesus. We can teach the Bible to our families and to others. We can teach in the Sunday School. There are so many people who are not Christians that we could teach in many different places each Sunday. We can visit and help the sick.

(Read Mark 2:27-28.) We can use Sunday to help others. It should not be a day of play. As Christians we will want to honour God by spending the day in worship and in service to other people.

PART FOUR: SUNDAY IS A DAY OF GIVING

(Read 1 Corinthians 16:2.) It is God's plan that Christians bring their tithes and offerings to church on the Lord's Day. When we bring our tithes to God on Sunday, it is a way of saying thank you for all the many things that we receive for ourselves during the week. How much is a tithe? It is one-tenth of our money. It is ten cents out of every dollar. (Read Mal. 3: 8-10).

We can also give our time. We can use our time to teach, visit and pray. We can thank God for the time He gives us during the week.

SESSION
PROGRAMME LEADER: Sunday is an important day for Christians. We can show to our friends and neighbours how much we love God by using Sunday as the Bible teaches. God allows us to choose what we will do on Sunday. We should teach our children to honour God by using Sunday wisely.

When we come to church, we should bring our children with us. 'If we leave them at home, they will think that God loves only adults. Unsaved people who are watching us should see that Sunday is an important day of worship for us and our families.

Discuss together these questions:

Who said that we should keep Sunday holy?

What should Christians do on Sunday?

Is it important that we worship with others in church on Sunday? Why?

PRAY TODAY FOR:

Rev. and Mrs. J. Griggs, ~~Port Victoria~~ ^{MASVINGO}. Pray also for the meetings of Baptist ~~work in this country~~ ^{work in many countries as they meet for the Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.} And as they are going to meet for the B.W.F. Congress

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Let us work hard to give a worthy offering this year as we have the Baptist ~~Women's~~ ^{Fellowship} Day of Prayer. Plan the programme well for this day and encourage all the ~~women~~ to come and bring a friend.

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5 May 1990
~~4 November, 1976~~

Theme For The Quarter: LIVING AS I AM TAUGHT BY MY BIBLE

Theme for Today: KEEPING GOD'S HOUSE (1 CHRON. 29: 5-18)

Memory Verse:

" For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good" (Psalm 122:9)

Prayer:

PROGRAMME LEADER: The church building should be the most important building in the community. It should be a reminder to all the unsaved people who pass by that they can find salvation through the message preached there. We can show our love to God by keeping our church building clean and attractive. We can witness to the community in the way that we take care of our church building. Today we will talk about some things we can do to help our church building be a witness to the community.

PART ONE: HOW OTHER PEOPLE SEE OUR CHURCH BUILDING

When people pass by our church building what do they see? Do they see dirty windows and a dirty garden? Or do they see shining, clean windows and pretty flowers growing near the church? A pretty, clean church building is a silent testimony to all who pass by. They will know that the people who worship inside love God very much. The church building should look so inviting that people will come to hear the message that is preached inside. God's house is even more important than our own so we should do all that we can to keep it beautiful.

PART TWO: KEEPING OUR CHURCH BUILDING CLEAN

When people enter our church building, do they see the floors swept clean? Do they see walls and windows that are clean? The most important time in the week is when we come to worship God. We should see that the inside of the church building is clean enough to honour God. If the people enter our church and see that it is dirty, they will say, " God is not important to these people. I think I will worship somewhere else."

We can help to make the church building look nice by bringing flowers to the meetings. We can bring cloths for the tables and see that they are kept clean. If you have glass in the windows, they should be washed often. Curtains at the windows should also be washed often. The floors and furniture should be swept and dusted each week. Books and papers left on the seats should be put away. Chairs should be arranged neatly.

If something is broken in the church, it should be repaired immediately. When people enter our church we want them to know that God is present. If they see that we work to keep God's house beautiful, they will know we love Him and He lives in us.

PART THREE: HELPING OUR PASTOR

God has called our pastor to lead His people. God has led our church to choose its pastor. We show that we love God and trust Him when we help our pastor. The members of the church show their love for the pastor and his family by the way they give. The way that we provide for our pastor's family is also a witness to the community.

If we know that our pastor's family is in need, we should quickly share with them. We should provide the very best that we can for our pastor. We can show our love and appreciation to our pastor and his family by our deeds of love. Often our kind deeds for them encourage them to do their best work for God.

(Read Gal. 6:6.) (Rom. 12:13) (1 Cor. 9:14)

PART FOUR: WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GOD'S HOUSE

Who is responsible for keeping the church building clean and attractive? Every member of the church is. But there should be a plan for working there. If the work is not planned, then no one will come and do the work. Sometimes the pastor has to clean the church building because the members did not do it. Perhaps the women's group could meet one day each week to clean the church building. Or perhaps each week two or more different people could come to work. The important thing is that everyone has a part in keeping God's house beautiful. Every church member should have a regular part in caring for God's house.

