

FEB 2025

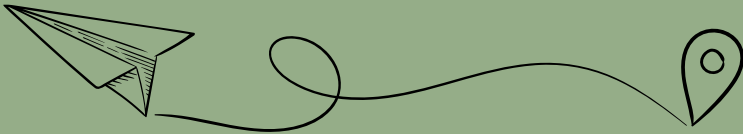
# The Berean



## CHRISTADELPHIAN

Vol 002

**The body of Christ in Africa and the world should  
be a body that focuses on enlightenment and  
encouragement in the scriptures.**



...they received the word with all readiness of  
mind, and searched the scriptures daily,  
whether those things were so."

**CHRIST IS COMING SOON AND WILL REIGN ON EARTH**

# WAITING PATIENTLY

BRO BOB BENT

*Austin, Texas Ecclesia*

We come this morning to reflect on the Lord's sacrifice and we are told to do this till he comes. So it is safe to say we wait for his return with anticipation. But what do we do and what does it mean to wait on the Lord. We shall look into this this morning as we contemplate the emblems before us.

I oftentimes remember with fondness, our young brother Francis Chingwalu from the Chikanda Ecclesia saying in his strong Chichewan-English accent, "wait Brother". You see We, or I would say Im from a society where we raised with the notion of time is money and time waits for no one. Therefore we often see waiting as a waste of time or an inconvenience that can be annoying if our immediate needs are not met.

Case in point, almost every household in the western world has a Microwave oven. We use that microwave far more than we ought but it has become a necessary tool in most of our household. Why? Well, It heats up and in some cases cooks our meals in minutes rather than hours. It a device we come to depend on as it makes our time to eat quicker than normal. We have to get that food eaten so we can move on to the next task.

We use Fed Ex, or Federal Express as a way to get mail and documents to their destinations quickly, hence the word Express! No time to wait. We have super highways we go from point A to Point B by motor vehicle at speeds up to 80 to 120 Km/hr (75 to 90 MPH) if not faster. No confession needed here. We use Jet airplanes to go between countries or cover very large distances. Why? Because we need to get to our destination very quickly, no need to wait.

Whereas with our brother there and others form the same region waiting is something they have come to embrace. A sometimes hard lesson I have to learn while there is to shift my mindset to slowing things down and wait. Waiting for brethren and sisters to arrive at the meeting spot, waiting for meals to be prepared on wood burning stoves or fireplaces and things of that nature. So we see that the thought of waiting takes on different aspects as our cultures Geography and environment shape how we view waiting and how well we adapt and continue life.





The scriptures provide some comfort and inform on waiting its effect on our lives and wellbeing. Let us see what we are told about patience and waiting.

**(Gen 49:17)** Dan shall be a serpent in the way, a viper by the path, that bites the horse's heels so that his rider falls backward.

**(Gen 49:18)** I wait for your salvation, O LORD.

**(Gen 49:19)** "Raiders shall raid Gad, but he shall raid at their heels.

Here Jacob conveys the blessings and admonishing to his twelve sons and so Dan is seen as a kind of hinderance to that enemy of Dan and therefore Dan is poised to come upon him in subtly as a serpent pounces at the heel of the horse and we know other passages that horses signifies a nation's leader at war but Dan will subtly destroy his enemy. like us waits on salvation from Yahweh.

We see some evidence of this in the following passages:

**(Jdg 18:26)** Then the people of Dan went their way. And when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his home.

**(Jdg 18:27)** But the people of Dan took what Micah had made, and the priest who belonged to him, and they came to Laish, to a people quiet and unsuspecting, and struck them with the edge of the sword and burned the city with fire.

But in verse 18 the beautiful reminder to Dan from Jacob, v.18. Bro. Mansfield says the following: — From this short, beautiful and fervent prayer, it is obvious that Jacob comprehended the Messianic application of the blessing on Dan. The patriarch's actions, through life, were motivated by the desire to participate in the Divine salvation. It was for that reason that he sought the birthright and the blessing from Esau early in life, the reason why he was prepared to dare the wrath of his more powerful brother in returning to the land with his wives and family.

**(Exo 24:12)** The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

So Moses journeys up the mountain and there he waits for Yahweh to be given the Law for Israel. We also wait on the Lord for instructions.

