

17 August 2025

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## SERVICE TIMES

### Bible Study & Sunday School

Bible Study 9:00- 9:45 AM.  
Sunday School 9:00-9:45 AM  
Young Adults 9:00- 9:45 AM.  
Youth 9:00- 9:45 AM.

### Sunday Worship

AM: 10:00 - 11:15

PM: 18:00 –19:00

# Living a new life in Christ

*From the desk of Dereck...*

## ***Cracks in the Foundation***

For years now, we have all smiled while watching the children sing "The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock," and "The Foolish Man Built His House on the Sand." And we eagerly anticipate the big ending where the children all clap together! What a great children's song... or is it?

The story of the wise man who built his house upon a rock is found in **Matthew 7:24-27**. It is one of the parables of Jesus, told during His Sermon on the Mount. Jesus shared a story about two men: one who built his house upon a rock and another who built his house upon sand. The house built upon a rock weathered the storm, and the builder is called wise; but the house built on the sand collapsed during the storm, and the builder is called foolish.

Jesus was not concerned with house construction or building code violations. The spiritual meaning of the parable is found in **verse 24**: ***"Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."*** We are each building a life. The proper foundation for a life is Jesus' words—not just hearing them, but doing them, too.

When we see people fall, when we see families fall, when we see churches fall, the answer is in this parable. They were not built on the rock of Jesus Christ, plain and simple.

It seems at times that everything in the world is set up to make us turn away from God's words. Often, our own feelings pull us toward doing the exact opposite of what the Bible says. But a wise man will follow the words of God despite these pressures—not as a way to "show off" or earn salvation, but because he trusts God. Throughout the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus presented Himself as the final authority on and fulfiller of the Law; He ends the sermon with a call to heed His message and, in fact, find one's security in Him.

**1 Corinthians 3:11 (CSB): *"For no one can lay any foundation other than what has been laid down. That foundation is Jesus Christ."***

If these verses are so obvious, then why in the world do we fail? The reason is that man does what he wants when he wants, versus what God tells him to do. It's never enough! Man wants more; families want more; churches want more! Then the sand seems okay. Wow, this seems to work. Look, we're on sand and doing just fine. Then the storm comes. And the group of children clapping simultaneously isn't so cute anymore. Men, families, and churches collapse over and over when the storm hits.

**Revelation 22:19 (CSB): *"And if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share of the tree of life and the holy city, which are written about in this book."***

So build your house on the Lord Jesus Christ, and the wise man's house will stand firm. Are we?

I pray that this week will be a fundamentally different week. Have a great week and stay blessed.

Love in Him,

Dereck

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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### MINISTRY FACILITATORS

**Worship:** Hugh Kirby 082 3325434

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**Finance:** Richard Lang 084 575 4408

**World Bible School:** Desiree Human 060 501 8540

**Benevolence:** Johan Gerber 083 233 4726

**Maintenance:** Stephen Leibbrandt 084 790 7721

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Tuesdays at 10am

Contact: Sue 063 779 9914 or Ali 084 5584 508

### MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Wednesday 7.00 - 8.00 pm

### SMALL GROUPS

**Thursday evening group, Bible Study**

Thursday 7.00—8.00pm

Contact: Johan G 083 233 4726 or Darryn 072 385 9062

**YOUTH FRIDAYS** 18H30—20H00 (alternates)

**Kids for Christ Grade 2 to Grade 7**

Contact: Tish 084 398 8556 or Gaynor 072 111 5220

**YOUTH Grade 8 to Grade 12**

Contact: Johan & Gaynor Pienaar 083 456 0791

### PRAYER REQUESTS



*Those who are ill/surgeries:* Reg Townsend, Dennis Stubbs, Jenni Woolicot, Annette Day, Jenny Beyer, Neil Taylor, Elijah April.

*The bereaved:* Our love & condolences to Sean, Joyce and Brent Grahame and family and to all those who have lost loved ones. May the God of comfort be with you.

*The elderly & those in need of prayer:* SA Bible College, our country & leaders & world leaders, and those affected by all the wars around the world.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **BELLVILLE CoC LADIES RETREAT**

**Date:** 22—24 August

**Venue:** Bergkroon Faith Centre

#### **GREATNESS & GOODNESS OF GOD - seminar**

**Date:** Saturday 06 September

**Time:** 10h00—14h30

**Venue:** Bellville CoC

Please RSVP—Alison by 22 Aug  
office@bcoc.za.org

#### **STAN DEAN LIGHT THE FIRE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**

**Date:** Saturday 13 September

**Time:** 08H30—11H30

**Venue:** Bellville CoC

Please RSVP—Alison by 01 Sept  
office@bcoc.za.org

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Dereck Beukes	17 Aug
Dianne Branford	17 Aug
Caleb Heathcote	17 Aug
Anna Bywater	19 Aug
Themba Zithithi	19 Aug
Lauretta Iyi	20 Aug
Laurette Iyi	20 Aug
Jorren Sloan	20 Aug
Joslyn Morkel	21 Aug

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Anna Hasenjager—20 August  
Andries & Stacey Jansen—20 Aug



### TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Marietjie

Supporting Sisters

Ch 1 Biblical Support of Counseling  
Announcements & prayer: Ali



### THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Charles & Tish Markotter.

Males will be teaching.

Please contact Christa Gerber on 084 897 4974 with any queries.

Malmesbury/Paarl group also meet on a Thursday, on zoom.  
Please contact Darryn McLachlan 072 385 9062 for the details.



### SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

**Lads & Lasses to Leaders**

**Date:** Sun 24 August

**at:** 6pm



### SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	17 August	24 August
Cradle roll	TBC	TBC
Age 4—6	Devereaux & Lauren	Devereaux & Lauren
Grade 1—2	Angie	Angie
Grade 3 - 4	Angie	Angie
Grade 5 - 7	Liesl De Kock	Liesl De Kock

### **THIS WEEK 17 August 2025**

THIS WEEK 17 August 2025		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 24 August 2025	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Males Tomlinson		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Skot Gordon	
Joe Tshililo		SONG LEADER	Stephen Leibbrandt	
Darryn McLachlan		LORD'S SUPPER	Tendani Mabuda	
Darryn, Neil, Thama, Leonard		AM SERVERS	Tendani, André, Rikki, Werner	
Neil Botes		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	André Botes	
Dereck Beukes	Love where you live	PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	Lads & Lasses to Leaders
Thama Mabuda		CLOSING PRAYER	Rikki Jäck	
		COMMUNION		
		TEA		
Eleanor		Sound	Jorren	

### FINANCES

*God bless you*

*as you excel*

*In your giving -*

*2 Cor. 8 : 7*



### BANKING DETAILS

**NEDBANK**

**ACC Name:** Bellville Church of Christ

**Cheque Acc. Nr:** 1036015041

**Branch Code:** 103610