



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

13/09/2026

Valley of Dry Bones

Excerpt of Bruce's message
dated Sunday 06/09/2026

Reading: **Ezekiel 37**

The conditions described in this chapter is a reflection on the State of Israel. The nation with so much expected of them had stumbled and the people were as good as dead man's bones.

The Lord asked Ezekiel the question, can these bones live again? He prophesies and the bones were re-assembled, sinew, flesh and muscle were wrapped around the skeletal remains and God breathed life into it so that it came alive. God promised Israel that although the nation had squandered their mission, He would bring them back to their ancestral homeland. The Jews were scattered among the nations, they were hated and hounded by the Gentile nations until in 1948 they returned and a revived Israel took their place among the family of nations.

The hostile forces have again threatened their survival. **Ezekiel 38** contains an unfulfilled prediction that Israel will face Russia, Iran, Turkey, Franco-German armies, including North African Arab states that will attack Israel when they (Israel) feel secure and safe.

Analogy

While the dry bones narrative of Ezekiel pertains to Israel and not the church, it serves as an analogy of our condition—**Ephesians 5:14-17** *"This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."*

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SERMON TOPIC:

Stand your Ground

Reading: James 4:7-17

Valley of Dry Bones continues/...

So like Israel's need of restoration you and I need to call on our Lord to renew our purpose to live as those redeemed and brought back from spiritual death.

NOTE:

In addition to Israel's revival, I also described Israel's arch-enemy Islam as being a double-headed snake that seeks Israel's demise. Islam is divided into Sunni and Shia sects.

The Sunni believe that Abu-Bakr was Muhammed's successor, but the Shia

group of Iran believe that Iman Ali ibn Abi Talib, the cousin and son-in-law of Muhammed was his successor. This division of Islam is the reason why the Arab Nations are currently in conflict over Israel's right to self-determination.

Donald Trump's initiative to unite Sunni Muslims with Israel is called the Abrahamic Accord and Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner, including Tony Blair, make up a "Peace Board" who hope to broker peace in the Middle East.

It seems like the ancient prophecy of Ezekiel is on the brink of fulfillment.

Proclamation

I believe the Bible is the Word of God. I will live by it, proclaim it and defend it.

Sola Scriptura—the Bible alone



It is always a wonderful comfort to those in trials and tribulations to know others are praying for you. Please advise us should you wish to add a name to the prayer list.

Chris van der Mescht, Pierre & Jenny Jooste, Rosemary

Franco, Nella Ward, Elizabeth & Martin Prinsloo, Erna Rossouw, Adrian Le Roux, Doffie Eke, Miranda Paulson, Cindy Stirk, Susan Zerbst, Marcelle van der Merwe, Henry Dillon, Marie Fourie, Gary Elliott, Wena Matheson, Graham Smith, Robert, Riana Brown, Linda Seeger, Dee Richards,

Vernon Ristow, Daantjie, Rosa Dunn, Shiela van der Merwe, Mae Richards, Valerie Dunn, Michelle Deyzel, Allan Stephens, Gloria Hogg, Laura Krause, Andy Wait, Peggy Kleve, Miranda Paulsen, Adele Endley, Sandra Wait, Julian Axon, Eileen & Peter Milton, Jenny & Clive Ladds, Lucy Dell, Baby Mason Terblanche, Una Hall, Alva Wenning, Rassie & Lynette Erasmus, Myrna Cherrington, Anamarie Burger, Esmarie Lindsay, Sandra Singer, Cecily Chase, Neil & Christa du Toit, Derek Gunston, Chantal Davidge, Cecelia & Jimmy Burton,

THE EFFECTIVE
servant
PRAYER
OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN
awaits much
James 5:16

DAY	EVENT
Wednesday Weekly 	Wednesday Knock & Drop & Library from 9:00am to 12:00pm. <i>The WA Committee/work party team and Elzunia look forward to seeing.</i>
Thursday—Weekly 	Thursday morning BIBLE STUDY We gather at @ 9:00am for fellowship and tea/coffee. The Bible study commences at 9:30am. Radio transmission on FM99.2 is provided for those within 2km radius of St Davids. Notes are provided, bring your Bible and a pen. Everybody is welcome to attend.
Sunday 	Sunday morning service @ 9:00am. Join us for fellowship tea in church hall after the service Communion is served on the first Sunday of every month.
Sunday 	SUNDAY SCHOOL & TEEN CHURCH @ 9:00am Parents encourage your children and teens to attend during the school term. For your information the term lesson plan for the Sunday School & Teen Church is up on the notice board for your perusal.
APPOINTMENTS 	To avoid disappointment we respectfully request and encourage you to please telephone the office 041-3601127 to make an appointment should you wish to see the minister. Thank you.
OFFICE INFO 	Please note that the church contactable office hours are: Mon—Frid 8:30am—3:00pm St Davids Business WhatsApp No: 081 047 0935 After Hours Emergency Number : 083 517 0957

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St Davids Congregational Church

Nedbank, Greenacres,

Branch No: 126817

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Thank you for your faithfulness.

SMALL CHANGE TIN

That small change that seems to clutter up your wallet or purse and seems worthless can make an amazing contribution to the lives of people when it is collected and used wisely. **Please continue to support this project.** There is no time frame on the return of tins—when its full bring it in and collect another.

We have banked to-date

R13 890.00!!!!

Thank you for participating—please continue to support this project.

Tins available, ask a Deacon for assistance.



TIME TO REFLECT BEFORE THE SERVICE

**Please observe silence
5 minutes before the
service in order to give
folks time for quiet
reflection.
Thank you.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in ONE GOD, the TRINITY FATHER, SON and HOLY SPIRIT.

I believe that salvation is by GRACE through faith alone.

I believe in the Sacred Word of God, the BIBLE.

I believe that all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour are immersed into one body the church.

I believe in the HOLY SPIRIT who resides in all believers.

I believe in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of fellowship, peace and love.

I believe the Hope of all believers is the return of Christ our Lord.

I believe in the eternal promise of life everlasting.

I am a Christian and make this confession in the power of the Spirit of Truth.

Our 9:00am SUNDAY

in brief



A warm welcome by our Deacons as you arrive.



We sing hymns and choruses and praise our Lord and Saviour in song.



A few reminders of events / announcements to take note of.



First Sunday of a month we offer communion – All who name Jesus Christ as their Saviour are welcome to partake.



An offertory is taken by our Deacons during the service.



A Bible-based sermon will be presented by the minister.



We close the service with song and/or a benediction or doxology and greet you on your way out.



You are most welcome to join us for tea/coffee and fellowship after the service in the Ron Aston Hall.



FM99.2

The service is also transmitter via radio link & can be received within a 2.5km radius of St Davids