15 June 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. <u>Sunday Worship</u> AM: 10:00 - 11:15 PM: 18:00 - 19:00

From the desk of Dereck...

What Is a Man?

iving a new life in Chris

There is a lot of talk about "the Manosphere" on the internet. These are podcasts, YouTube channels, and other social media outlets where certain personalities give young men life advice.

These influencers have received backlash for allegedly teaching misogyny and toxic masculinity. For some of these bloggers, this is wildly exaggerated. They are cancelled for simply suggesting that young men are not all evil. However, many Manosphere gurus are guilty as charged. Instead of teaching young men how to be godly, virtuous and sober, they encourage drunkenness, materialism and fornication.

Many teenagers, college-age and university men have no direction in their lives. A large, loud section of the public discourse tells them they do not deserve to be heard or cared about. So, they are looking for anyone to give them some hope. Our young men must learn that the Word of God is the only place they must go for hope and direction. The Lord cares for our young men and has a holy purpose for them.

The Bible is filled with direction for our lives. In 1 Kings 2:1-4, days before his death, King David left his son, Solomon, with a command. David said, "...prove yourself a man" (v. 2). Who was David to give such advice? Well, he was a shepherd, a warrior, and a poet. But, more importantly, he was a man after God's own heart (1 Sam. 13:14). A young man shouldn't aspire to be just any kind of man. The best a man can be is when he reflects the heart of his Creator. So, what kind of man does this kind of man say we should be?

First, you must be strong (v. 2a). David demonstrated physical strength in his life. However, he relied on the strength of Almighty God. When faced with Goliath, David declared that the Lord would deliver him from the hand of the Philistine (cf. **1 Sam. 17:37**). True strength is confidence in God.

Second, you must keep the charge of the Lord (v. 3a). God has given every man the greatest purpose in the world: to make disciples of the nations (cf. Matt. 28:18-20). What better direction could your life have than one that leads others to eternal life?

Third, you must walk in the commands of God (v. 3b). There is no lasting glory in filling your life with possessions or lust. As David learned, they will be your undoing (cf. 2 Sam. 12). As Jesus tells us, *"…but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal"* (Matt. 6:20).

The world can't tell you what a man is supposed to be. Only God, who created you, can. Trust His Word.

God created mankind and some distorts the way we view men and shape men. God helps us revision what and who a man is.

We wish all our Father's a Happy Father's Day and pray God strengthens and guides you as you raise your children to know God's word and ways of living it out in your lives.

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	15 June	22 June			
Cradle roll	ТВС	ТВС			
Age 4—6	Leonie & Lauren	Leonie & Lauren			
Grade 1—2	Angie Ganesh	Angie Ganesh			
Grade 3 - 4	de 3 - 4 Angie Ganesh Angie G				
Grade 5 - 7	Willie Bester	Willie Bester			

PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who are ill/surgeries: Jenny Beyer, Joanie Green, Rick Webb, Jorren Sloan, Chrismart Beukes, Elijah April.

The bereaved: Our love & condolences to the October/Manuel family, Mrs Erasmus & family & Fairmont High School pupils & staff & 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 the wars in the Ukraine, Palestine & Israel.



UPCOMING EVENTS BELLVILLE CoC LADIES RETREAT 22-24 August

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Gracious God, bless fathers and all father figures with such love and faithfulness that children flourish and grow in uprightness and joy. Bless those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult. Amen.

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Moses Kakunguwo	15 Jun
Phoebe Markotter	15 Jun
Karin Tomlinson	15 Jun
Renier Schoeman	18 Jun
Ursula Cupido	19 Jun
Janelle Sinclair	21 Jun

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Shawn & Michelle Whitmill — 16 June

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Cecile Book: Thought Garden Minding difficult emotions— Anxiety

Announcements & prayer: Ali

THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Marietjie Manuel. Charles 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 and Lasses to Leaders **Date:** Sun 22 June **at:** 6pm

THIS WEEK 15 June 2025		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 22 June 2025		
AM	РМ	DOITROSTER	АМ	РМ	<u>FINANCES</u>
Johan Gerber		ANNOUNCE- MENTS	Geoff Jäck		God bless you
Stephen Leibbrandt		SONG LEADER	Jonathan Leibbrandt	 	as you excel
André Botes		LORD'S SUPPER	Criston Sloan		In your giving -
André, HD, André Jnr, Neil & Daniel		AM SERVERS	Criston, John-Mark, Johan, George		2 Cor. 8 : 7
HD Botes		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	John-Mark lyi		*****
Charles Markotter	Love where you live	PREACHING	Zane Elgar	Lads & Lasses to leaders	
André Botes Jnr		CLOSING PRAYER	Johan Pienaar		<u>BANKING DETAILS</u> NEDBANK
		COMMUNION			ACC Name: Bellville Church
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