Session

PROGRAMME LEADER: Today we have heard how important our church building is to our community. If it is kept well, then it will be a ~~good~~ witness. But if we do not keep it clean all the time, people will know that we do not love and honour God as we should.

Let us remember also that when the unsaved people are attracted to our church building and attend our worship services they should find a warm welcome from each member. We should share our Bibles and hymn books with them during the service. We should introduce them to all the members. We should treat them with love and respect so that they will want to come again. Jesus said, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me. . . as you did it to one of the least of these. . . you did it to me" (Matthew 25:35, 40).

Discuss together these questions:

What is the most important building in the community?

Who is responsible for keeping the church building clean?

How can we show our love and concern for our pastor?

Are we doing the best we can to keep our own church building clean and beautiful?

PRAY TODAY FOR:

Rev. and Mrs. R. THONDHLANA RUGARE BAPTIST CHURCH.
HARARE

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+ It would be a good thing for the ~~women~~ ^{all} to plan a special day to come +
+ and work at the church. Discuss the things you can do to show your +
+ love for your pastor and for your church. Plan a special way to help +
+ your pastor and his family. +
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Theme For The Quarter: LIVING AS I AM TAUGHT BY MY BIBLE

Theme For Today: BEING LOYAL TO THE CHURCH

Memory Verse:

"I was glad when they said to me, ' Let us go to the house of the Lord! "
(Psalm 122:1).

PRAYER

Session
PROGRAMME LEADER: We have been studying in our past lessons about ways that we can be witnesses for Christ where we are. Because we are Christians we will want to follow the teachings of the Bible concerning our duties to God. The Bible teaches that worshipping together with others in the house of God is important. Today we shall talk about ways we can witness for Christ by being faithful to the church.

PART ONE: WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

In Hebrews 10:25 we read, " Not neglecting to meet together." We need to worship together. Just as our bodies need food so we need spiritual food. Every time we study God's Word we grow in our knowledge of the Saviour. We need the message of God's Word to help us live the Christian life. We should try to attend every service of the church so that we can hear all that is taught.

In Psalm 35:18 we read, " Then I will thank thee in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise thee." By singing, praying and reading God's Word we show our love for God.

PART TWO: TRAINING TO BE GOOD LEADERS

As we attend church faithfully we also learn to be good leaders in our church. The church needs Christian leaders who can teach and win the lost people in the community to Christ. The church trains people to teach in the Sunday School. It trains people to visit those who are lost. Deacons are trained to serve the church. Choirs learn music that will praise God.

We cannot learn to be leaders in the church if we only come a few times each year. We must come every week and learn to share the gospel with all the people in our community who are unbelievers.

PART THREE: PRAYING TOGETHER

We need to meet together as Christians often to pray for one another and for the work of the church. In Matthew 18:20 we read, " For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." When we read the Bible God talks to us. When we pray we are talking with God. There is power in prayer.

We have an important promise from God in John 9:31, ". . . if anyone is a worshipper of God and does his will, God listens to him." We share our troubles and sorrows with other Christians and then pray together that God will send comfort and strength.

eg. (In one church a woman came to the prayer meeting and said that her husband had beaten her. He told her she must return to the village because she was a Christian. The women promised to pray for her husband so that he would not send her away. The next week the woman was back at the meeting thanking God for hearing the prayers of the people.) The husband is still not a Christian, but he no longer refuses to let her come to church. (Read James 5: 7-11) also verses 13-20

PART FOUR: GIVING FAITHFULLY (~~11 Cor. 9:6-7~~) (11 Cor. 9:6-7)

We should be faithful in our giving to the church. If we come to church every meeting but refuse to give our money to God, then we are not honouring Him. The Bible says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). We receive things from God every day: our health, our homes, our food. Everything comes from God. We should give the best that we have back to Him. We can be witnesses for God in our own churches as we faithfully give of our money in His work.

Session
PROGRAMME LEADER: Jesus said, ". . . you shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). We are witnesses to our family and our church when we attend the services of the church faithfully. We need all the teaching and training that the church can give us. Also we can help to teach and train others. If children only went to school when they wanted to, they would not learn much. And if the teachers came to teach the children just when they wanted to, the children would soon go away. The school would not be important. The church is like that. If the members do not come often, they will not learn very much about God. If the leaders do not teach well, the members will soon go away. The church is very important. Every member must be faithful.

Plan together to make a reminder for all the church to:

WORSHIP

TRAIN

PRAY

GIVE

This might be an embroidered cloth or poster or whatever you think would be best.

