

09 February 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...

Being a Wonder-Filled Child of God

"You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told." - Psalm 40:5

When was **the last time** you marvelled at something?

For some of us, an easier question might be, "When was **the first time** you marvelled at something?" Many of us can relate to feeling this special kind of magic when we were little. Christmas morning, the first trip to an amusement park, visiting a natural wonder of the world—all these experiences and more have captivated us at one time or another.

Wonder is a natural response when we encounter something significant outside of ourselves. You never have to be taught awe. To be amazed in this way is to have a genuine, authentic realization that you are face to face with something profound, immense, terrifying, or impressive.

As the psalmist explains in the verse above, God is the ultimate source of wonder and awe. When we see God with open spiritual eyes, we will never cease to have raised eyebrows and dropped jaws. And should we find ourselves opposed to such an awesome God, we have no excuse: we can only cover our mouths and repent (**Job 39:3-5; Job 42:1-6**).

If so, why do we lose our sense of wonder with our Maker? Maybe we lose heart when He doesn't deliver as we think He should. Maybe we've seen too much sin and sadness in our lives to appreciate all the good He ordains. Or maybe, just maybe, we put God in a box and presume what He can or can't do, will or won't accomplish, should or shouldn't care about.

Let's realise this: God has already done more than we could ask or imagine by sacrificing His son in our stead. Any providence He continues to provide us in this life is proof of His limitless love, grace and mercy for us.

I think (to borrow a phrase from a song) we wish our lives looked more like the book of Exodus than Ruth. We expect to come to what may be touched: fire! darkness! gloom! A tempest and a loud, booming Voice (**Hebrews 12:18-21**). But keep reading there in Hebrews: what we come to as children of God, while it's not seen or felt physically, is much more awesome than Mount Sinai.

"But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel."

If you've lost your wonder with your heavenly Father--His love, grace, mercy, power, wisdom, providence--then your spiritual eyes have been closed. If you are a child of God, you are enjoying the scene described above. Whether you experience the created beauty of His handiwork or witness the effect of the one true gospel in a soul's journey in this mortal veil, you have reason to marvel.

*"Therefore, let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, **with reverence and awe**, for our God is a consuming fire" (**Hebrews 12:28-29**).*

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who are ill/surgeries: Kathy Wishart, Elijah April, Zelda Gerber & Cheri Van Der Merwe, Ursula Stubbs, Dennis Stubbs, Reg Townsend, Anna Hasenjager

The bereaved: Our love & condolences to Tracey Green & 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Month-end Fellowship Tea

Sunday 23 February

Senior Saints High Tea

Saturday 08 March

Time: 3pm

Sunday School Picnic

After service on

Sunday 30 March



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



David Enslin	10 Feb
Vaughn Visagie	10 Feb
Melody Snell	14 Feb
Dorothy Boshoff	15 Feb
Dawn De Vries	15 Feb
Lazama Hlela	15 Feb

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

André & Leonie Botes—11 Feb

Don & Rene Griessel—14 Feb



TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Heather

Book: Thought Garden

Ch 4: Protecting your garden

Announcements & prayer: Sue



THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Skot & Elise Gordon.

Geoff 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

Love where you live

Date: Sun 16 February

at: 6pm



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	09 February	16 February
Cradle roll	TBC	TBC
Age 4—6	Alison Diedericks	Alison Diedericks
Grade 1—2	Marietjie	Marietjie
Grade 3 - 4	Marietjie	Marietjie
Grade 5 - 7	Johan Gerber	Johan Gerber

THIS WEEK 09 February 2025

DUTY ROSTER

NEXT WEEK 16 February 2025

AM		PM	AM		PM
Dereck Beukes			Dereck Beukes		
Stephen Leibbrandt			Jonathan Leibbrandt		
André Botes			Joe Tshililo		
André, Rikki, Glen, Gary			Joe, Tendani, Neil, Werner		
Rikki Jäck			Tendani Mabuda		
Dereck Beukes		Devo evening	Dereck Beukes		Love where you live
Glen DW Holmes			Neil Botes		
Jorren			Charles		

FINANCES

God bless you

as you excel

In your giving -

2 Cor. 8 : 7



BANKING DETAILS

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