

08 December 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...*

## Are You Spiralling Out of Control?

The life of King Saul is a tragic story of a humble man's descent into pride and the lust for power. What makes his story so disheartening is that one incident of failure became the catalyst for him to lose his kingdom, his family and his relationship with God.

When we are first introduced to Saul, he is a humble man. He is very considerate of his responsibilities and his relationships. He went to great lengths to find his father's lost possessions (**1 Sam. 9:1-5**). When he was chosen as Israel's king, he wasn't upfront waiting to receive glory but was found hiding (**1 Sam. 10:21-23**). When he took command of God's army, he led his people to victory and showed mercy instead of dealing revenge (**1 Sam. 11:12-13**). By all accounts, Saul was a man of great character.

**However, Saul made a mistake.** Instead of waiting on the priest, Samuel, to come and offer supplication to God, he broke the Law of Moses and offered it himself (**1 Sam. 13:8-12**). As punishment for this sin, God told him the kingdom would not continue in Saul's lineage.

This event devastated Saul. Rather than learning from his mistakes, he had a change of heart and left his humility behind him. He no longer led his men in battle but sent them to do his bidding. Soon after, he would even disobey God's direct command to wipe out the Amalekites (**1 Sam. 15**). So, God told Saul that he would lose his throne (**v. 22-23**).

After this decree, Saul's decline only steepened. He grew in anger, jealousy and paranoia over his replacement, David. Though David only ever showed him love and honour, Saul began terrorising him and sent him into hiding. In his mad campaign to find David, he became a murderer of innocent priests, women and children (**1 Sam. 22:17-19**).

In the end, Saul's sins caught up with him. He lost everything. He lost his sons, his army, his life and most importantly, his relationship with God (**1 Sam. 31:3-6**).

Sin can cause the humblest and most vital of men to crumble. Saul's greatest crime wasn't a single mistake, but he refused to learn from it. Instead, his pride led him to fear and murder.

How do we handle our mistakes? Instead of accepting God's forgiveness and trying to repent, many of us will allow a single sin to grow and become a way of life. Sin becomes an identity. We cannot let our failures define us. We must let Christ define us. He paid the debt of our sins and allowed us to repent and live a life in His likeness. Don't let your life spiral out of control over a single sin, but let the Lord renew your spirit according to His words.

May the Lord preserve you and I as we walk carefully behind His son.

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:* Anzonias Dad, Reg Townsend, Dennis & Ursula Stubbs, Thinus Buys, Elijah April

*The bereaved:* *The bereaved:* Our love & condolences to Virginia Salzmann & family, the Gerber family, Lazama & family, & the Ganesh family, Hannah Brocklebank & 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.

**GREEN PASTURES CHRISTMAS CAROLS**  
 Tuesday 10 December  
 10h00—10h45

**Love. Grow. Serve.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Ryleigh Jones	10 Dec
Yvette Sloan	12 Dec
Nettie Du Toit	13 Dec

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Reg & Patsy Townsend—09 Dec

John-Mark & Lydia Iyi—11 Dec

Dereck & Sue Beukes – 14 Dec

**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Ladies class

Has ended for the year.

We wish you a blessed and peaceful festive season.

See you next year.

**THURSDAY GROUP**

The Durbanville and Paarl/Malmesbury bible study groups are taking a break over the festive season.

They will start up early in the new year.

**SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE**

Love where you live

Date: Sun 15 December

at: 6pm

<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am</b>		
DATE	08 December	15 December
<b>Cradle roll</b>	No	No
<b>Age 4—6</b>	Sunday School	Sunday School
<b>Grade 1—2</b>	Over	Over
<b>Grade 3 - 4</b>	Holiday	Holiday
<b>Grade 5 - 7</b>	period	period

<b>THIS WEEK 08 December 2024</b>		<b>DUTY ROSTER</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK 08 December 2024</b>	
<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>		<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
Dereck Beukes		<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Dereck Beukes	
Stephen Leibbrandt		<b>SONG LEADER</b>	Johan Gerber	
Johan Pienaar		<b>LORD'S SUPPER</b>	Marc De Kock	
Youth		<b>AM SERVERS</b>	Mark, Paul, Juan, George	
Youth		<b>SCRIPTURE &amp; PRAYER</b>	Paul Diedericks	
Darryn McLachlan	Devotional evening	<b>PREACHING</b>	Dereck Beukes	Love where you live
Youth		<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	Juan Thomas	
		<b>COMMUNION</b>		
		<b>TEA</b>		
Jorren		<b>Sound</b>	Charles	

**FINANCES**

God bless you  
 as you excel  
 In your giving -  
 2 Cor. 8 : 7



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