PRAY TODAY FOR:

Dr. ~~and Mrs. C. Corley~~ ^{C. Corley}, Sanyati Baptist Hospital. Pray for all those who work at the hospital and for those who are patients there.

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+ We must continue to train our children in the way of the Lord. Are the +
+ Y.M.F.s, ~~and R.A.s~~ ^{and R.A.s} in your church meeting each week? +
+ Are more leaders needed for these groups? Ask God where He wants +
+ you to serve. Be willing to do whatever He leads you to do. +
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Theme For The Quarter: LIVING AS I AM TAUGHT BY MY BIBLE

Theme For Today: USING MY TIME WISELY

Memory Verse: "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psalm 34:1).

Prayer:

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PROGRAMME LEADER: How can we be good witnesses for Christ in the way that we use our time? God gives us twenty-four hours each day to serve and honour Him. If we use our time wisely, we please God. If we waste time, then we are dishonouring Him. Let us think today of some wise uses of our time.

PART ONE: LISTENING TO GOD

It takes many years for a baby to grow up and have the wisdom of an adult. Just so, it takes time to grow to Christian maturity. We must plan each day so that we use our time wisely and in a way that will honour God. In Psalms we read, "Be still, and know that I am God." God wants us to take time to listen to him. We should begin each day with a few quiet minutes in prayer and Bible reading. This will give us strength for the work we must do during the day. Jesus himself took time to go aside and pray to His Father in heaven. It was important to Jesus who was our Saviour to use His time to pray. Therefore, it should be even more important to us.

PART TWO: NOT BEING LAZY

Christians ~~women~~ should never be lazy. *(Read 1 Tim 5:8)* ~~In Proverbs 31:27 we read, "She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness."~~ If we keep our own homes clean and provide good food and clean clothing for our families we will not be lazy. If our homes are clean happy places, then our ^{women} ~~husbands~~ and children will want to spend more time at home.

(Read 1 Timothy 5:13.) This verse tells us that when we are lazy, we become tattlers and busybodies and we say things that we ought not to say. Working hard will help us to avoid the temptation to do these things. We should work well so that our homes will be a witness to our friends and neighbours. *(Read Eccl. 10:18) Heb. 6:12*
(1 Thess. 3:10, 11)

PART THREE: TRAINING OUR CHILDREN

Christian ~~women~~ must take time to train their children. In Proverbs 22:6 we read, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." We love our children very much. We should teach them to love God and to honour and respect the church. We should teach them to honour and respect their parents and their homes. As Christian ^{husbands} ~~women~~ we must teach them to be clean in their lives and in their habits. *(Read Prov. 23:22-26)*

We will be witnesses to our own children by the life that they see us live. Some ~~women~~ do not care about their children. They send them to play in the streets. Christian ^{fathers and} mothers must take good care of their children, they are a gift from God.

Read. Gen. 33:5, ~~Psalm~~ Psal. 127:3

PART FOUR: HELPING OTHERS

Christian ~~women~~ men will find time to do good to others. There are sick to be visited. There are unsaved people to be found and won to Christ. In James 5:16 we read, "Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another." Many of our friends and neighbours need a friend to come and talk with them and encourage them. Many have problems and they need the advice of a Christian friend. When we follow the teachings of the Bible and love our neighbours as much as we love ourselves, we find time to help those in need.

Session

PROGRAMME LEADER: Christian ~~women~~ men are always busy serving God. We can serve Him in our homes and at church. We serve Him by serving others because Jesus said, "As you have done it to one of these . . . you have done it to me." When we see Jesus face to face, we will want to hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." We can hear these words only if we spend every minute of our time in a way that will honour God. Jesus said, "Every idle word that man speaks an account will be given thereof in the day of judgment." We are responsible to God for every word that we say and every deed that we do.

Let us ask God to help us to spend our time in a way that will bring glory to Jesus.

Pray Today For:

Rupajena *Chegutu*
Rev. and Mrs. B. Muzanhamo, ~~Baptist~~ Baptist Church, ~~Hartley~~

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+ The year 1990 will soon be over. How many new +
+ members has your ~~church~~ *B.M.F.* had this year? Are the +
+ there ~~women~~ men in your church who do not come to +
+ ~~church~~ *B.M.F.*? What have you done to help these ~~women~~ +
+ men? This week visit one person who does not +
+ come to ~~church~~ *B.M.F.*. Invite ~~her~~ *him* to come with you +
+ next week. +

+++++ *Also remember to Pray* +
for B.M.F. Congress 25th-27th May 1990
You must come with many B.M.F. Men from
your Church.

Theme For The Quarter: LIVING AS I AM TAUGHT BY MY BIBLE

Theme For Today: USING MY MONEY WISELY

Memory Verse:

" Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. . . " (Luke 6:38).

