

31 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...

The Three Hardest English Words

There are some really long words in our language. I remember years ago when I first heard what was, at that time, the longest one. It was *antidisestablishmentarianism*. I learned it when watching the national spelling competition. It took me a while to learn it, but I mastered how to say it.

"*Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*" is not recognised as a word, but a nonsense word from *Mary Poppins*. It is one that, while not easily pronounced, can be sung by those who saw the movie. If you have ever wondered, the longest word in the dictionary is "*pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis*"—a medical term describing lung infection caused by inhaling minute particles of dust.

As difficult as these words are to say, they are not the hardest to say as a three-word phrase. The phrase has only eleven letters in it, but there is something about these three words that makes them so difficult to say. In fact, these words were unspoken for the first 2,500 years men were on this earth. Every person could have said them, but no one ever did. What are these three words?

The three English words hardest to say are "**I have sinned.**" Who was the first person to use these words in the Bible? It was not Adam or Eve in the garden, for instead of speaking the truth, they blamed the serpent or the woman whom God had created. For some strange reason, these three words are hard to understand. They were not said by the millions of people who perished in the flood. They were not noted at the Tower of Babel. They were not said by Abraham when he was confronted with the lie he had talked about Sarah. They were not noted by Jacob, who stole the blessing and the birthright from Esau. Joseph's brothers did not say them. Such a meaningful phrase, but so hard to say!

The first time this phrase is found in the Bible is when Pharaoh said these words twice to remove the plagues from Egypt. How genuinely were they spoken? Not at all, for when the plagues were removed, he kept on sinning! Even in our day, men sometimes call upon God with these words, but their actions reveal that they were not sincere.

They were spoken by Balaam, who beat his donkey and talked to him. The false prophet then saw the angel and said these words, but it is likely that he was referring to doing wrong to the donkey. He said the words, but kept on his journey to curse Israel.

The phrase is found less than 20 times in the Bible, and in a historical setting, David and the prodigal son use it nearly half of the time. Now think about yourself. You have wronged God and others, but how often do we use them?

These devotional thoughts must make us think what it means to say, I have sinned. Let's walk carefully with our Lord.

Stay focused on Him and Him alone.

Love

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

PRAYER REQUESTS



Those who are ill/surgeries: Brigitte Thomas, 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 & 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

GREATNESS & GOODNESS OF GOD - seminar

Date: Saturday 06 September

Time: 10h00—14h30

Venue: Bellville CoC

**Please RSVP—Alison by 01 Sept
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

LADIES DAY—REVIVIE & THRIVE

Date: 27 Sept

Venue: Central Church of Christ

Time: 10am—2pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Jeremy Meyer	02 Sep
Liam Jacobs	04 Sep
Mila Thomas	04 Sep
Francisca Tsingano	05 Sep
Ruan Joubert	06 Sep
Helen Manzoni	06 Sep
Tracey Nelson	06 Sep

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Allen & Glenda Van Heerden—03 Sept

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Elise

Supporting Sisters

Ch 3 Developing the right mindset

Announcements & prayer: Ali



THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Rikki & Caley Jäck.

Rikki 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

Fellowship evening

Date: Sun 31 August

at: 6pm



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	31 August	07 September
Cradle roll	TBC	TBC
Age 4—6	Devereaux & Lauren	Marietjie & Lauren
Grade 1—2	Angie	Anemari
Grade 3 - 4	Angie	Anemari
Grade 5 - 7	Liesl De Kock	Willie Bester

THIS WEEK 31 August 2025

AM	PM
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Thama Mabuda	
Jonathan Leibbrandt	
John-Mark Iyi	

DUTY ROSTER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG LEADER

LORD'S SUPPER

AM SERVERS

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

PREACHING

CLOSING PRAYER

COMMUNION

TEA

Sound

NEXT WEEK 07 September 2025

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Dereck Beukes	
Johan Gerber	Johan Gerber
Skot Gordon	

Skot, Jonathan, Geoff, Gary

Jonathan Leibbrandt	
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Dorian Flynn	Stan Dean
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Geoff Jäck	
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Charles

Eleanor

FINANCES

God bless you

as you excel

In your giving -

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