

10 March 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...*

## Job's Friends Super or Sorry

You've been in that moment. Someone receives bad news or something tragic has happened. What do you do? What do you say? You are left with these questions and others as you try to comfort your grieving friend or relative. The need is so great, we have a heart that wants to help, but often we are at a loss for the right course of action. When we look to the Scripture for examples of those who lost much, Job is at the top of the list. Even to those in the secular world, the name of Job is a byword of great suffering. The lesser-known friends of Job contributed to his comfort and sorrow. Let us scrape together from their example of both the right and the wrong things to do in the face of grief.

It happened that after Satan had taken everything away from Job and attacked his health, he sat in the ashes scraping his skin with a piece of broken pottery. It is in this moment that Job responds to his wife, **"Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" (Job 2:10)**. This is when Job's friends arrive on the scene. **"Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, each one came from his own place...For they had made an appointment together to come and mourn with him, and to comfort him...they lifted their voices and wept; and each one tore his robe and sprinkled dust on his head toward heaven. So, they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his grief was very great" (Job 2:11-13)**. This passage highlights all the things that Job's friends did right. They heard of his plight, and they came, they coordinated the visit, they showed appropriate emotion, they showed solidarity with Job, they stayed seven days and nights, and they didn't talk. Had they left their efforts to this, we would've had a shorter book and a better example of friends.

Where they went wrong was when they began to speak. Job breaks the silence with a lament in chapter three. Eliphaz is the first to speak and he says, **"Remember now, whoever perished being innocent? Or where were the upright ever cut off? Even as I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same" (Job 4:7-8)**. He tells Job that it's his fault he is suffering! They even go on to say his children were wicked and that's why they died. They presume to know God's will. God rebukes them, **"My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right" (Job 42:7)**. Job rightfully calls them **"sorry comforters" (Job 16:2)**.

What do we learn? Our presence and mourning with those who are mourning are enough (**Rom. 12:15**). Don't try to find a why. Point them to the God of all comfort (**2 Cor. 1:3-4**).

We are all tempted to speak when silence would be an appropriate response.

Let's be contemplative in all we do when comforting those who grieve.

In Christian love

Dereck

### CONTACT DETAILS

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**Worship:** Hugh Kirby 082 3325434

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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:* Delene Bywater, Eloise Elgar, Stacey Jansen, Warren Beyer, Dorothy Boshoff, Chris & Zeldia Gerber's daughter—Shéri, Sam & Cathy Wishart, Rene's daughter Debbie

*The bereaved:* Our love & condolences 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, the doctors & nurses, police and those who keep us safe, and those affected by the wars in the Ukraine, Palestine & Israel.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Neil Botes	10 Mar
Nicolas Webb	10 Mar
Mariliza Hayes	11 Mar
Vaughn Kirby	11 Mar
Trudi McLachlan	11 Mar
Ciah Jäck	13 Mar
Lucien Jacobs	13 Mar
Joy Finlayson	15 Mar
Katarina Gerber	15 Mar

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Zane & Eloise Elgar—13 Mar

**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Teaching: Jenny R

Book: Wham! Facing Life's Heavy Hits - Wham 7—Moses

Announcements & prayer: Ali

**THURSDAY GROUP**

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

Rikki 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 / visitation

**Date:** Sun 17 March **Time:** 6pm



**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am**

DATE	10 Mar	17 Mar
Cradle roll	Tish	Tish
Age 4—6	Leonie & Lauren	Leonie & Lauren
Grade 1—2	Lydia	Lydia
Grade 3 - 4	Liesl	Liesl
Grade 5 - 7	Stacey	Stacey

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

**COMMUNITY CARE PROJECT**

**What:** 40 pairs of gloves, gd 3-6  
80 pairs of gloves gd 8, (red or grey)  
**Due:** End May 2024

**FELLOWSHIP TEA & COMMUNION ROSTERS**

Please indicate on the rosters on the notice board which months you would like to assist with washing communion cups and serving tea.

**NEXT WEEK 10 March 2024**

**NEXT WEEK 17 March 2024**

NEXT WEEK 10 March 2024		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 17 March 2024	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes	Dereck Beukes	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	Dereck Beukes
Joe Tshililo			SONG LEADER	Jonathan Leibbrandt
Tendani Mabuda			LORD'S SUPPER	Stephen Leibbrandt
Tendani, Skot, Charles, David		AM SERVERS	Stephen, Chris, Geoff & Kyle	
Skot Gordon		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Chris Gerber	
Dereck Beukes	Devotional Evening Chris Gerber	PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	Love where you worship / visitation
Charles Markotter		CLOSING PRAYER	Geoff Jäck	
		COMMUNION		
		TEA		
Jorren		Sound	Charles	

**FINANCES**

**Budget:** Mar—Feb 2024  
**Budget** = R130 000 x 12 mths  
 = **R1 560 000.00**  
**Actual contribution**  
 = **R1 335 961.36**  
**Shortfall / Surplus**  
 = **-R 224 038.64**  
*God bless you as you excel in your giving - 2 Cor. 8:7*



**BANKING DETAILS**

**NEDBANK**  
**ACC Name:** Bellville Church of Christ  
**Cheque Acc. Nr:** 1036015041  
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