PRAYER

Session
~~PROGRAMME~~ LEADER: The Bible gives many teachings about the wise use of our money. Two characteristics of a Christian life are love and stewardship. When we love God with all our hearts, we will cheerfully give our tithes and offerings to Him. Let us study today about witnessing for Christ with our money.

PART ONE: WHY SHOULD WE GIVE?

The Bible commands us to bring at least a tenth to God's house. " Bring the full tithes into the storehouse " (Malachi 3:10). God has given us everything that we possess. He asks that we give at least a tenth back to Him.

We should give because we love God. " For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son " (John 3:16). God gave us His only Son that we might have eternal life. What great love! If we say that we love God very much and yet we refuse to give our money to Him, we are not telling the truth. If we love God ~~much~~ and yet we refuse to give our money to Him, we are not telling the truth. If we love God much, we will give much of what we have. If our gifts are only a small portion of what we have, we show that we love Him only a little. We witness for Christ in the way we give our money. *(11 Cor. 8:1-5) Read.*

PART TWO: WHAT SHOULD WE GIVE:

Everything belongs to God, but we are allowed to use it. " All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the Lord's (Leviticus 27:30). *(Gen. 28:22)*

(Read Mark 12: 41-44.) The poor widow gave all that she had and her gift was pleasing to God. Perhaps we think that we are too poor to tithe. When we receive our money we should take out our tithe and put it aside until we come to church on Sunday. Then we can take the rest of the money and buy food and clothes. Many people buy all the things that they want first and then give the money that is left over to God. ~~If our husbands give us no money at all,~~ *If we are not working or unemployed,* perhaps we could sell the vegetables from our gardens and bring a tithe to the Lord. There is no one too poor to tithe. God does not require a large amount of money from everyone. But He does require the tenth of whatever we have.

PART THREE: WHAT GOD PROMISES TO US

When we give because we love God we receive a blessing. In Malachi 3:10 we have God's promise to give us such a big blessing that there will not be enough room to receive it. In Luke 6:38 we read, "Give, and it will be given to you." When we give generously and cheerfully we become strong Christians. We are more concerned about the work of the church and we will pray more for it. God has not promised to bless those who do not love and honour Him. He has promised to bless those who serve Him. When we give to God we will find that all our needs are supplied. God always keeps His promise. We can depend on Him to give us what we need when we obey Him. (1 Chron. 29:17) Read.

PART FOUR: HOW OUR TITHES DO GOD'S WORK

We should give our money to help others. The church should provide a good salary for the pastor. He is the servant of God and God says we should care for him. The church should help the needy in the community. How can they provide clothing, food and medicines for the needy if there is no money in the church treasury? If the church building is to be kept in a way that will honour our God, we must provide the money for the cleaning supplies. Our money can pay for evangelists who come to preach to the lost. We can buy literature and Sunday School lessons with the money we give. Christian men must set a good example by giving first to God and then providing for ourselves. Read (Matt. 16:16, 17)

Session PROGRAMME LEADER:

God wants all of us. He wants our time, our energy and our money. If our church is to be a witness in our community, we must be faithful in the way we use these three things. The Bible teaches us, "You are not your own, you were bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 6:20). Let us show God how much we love Him by giving the very best that we have to His work.

PRAY TODAY FOR: Rev and Mrs Ncube. Glen Norah Bapt. Church
Nine young people from America are working at Sanyati, Bulawayo, Salisbury and Triangle. These journeymen are helping in our Baptist Hospital, Publishing House and in our churches. Pray for them today.

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+ One month from today will be Christmas when we remember the birth of our Saviour. Can your W. M. U. help to plan a special Christmas programme for your church? Perhaps there is a needy person or family in your community that you should help this Christmas. +
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Some verses to use in Christian giving.
Giving to receive a blessing.
(Matt. 8:18, 28:9-11, Prov. 3:9-10, Mal. 3:10)
Giving to gain God's favor.
(Gen. 28:20, 22, Isa. 1:16)

Theme For The Quarter: LIVING AS I AM TAUGHT BY MY BIBLE

Theme For Today: CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Memory Verse:

" Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak " (Exodus 4:12).

Prayer

Session
~~PROGRAMME~~ LEADER: Today we shall study about our responsibility in the church. If we are baptised Christians and members of this church, it is our duty to do our best in the work of the church. It is the work of the church to help sinners to find salvation in Jesus Christ. It is also the work of the church to teach and to train all its members to serve Christ. There is something that every member can do in his church to serve Christ.

PART ONE: TEACHING

You can teach in the Sunday School. Perhaps you think that you cannot teach well. (Read Exodus 4: 10-12.) Moses was one of God's greatest servants. Yet he said he could not speak well. But God promised to give him the right words to say.