Our Bro. Seth in his talk at the Lampasas June Gathering took us to point in our prayers to God that we are sometimes instructed to wait on our answer from God. It is not always an immediate response we receive and so it is a condition of building patience in the things that matter most. We are told further in the chapter of Exodus 24 the men who came with Moses waited for him at the foot of the mountain 40 days. 40 as we know signifies trial and purification

# Faith and Works – Balancing Belief and Action

At one point, I thought faith was simply about believing the right things. I believed that trusting in God, reading my Bible, and praying were enough. However, as I deepened my relationship with Christ, I began to sense that something was missing. I had faith, but was I truly living it out? Were my actions reflecting the transformation God had made in my heart?

**James 2:17** states, *“Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.”* This verse hit me hard. It made me ponder whether my faith was alive or merely a concept in my mind. I started to view my life through a new lens, was my faith evident in how I treated others? In my willingness to serve? In how I faced challenges?

Faith goes beyond just believing in God; it’s about trusting Him completely. It serves as the foundation of our relationship with Him. **Hebrews 11:1** describes faith as *“the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”* It means trusting in God’s promises, even when we can’t see immediate results.

I recall a time when I faced a tough decision. I knew what the Bible said about trusting God, but my heart was filled with doubt. I longed for a clear sign, yet God was teaching me to walk by faith, not by sight (**2 Corinthians 5:7**). It wasn’t easy, but through prayer and obedience, I began to see how God was working behind the scenes.

Works are the natural outflow of our faith. They represent the actions that come from a heart that loves God. **James 2:26** reminds us, *“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”*

It’s simple to say, *“I have faith,”* but what does that really mean if it doesn’t change how we live? If I see someone in need and do nothing, what does that reveal about my faith? If I cling to grudges instead of forgiving, am I truly following Christ? Works aren’t about earning salvation; they serve as evidence that my faith is genuine.

Jesus didn't just preach love; He lived it out. He reached out to the outcasts, dined with sinners, and washed His disciples' feet. He didn't merely instruct us to serve; He demonstrated what it looks like. As His followers, we are called to do the same. It's easy to assume that grand acts of faith define us, like leaving everything behind for ministry or making significant sacrifices.

However, faith is often expressed in the small, everyday moments. It's about choosing patience when we feel frustrated. It's about speaking kindly when we're tempted to be harsh. It's about being there for others, even when we want to withdraw. These simple, consistent acts of faith create a life that mirrors Christ.

I've learned that faith and works are not separate; they are deeply connected. When we trust God, we obey Him. When we believe in His promises, our lives change. And when our hearts are transformed by His love, our actions will naturally reflect that change. So now, I ask myself every day: How is my faith influencing my life? Is it just words, or is it evident in how I love, serve, and respond to others? Because in the end, true faith isn't just about what we say, it's about what we do.

# Bro. David Mutia

KITUI ECCLESSIA





East Africa Ecclesia Gatherings

# WE ARE GRATEFUL YOUR ARE ALIVE

# FEB 2025



# Using Social Media to Silently Spread the Gospel

SIS LEAH WEKATI, CANADA



In a world where social media influences nearly every aspect of life, how can we, as young brothers and sisters in Christ, use it to glorify God? We are called to be a light to the world (Matthew 5:14-16), yet our presence online should not be about arguing or forcing beliefs, but rather living our faith openly and consistently.

This article aims to encourage young brethren, sisters, and Sunday school scholars to make our faith visible in a way that naturally draws people to the truth. Through modesty, scripture-centered captions, uplifting music, and sharing our ecclesial activities, we can use social media as a powerful yet silent tool to spread the gospel.

## 1. Living Out the Truth on Social Media

Jesus warns us in Matthew 10:32-33, “So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

Denying Christ is not just about words—it is also about how we present ourselves. If we claim to love God but use our platforms to promote things that do not align with His word, we send mixed signals. Instead of following worldly trends, let's focus on what truly matters:

- *Modesty and Decency* – The way we dress and carry ourselves online should reflect humility and godliness (1 Timothy 2:9-10).
- *Christ-Centered Captions* – Even if we are just sharing a simple picture, we can use scripture or meaningful, wholesome captions to point others toward God.
- *Songs and Media Choices* – The music and content we engage with speaks volumes.

