

05 November 2023

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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: 17:00 –18:00

Living a new life in Christ

From the desk of Dereck...

GOD IS OUR SHELTER IN THE STORM

Sometimes the future looks bleak because as we scan the horizon, we see nothing but more ominous dark clouds gathering. Another storm approaches. There have been many storms lately — too many. Too many illnesses, and too many financial problems. Too much stress and weariness and grief. Too many loved ones departing this life and leaving us lonely, heartbroken, and destitute.

The Psalmist is urgent in his cries: ***“Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord?” (Psalm 44:23)*** At times like this it seems as if God is a million miles away while we suffer here on Earth.

Our eyes remain fixed on the clouds around us. We focus on the distant rumblings of more troubles on the way. We cringe and cower as we anticipate the next blow to come. The Psalmist desperately announces the obvious, ***“We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter!” (Psalm 44:22)*** And still the winds howl and the storms rage. Our situation seems desperate and hopeless. We have weathered many storms, but all we can look forward to, it seems, is more of the same. Giving up on God actually crosses our mind.

Suddenly, the apostle Paul sees our plight and begins to speak: ***“We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” “Of course we’re like sheep about to be slaughtered,”*** we cry, “that’s what the Psalmist said as well! Look at all of the problems that keep coming our way!”

Paul, as if he didn’t fully hear us, continues: ***“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:37-39)***

Our eyes turn back to the storm clouds. The words of Paul still ring in our ears: ***“In all these things we are more than conquerors.”*** Suddenly, we remember who we are. We’re not reeds to be shaken by the wind (***Matt 11:7***), we’re a royal priesthood (***1 Peter 2:9***)! Jesus died in our place, and in His love we live and conquer all the storms of life! All at once something else Paul said comes back to us: ***“I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” (Romans 8:18)*** The storm clouds continue to gather and rumble, but because of Paul’s words we take renewed confidence in our Shelter — the Son of God.

You see, our reaction to the storms says an awful lot about our relationship with God. Being in a covenant relationship with God has never eliminated suffering, but our relationship with Him does give us strength to overcome: ***“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Phil 4:13)*** Sometimes God seems to be asleep (***Psalm 44:23***) that we might be awakened spiritually. It seems that God is ignorant of our plight when really it is our own faith that is weak: ***“Master, carest Thou not that we perish?” (Mark 4:38)*** What about you? How are you responding to the storms in your life?

Pray you know that He is there for you every day and He is our shelter in the storm.

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: Dereck Beukes, Natalie Van Der Westhuizen, Keeda Webb

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 and Israel. Just pray for everyone.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



André Botes	05 Nov
Zoe Hayes	06 Nov
Rendol Idas	11 Nov

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mike & Nanette Botha—06 Nov
Skot & Elise Gordon—11 Nov



TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Coral

Book: Unglued

Lesson: Ch 7 I need a procedure manual

Announcements & prayer: Ali



THURSDAY GROUP

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

Caleb will be teaching.

Please contact Christa Gerber 084 897 4974 with any queries.

For Malmesbury/Paarl details please contact Darryn McLachlan 072 385 9062



SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Song & Prayer

Date: Sun 05 Nov

Time : 5pm



Festive Family Fun Day

Sat: 02 December
09h00 to 12h00



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	05 Nov	12 Nov
Age 4—6	Anemari	Anemari
Grade 1—2	Leonie	Leonie
Grade 3 - 4	Janelle	Janelle
Grade 5 - 7	Devereaux	Devereaux

NEXT WEEK 05 November 2023

AM

PM

DUTY ROSTER

NEXT WEEK 12 November 2023

AM

PM

Glen DW Holmes

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dereck Beukes

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Johan Gerber

SONG LEADER

Criston Sloan

Johan Gerber

LORD'S SUPPER

Oscar De Vries

Johan G, Leonard, Joe, George

AM SERVERS

Oscar, Skot, Jorren, Josh S

Leonard Green

SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

Skot Gordon

Oscar De Vries

Song & Prayer

PREACHING

Dereck Beukes

Joe Tshililo

CLOSING PRAYER

Jorren Sloan

COMMUNION

FLOWERS

Charles

Sound

Harrison

FINANCES

Budget : Mar—Sep 2023

Budget = R130 000 x 7 mths

= **R910 000.00**

Actual contribution

= **R761 331.25**

Shortfall / Surplus

= **-R148 668.75**

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



BANKING DETAILS

NEDBANK

ACC Name: Bellville Church of Christ

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1036015041

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