Of course, God expects us to do our part. A Sunday School teacher must prepare well. A Sunday School teacher needs to study her Bible very much. She must pray much. But that is what all Christians should do. If God wants you to be a Sunday School teacher, He will help you to do it.

PART TWO: VISITATION

The church should help the entire community, both the saved and the unsaved. Those who do not know Jesus need to be visited and told about His love.

The sick need Christians to come and pray for them and also to help in the work that needs to be done in their homes. Those who are hungry and cold need Christians to visit and bring food and fuel. Those who are mourning the death of loved ones need the comfort of a Christian friend. Sometimes people have troubles in their home and they need a Christian to tell them what God's Word teaches. This is the work of the church. Every Christian can visit for his Lord. Read (Psa 126: 5, 6, Prov. 11: 30, Dan 12: 3.)

PART THREE: PRAYER

Every church member can pray. Perhaps you feel that you cannot pray aloud before others, but you can pray quietly in your own home every day. No matter where you are you can pray. Prayer is power. If all the members of the church will spend some time each day praying for the pastor and for the church, they will soon see a strong, growing church. Read (James 5: 16, 1 Thess. 5: 25, 11 Thess. 3: 1)

Every Christian can spend time in quiet prayer for the lost people whom he knows. He can pray for the sick and sorrowful. God knows all that is in your heart. He even knows what you really want to pray for. Each day go where you can be alone and talk with God. *Read, ~~(Psa. 55: 16, 17)~~ (Psa. 55: 16, 17)*

PART FOUR: GIVING

Every church member can give. Our money helps the work of the church to grow strong. God Himself planned that Christians should give to the church. The tither gives back to God a tenth of his income because he loves God. He gives because he wants to see the work of the Lord grow. The happiest Christians are the ones who give because of their love to God. Ask a church member who tithes if he is a happy Christian. He will tell you what a blessing he receives because he is helping in the Lord's work.

Perhaps you will not be asked to teach. But every person is asked to give. God knows when we are being honest and truly returning to him a tithe. A leader in the church should be a tither. All Christians should be tithers.

Session
PROGRAMME LEADER: We have heard four ways that we can serve God in our church. There are many other ways. We can sing in the choir. We can help in keeping the church building clean inside and out. There is something that every man can do to serve God in our church. A good church leader is one who faithfully does the work which God gives him.

Discuss together these questions:

Name four things every Christian leader can do.

Who will tell us what to say when we teach?

Can every Christian pray?

Pray Today For:

Rev. and Mrs. ~~John and Mary Smith~~

E. MASEKO

GURUVE BAPT. Fellowships

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+ As we pray for our home missionaries, perhaps you would like to send +
+ them a Christmas card or letter. You can tell them you are praying for +
+ them and for the people in *GURUVE*. They will be very happy to hear from +
+ you and to know you are remembering them. Their address is Rev. and +
+ Mrs. ~~John and Mary Smith~~. +

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E. MASEKO GURUVE BAPTIST Fellowships
P.O. GURUVE.

9 June 1990
~~9 December, 1976~~

Theme For The Quarter: LIVING AS I AM TAUGHT BY MY BIBLE

Theme For Today: TELLING THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

Memory Verse: " Let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death. . ." (James 5:20).

Prayer:

~~Prayer~~ LEADER: One purpose of the church is to bring others to Jesus Christ as their Saviour. There are many people in our country who are not Christians. There are many in other lands who do not yet believe in God. It is the will of God that every person should believe on Him. Jesus commanded us to tell others in order that they might be saved and have eternal life.

PART ONE: WHY DOES THE WORLD NEED TO HEAR:?

We should tell others about Jesus Christ because there is no other way that ~~that~~ they can have eternal life. We read in John 3:3, " Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God. "

Acts 4:12 says, " There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. " If sinners do not hear about Jesus and believe in him, they will die and go to hell. " The Lord is . . . not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance " (2 Peter 3:9). When Jesus lived on earth. He chose twelve disciples to help Him in His work. Today if we are Christians we are His disciples too. We must carry on His work.

PART TWO: WHO SHOULD TELL?

" God into all the world and preach the gospel " (Mark 16:15). This was the last commandment of Jesus before He ascended into heaven. Everyone who knows Jesus Christ as their Saviour is commanded by Jesus Himself to go and tell others. Jesus tells us in Luke 14:23, " Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. " Every Christian can tell someone how to become a Christian. We should tell them what Jesus has done in our own life and how we came to believe in Him.

PART THREE: WHERE SHOULD WE TELL?