**Ephesians 5:19** reminds us to “address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.” If we claim to love God but share music filled with cursing, explicit content, or messages that mock Him, how does that reflect our faith?

## 2. Bringing Brethren Together Through Social Media

In June 2023, I created a WhatsApp group with the aim of bringing together young brethren and sisters passionate about daily Bible readings. This group includes newly baptized members who are eager to learn and grow. Through social media, we have been able to encourage one another, discuss scriptures, and remain connected, despite being in different parts of the world.

This aligns with Hebrews 10:24-25, “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

## 3. Strengthening Our Faith in a Distracting World

Many young people struggle with balancing faith and the pressures of the world. I understand this personally. Pursuing journalism in Kenya exposed me to a lifestyle where God was not glorified, and for a time, I almost found myself caught up in the wrong idea of “fun” and “peace.” But true peace comes from God alone (Philippians 4:7)

Social media allows us to:

- *Stay connected with ecclesias worldwide through Zoom Bible classes, discussions, and study groups.*
- *Listen to audio Bible readings when we are too tired to read.*
- *Share edifying content that strengthens our own faith while also inspiring others.*



**Romans 12:2** reminds us, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

If we spend 14 days consistently reading our Bibles, attending gatherings, or even listening to audio readings, it becomes a habit. Imagine if we applied this to our use of social media—making it a habit to glorify God instead of being drawn into worldly distractions.

#### 4. Using Social Media as a Silent Witness

Most of the people in our WhatsApp group found us through Instagram, where I post daily readings and acknowledge God consistently. Many have joined without feeling pressured—just drawn by the truth they see. That is the power of silent evangelism.

Social media is not inherently good or bad—it depends on how we use it. Instead of letting it distract us from God, let’s use it to keep in touch with brethren, encourage one another, and make our faith visible. Let’s normalize being fully committed to God, both online and offline.



If you are looking for a way to start, I invite you to:

- Join our WhatsApp group to engage in daily Bible readings.  
*(<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LLlksuAGkPgFL8fDERHmQw>)*
- Follow our Instagram page for scriptural encouragement. Username: *@Berean\_Christadelphian*
- Challenge yourself to read consistently for 14 days—you won’t regret it.

We are called to be ambassadors for Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:20**). May we always use every tool available, including social media, to reflect God’s light and glorify His name.

*“Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” – Colossians 3:17*



# African Berean Ecclesia

## News & Events

East Africa Berean Christadelphian  
Gathering to be held on 11th to 15th  
December 2025  
in Kamukuywa

Weekend bible study to be held at  
Athi ecclesia on 1st and 2nd  
February 2025, God willing.

Theme: "**Transformation through  
following the Jesus.**"

Mark 16:15-16,

Jn 3:14-16

Daily readings 1st February.

Topics

1. Displeasure.

2. Marriage.

3. Baptism.

4. Fellowship.

5. Redemption and Forgiveness.

6. Love and compassion

7. Justice and Righteousness.

Members in the household of faith,  
we bring sad news; Odiado Ecclesia  
is bereaved.

This follows the falling asleep of  
sister Christine (Pamela) Ambuga  
this morning at around 5 am.

She has had asthma for quite a long  
time. She now awaits the  
resurrection of the faithful upon  
Christ's second advent.

From

Bro Shadrack,

On the morning of her passing, Feb.

11

# About us

# THE BEREAN

## Christadelphian



### February Readings

- Exodus
- Psalms
- Romans
- Leviticus
- Mark
- 1st Corinthians



### Bible study groups

Let us study the Bible online, together. We have different Bible study groups, that works best for each of us. If we study the Bible together on WhatsApp, Zoom and in our gatherings, we learn from each other.



### Fellowships

Where is the Berean Christadelphian fellowship in Kenya?



### Ecclesiast

Ahsante kwa Kazi to Ecclesia in Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, Uganda, Tanzania, USA, Canada, Mozambique, Australia and Papa New Guinea.

Acts 17:10

Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

**Please send African ecclesial communication to:**

Bro Arthur Wekati, [aw@bereanchristadelphian.africa](mailto:aw@bereanchristadelphian.africa)  
P.O Box 552 Bungoma 50200

Assisted by

Bro Bob Bent ; [bob@bereanchristadelphian.africa](mailto:bob@bereanchristadelphian.africa)

---

Continue next month should the Lord will.