

General

Our Sunday Services have reconvened at the Hill of Blessing at 08h30

Our monthly Apostolic Community Forum is hosted at the Hill of Blessing in Verulam. The next meeting is on Saturday 10th December at 07h00

News

We hosted a successful matric tuition program for the past 5 months. This project will reconvene in the near future.

Bank Accounts

Pastor Ralph Ellaya

Name of Acc: SM Ellaya
FNB ACC: 60649031585 Branch: 220529

(Church Account)

Hill of Blessing NPC
FNB ACC: 62798411999 Branch: 220629

(Relief Fund Account)

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FNB ACC: 62859574165 Branch: 220629

Community Development Fund

Dokimos Ministries Int
FNB ACC: 62734534268 Branch: 220629

Meetings

Our week day meetings are currently being hosted ONLINE using the BlueJeans conferencing platform

Tuesday

Online Bible Study 19h00 to 19h45

Thursday

Online Prayer 18h30 to 18h45

Saturday

Online Session 08h00 to 08h15

Sunday

In person Service 08h30

Details for the meetings are communicated via Whatsapp.

Covenant partner with



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SELF DENIAL (Part 1)

I will make them and the places all around **MY HILL, A BLESSING**; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing.

- Ezekiel 34:26

Families are encouraged to gather each day, read the devotion, pray and partake of communion

Senior Elders:

Pastor Ralph and Michelle Ellaya

Desires

Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

We all have desires and expectations in our lives. These desires are commonly associated with our prosperity, protection and pleasures. Jesus speaking to His disciples spoke of a desire to follow Him. Our earthly desires can only find true expression when we desire to go after Christ.

Pray:

1. That we desire to follow Christ
 2. For our earthly desires to find expression in our desire to follow Christ
 3. That all our desires would be aligned to the centrality of Christ
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Empty

Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

To desire to follow Christ, has some pre-requisites. We must deny ourselves. This requires us to empty ourselves of all that we know. The rich young ruler was told to sell all that he had. Peter and the disciples left all to follow Christ. God can only fill us when we empty or deny our selves

Pray:

1. That we would learn how to empty ourselves
 2. For Christ to fill us as we empty ourselves
 3. That we would leave all to follow Christ
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No Reputation

Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

To deny oneself is to have no reputation. Christ made Himself of no reputation and took on the form of a bondservant. To be a bondservant is to be bound to the will of the master only. When we deny ourselves we loose our self will for His will.

Pray:

1. That we would be obedient to the will of God
 2. For our will to be overridden by the will of the Father
 3. That we would make ourselves of no reputation so that Christ may be manifest through us
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Increase

Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

John said "He must increase but I must decrease". If we truly deny ourselves then it is less of "I" and more of Him. For Christ to increase we must decrease. This decrease requires self denial. John realized that it would no longer be about him but it would be more about Christ.

Pray:

1. That like John we would decrease and Christ would increase in our lives
 2. For more of Christ to be seen and less of us
 3. That He would be magnified through us
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Another

Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

To truly deny ourselves we must understand that our lives must be dedicated to living for the benefit of another. This is the very nature of the Lamb of God, that Christ gave Himself so that others could live. Our life on earth must be one that is lived so that others can benefit.

Pray:

1. That the nature of the Lamb of God would be seen in us
 2. For grace to overcome self interest and to start thinking about the interests of others
 3. That we would learn to live for the benefit of another
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Love

Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

The love of Christ was expressed through self denial. The true expression of love is when we deny ourselves so that others can benefit. Our love for God can only be expressed by our love for one another.

Pray:

1. For the love of God to be actioned in our lives
2. That we would love as Christ loved
3. For our marriages to be a reflection of the love that Christ has for us