(Read Acts 1:8.) Jesus said we should witness for Him in Jerusalem, in Judea, in Samaria and in all the world. We should begin in our own homes and win every member of our families to Jesus. We should witness to our neighbours and those in our community. But we should not stop ~~there~~. It is the will of God that every person be saved no matter what his race or tribe. We should be ready at all times to witness to Africans, Indians, Europeans and all people. Jesus died that all people might have eternal life. Jesus wants us to live for Him and tell others how to be saved.

PART FOUR: HOW CAN WE TELL?

In John 5:24 Jesus says, "He who hears my word and believes him who sent me, has eternal life. . ." Therefore we must tell others what the Word of God says about salvation. Let us mark in our Bibles the following verses to read to the lost people whom we visit.

1. All people have sinned - Romans 3:23.
2. God sent his Son to save lost sinners - John 3:16.
3. A sinner must repent - Luke 13:3.
4. A sinner must believe on Jesus Christ - Acts 16:31.
5. A sinner must confess that Jesus is Lord - Matthew 10:32-33.
6. A sinner must obey God - John 14:15.

We can memorise these verses.

~~We have memorised all those verses in order to wear our W.M.U. uniform.~~

We can use them even when we do not have our Bibles with us. Study them often so that you can answer any questions that the unsaved person may ask you about the Bible concerning salvation. We must also tell how we saw our own need for salvation and what Jesus has done in us.

Session

PROGRAMME LEADER: The Bible teaches that there is no other way under heaven that a man can be saved except that he believe in Jesus Christ. When we fail to tell sinners about salvation in Christ, we are sinning. The Bible says, "Therefore to him that knows to do good and does it not to him it is sin" (James 4:17). The Bible also teaches, "He that wins souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30). Let us be faithful to follow our Lord in telling the good news of salvation.

Pray Today For:

Rev. and Mrs. S. Nyemba, ~~Monomotapa Baptist Church, Gwelo.~~

BAPTIST Theological Seminary
Gweru

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Have you chosen your Nominating Committee to nominate officers for your W.M.U. for 1977? Now is the time to choose new officers. Then they will have time to prepare before they begin their work in January. Pray that God will lead your W.M.U. in this important thing.

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Theme For the Quarter: LIVING AS I AM TAUGHT BY MY BIBLE

Theme For Today: STUDYING MY BIBLE

Memory Verse:

" Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it! (Luke 11:28).

Prayer

Session
PROGRAMME LEADER: For three months we have been studying how the Bible teaches that we can be good witnesses for Jesus. Today we shall study about the importance of Bible study in our Christian lives.

PART ONE: LEARNING ABOUT GOD

The Bible is the only book that contains the Word of God. A Christian wants to learn all that he can about Jesus. When we become Christians we become children of God. We want to learn all we can about our heavenly Father.

We cannot be good witnesses for our Saviour if we do not know the teachings from the Bible. (Read 2 Timothy 2: 15.) Can you imagine a child not knowing anything about his parents or listening to their teachings? A child of God will learn everything he can about His Heavenly Father and he will listen to His teachings.

PART TWO: RECEIVING POWER FOR LIVING

The growing Christian needs to read the Bible and let God speak to his heart. When we read the Bible God speaks to us. If we do not have proper food to eat each day, our bodies will become weak and we become sick. In the same way, when we do not have proper spiritual food each day our spiritual lives become weak and sick. Then we are not good witnesses for Christ.

In Psalm 119:11 we read, " I have laid up thy word in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." God's Word gives us strength to resist temptation. We must read it every day.

PART THREE: LISTENING TO GOD

When a person becomes a Christian he no longer acts like a sinner. He will want to follow the teachings of Jesus in everything that he does. How do we know what Jesus wants us to do? We can find the answers to all our questions in the Bible. (Read 2 Timothy 3:16.) Also in John 5:39-40 we read, " You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness to me; yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life."

Jesus himself studied the scriptures and taught God's Words to His disciples. We should daily study His teachings for our lives. But as Jesus teaches us, Bible reading does not give us life. Only Jesus can do that. He wants us to study our Bible so that we can learn of Him.

PART FOUR: TRAINING OUR CHILDREN

We parents are responsible for what our children learn. In Ephesians 6:4 we read, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Parents need wisdom to guide their children as they grow. Children ask many questions. Parents should give them answers that honour God.

When Jesus was a little boy on earth, He studied the Old Testament. Every Jewish parent taught God's Word to his children. It is important today that we parents teach our children to love and respect the Bible and to follow its teachings. They will learn to love the Bible if we love it and read it to them every day.

PART FIVE: TEACHING THOSE WHO CANNOT READ

In every church and community there are those who cannot read. Those who have become Christians want very much to learn from God's Word. It would be a very good thing for Christian ~~women~~ men to teach others. Perhaps you can give one day each week to reading the Bible to ~~women~~ men who cannot read. You would also learn as you teach others. You could help them to memorise some verses so that they would always have some of the Bible in their hearts.

