

18 August 2024

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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...

He is Coming in the Clouds

There is no question that someday our Lord will descend coming in on the clouds. The clouds that took Him back to the Father will bring Him back. Those messengers from heaven emphatically affirmed that **"...this same Jesus who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner you saw Him go into heaven"** (Acts 1:11). He will *literally* be borne by the clouds a second time when He comes again.

However, there is a *figurative* usage of this concept of Him coming in the clouds. A failure to realize this robs us of truth and makes some verses hard to understand. The Old Testament poetically speaks about the Lord and the clouds. Moses described God as One who **"...rides the heavens to help you, and in His excellency on the clouds"** (Deut. 33:26). David said, **"Extol Him who rides on the clouds, by His name YAH, and rejoice before Him"** (Psa. 68:4). Later, he pictures God as One **"Who makes the clouds His chariot, who walks on the wings of the wind"** (Psa. 104:3).

It was not just Moses and David who talked about the Lord riding on the clouds. As Isaiah saw the future of Egypt, who for years had dominated many nations, he described the judgment that was about to weaken that nation. **Behold, the Lord rides on a swift cloud, and will come into Egypt"** (Isa. 19:1). The judgment of that nation was approaching, and the cloud the Lord came on was swift. He came into Egypt in the clouds, and this figurative usage of clouds is so powerful.

It may seem strange initially to consider that the Lord figuratively came in the clouds in the first century. This does not deny that in the future, He will come in the same manner he left the earth, and Peter vividly describes that day in Second Peter chapter three. Perhaps this figurative usage can best be seen in the words Jesus spoke to Caiaphas and the Jewish council, the Sanhedrin.

He said, **"You will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds"** (Mark 14:62). Matthew's account adds one additional thought. **"I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven"** (26:64). He adds the word **"hereafter."** It starts now—from here and henceforth! The *ESV* translates this word **"from now on."**

Those men were to figuratively see the **Deity** of the man they were about to kill. What did they see? That same day they felt the earthquake, they saw the sun going down at noon and the veil in the temple ripped open. Three days later there was the open tomb, and fifty days later they saw and heard the events on Pentecost. Jesus had come in the clouds, and they saw it. Keep this in mind as you read the Bible.

Love in Christ

Dereck

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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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	18 August	25 August
Cradle roll	Elise	Elise
Age 4—6	Tish & Lauren	Tish & Lauren
Grade 1—2	Lucy-May	Lucy-May
Grade 3 - 4	Lucy-May	Lucy-May
Grade 5 - 7	Liesl	Liesl

PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who are ill/surgeries: Eric Bresler, Avril Turpin, Annette Day.

The bereaved: Our love & condolences to Vanessa Witten and family and to Stewart Becker's family. 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 the wars in the Ukraine, Palestine & Israel.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Anna Bywater	19 Aug
Themba Zithithi	19 Aug
Lauretta Iyi	20 Aug
Laurette Iyi	20 Aug
Jorren Sloan	20 Aug
Hannah Elgar	24 Aug
Chantel James	24 Aug

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Jenny R

Book: Forgive your way to freedom: Ch 11

Forgive yourself & make peace with God

Announcements & prayer: Ali

THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Marietjie Manuel

Males will be teaching.

Please contact Christa Gerber 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

Love where you worship

Date: Sun 18 August

at: 6pm

KFC & YOUTH

Parents please indicate on the list on the notice board, the dates you can assist with KFC and Youth.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Seniors' Luncheon : Sunday 01 Sept

Family Fun Day: Saturday 07 Dec

Sunday School Picnic: Sun 08 Dec



THIS WEEK 18 August 2024

DUTY ROSTER

NEXT WEEK 25 August 2024

AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
Johan Gerber		SONG LEADER	Stephen Leibbrandt	
Skot Gordon		LORD'S SUPPER	Darryn McLachlan	
Skot, Johan P, Charles, Andries		AM SERVERS	Darryn, Juan, John-Mark, Neil	
Leonard Green		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Juan Thomas	
Dereck Beukes	Love where you worship	PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	Lads & Lasses to Leaders
Charles Markotter		CLOSING PRAYER	John-Mark Iyi	
		COMMUNION		
		TEA		
Eleanor		Sound	Jorren	

FINANCES

God bless you

as you excel

In your giving -

2 Cor. 8 : 7



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