Segue

PROGRAMME LEADER: The Bible is the Christian's book of instruction. We find the answers to our problems by reading it. No other book can teach us how to live the Christian life. We are good witnesses for our Saviour when we study our Bibles daily. We also witness when we help others to find answers to their needs in the Bible and in knowing Jesus.

PRAY TODAY FOR:

Musiya wa *Kadoma*
Rev. and Mrs. ~~Madema~~, Rimuka Baptist Church, ~~Gatema~~.

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+	Is your <i>B.M.F.</i> planning to help a needy family this <i>year</i> year ? It	+
+	is good to help those who have physical needs. It is even better to	+
+	help those who have spiritual needs. Perhaps your <i>B.M.F.</i> could	+
+	buy a Bible and give it to a lost person. Or you could give a Bible	+
+	to a young person in your church who does not have one, or to a new	+
+	Christian who does not already have a Bible.	+
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Session 12

23 June 1

Theme For the Quarter: Living as I am Taught
my Bible.

Theme For Today: How to win your friends for
Christ.

Memory Verse: "And you will know the truth, and
the truth will make you free" (John 8:32)

Prayer:

Session Leader:

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(Read Rom. 6:23)

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"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matt. 12:34) If Christ dwells deep down in our heart by faith, we will make much of Him when the opportunity of witness arrives, and the Holy Spirit will see that we have opportunities if He knows that what we are, what we do, and what we say will exalt the Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Lord Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work?"

(John 9:4) Surely we feel this divine compulsion. No man will do anything really great until he feels that he must.

This is the reason for lingering, in this session on this matter of an abiding concern for the Salvation of others! When this passion, this hidden fire takes hold of your life, you will earnestly seek deliverance from sinful bashfulness, pride, and the common excuses for not doing this work. Meet your need and use your witness.

Lord, lay some soul upon my heart and love that soul through me. That I may nobly do my part to win that soul for thee!

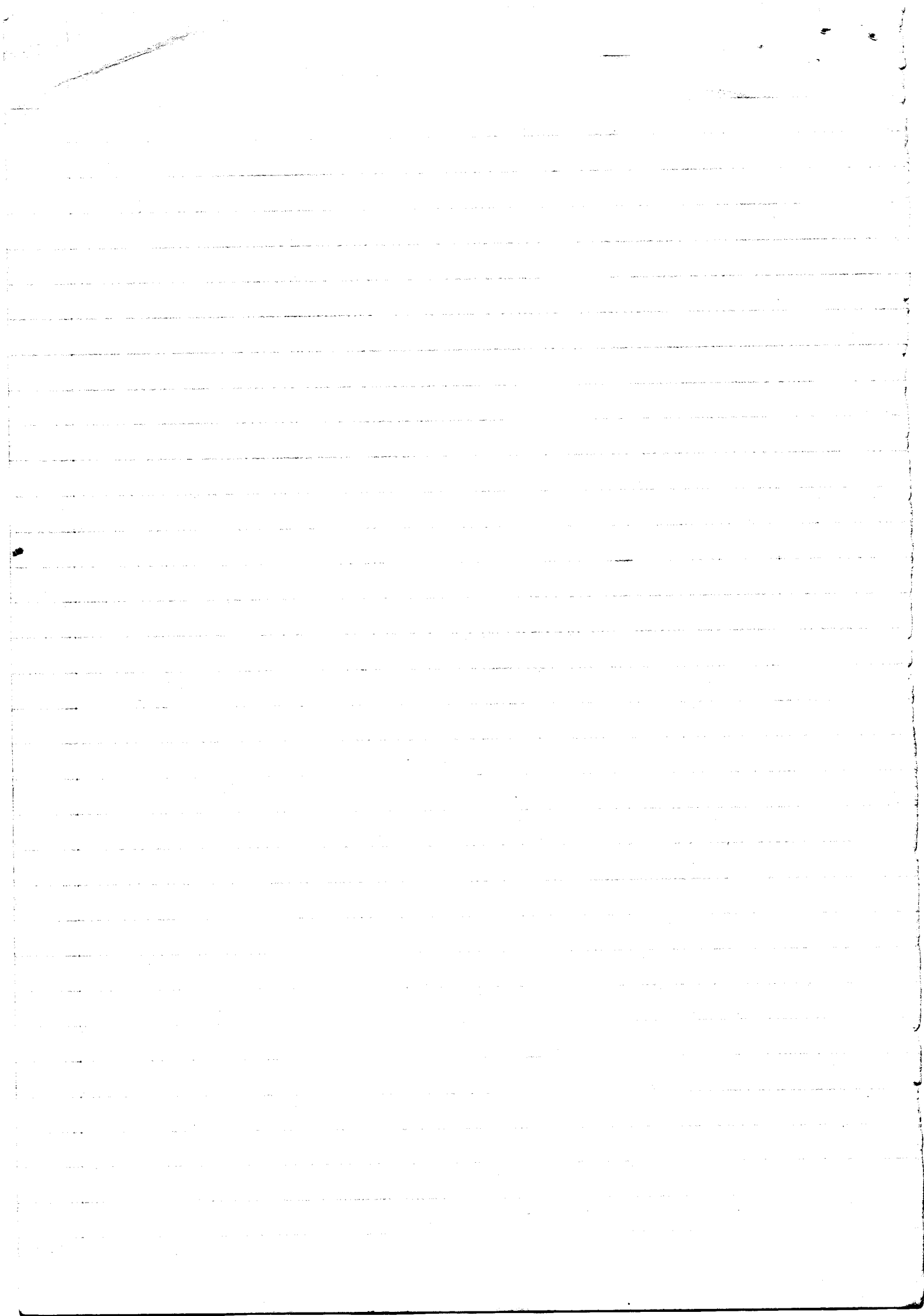
Session Leader.

Actions will often speak louder than words, and are a vital means of making contacts for Christ. Use every ability you possess and bring in the ability of your Christian friends, to prove your genuine interest towards those you would win for Christ.

Pray to day for:

Rev. and Mrs D. Sherem

Kurwadana Baptist Church.
Harare.



Session 13

30 June 1990

Theme for the Quarter: Living as I am Taught by my Bible.

Theme for today: You must know Truth To Refute Today's Cults.

Memory Verse: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psa. 119:105)

Prayer.

Session Leader.

It is important for every Christian to know exactly what he believes. Then he will not only be strong in his own spiritual life, but he will be able to recognize and to refute false doctrine.

~~Part One~~

Part one: What do you believe?

Do you know what you believe? If someone were to ask you to put down under ten headings the essential foundations of your faith. What you believe and your relationship to God, what you believe about eternal destiny, would you be able to do so? If you visit the churches in the community, one by one and listen what is preached from the pulpit, are you able to tell which churches are true to the faith and which are not?

When you receive religious literature and read it, are you able to tell whether it is a true and proper interpretation of the Bible? As you listen to the preacher through television or radio, can you tell whether is a true messenger of God or a messenger of Satan? Do you know - really know - what you believe?

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Chead. Isa. 45:18, Matt. 28:19, Psal. 19:1-6,
John. 1:1-5. Job 38:1)

Part Two. The Devil is Busy.

These are days of great deception. There seems to be little question but the age in which we ~~of~~ live is rapidly drawing to a close.

The Devil is multiplying his efforts to deceive and mislead people.

One of the Devil's sharpest tools to ensnare and to damn is Counterfeit religion.

Contrary to what many believe.

The Devil's main strategy is by way of imitation or fraudulent belief.

The Devil is able to ensnare the unwary and the ignorant into pits of eternal death.

"Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the later times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons." (1 Timothy 4:1) (1 Cor. 4:4, 1 Cor. 10:20)

Part Three. Early Creed.

It is important for every Christian to ~~know~~ know exactly what he believes. As he does, he will be strong in his own spiritual life, and he will be able to recognize and refute false doctrine.

In the early days of the Church, there was what was known as "The Apostles Creed"

This was a brief Compendium of essential belief which every Christian memorized.

It was an easily memorized statement of belief. It was used by those who could not read.

Part Three Cont.

There was no place for proof texts of the Bible. Almost all the cults fail to give the proper place to the Lord Jesus Christ, first as the Son of God, and then as the only Saviour of the world. (Read. Acts 4:12) (1 Tim. 3:6, 1 Pet 1:21, Psa. 14:7, 14, Rev. 22:18-19).

Part Four Importance of Church.

The Church is a simple organization. The name itself, "ecclesia" which means a "called out" body of people. Here are people who have come to know Jesus Christ in His regenerative power and who live the new life before others, and seek to win others to the Saviour. In fact, there can be no Church without the centrality of Christ, the presence of regenerated Christians, and edifying ministry of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, Bible. (Read. Matt. 18:20, Matt. 16:18, Acts 2:42-47, Eph. 3:3-9)

Session Leader

The Bible affirms the reality of heaven and hell. The Bible shows clearly that this life is but the briefest span between two eternities. God in rewarding the unselfish lives of godly men and women must result in a heaven of surpassing bliss and honor.

(Read Jhn. 14:2, Psa. 23:6, Matt. 25:41)
Pray today for. Rev and Mrs. Zengyama
Gutu Baptist Church.

