

13 October 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...*

## I'm just a passing through

Picture for a moment the hallway in your high school. Hard concrete floors. Harsh fluorescent lighting. Classrooms buzzing with teachers and learners on both sides. Was that the central part or main focus of your high school days? No! It was just a passage to get you from one place to another.

This is not unlike some trips that you have taken. Maybe you were going to see family, or you were going on a vacation. You get in your car and hit the highway for hours and hours. You stop for one night in a hotel or campsite, but you're back on the road the next morning. Were the travel days your actual destination or the focus of your trip? No! They were just temporary passages to get you to where you were going.

Those two examples are used to illustrate the nature of your life. Your life is like the hallway in your high school. Your life is like the travel days to go see family. The main focus is the destination, not on the passage to get there. The passageways are essential and must be properly planned and used, but if you get stuck in and only focus on the passage, you'll never get to the destination.

Now, let's make the application. Our life is described in Scripture like that of *"aliens and pilgrims"* (1 Chron. 29:15) and *"sojourners and exiles"* (1 Pet. 2:11, ESV). We are merely temporary residents on this earth, for *"our days on earth are as a shadow"* (1 Chron. 29:15) or *"a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away"* (Jas. 4:14). How much focus do we put on a shadow or on a vapour? Our focus is usually on the actual substance.

**Where is your focus?** Is your primary focus on the here and now of temporary life on this earth (and the word **"primary"** is critical), or is your primary focus on the there and then of eternal life in heaven? Paul said, **"We do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal"** (2 Cor. 4:18).

We put so much emphasis sometimes on the lives we are living now in our bodies, which are merely **"jars of clay"** (2 Cor. 4:7), that we neglect "reaching forward" to "press toward the goal" of eternity with Christ (Phil. 3:13-14; 1:21-23). This earthly life is not (don't misunderstand) unimportant. But the life we are living right now has a purpose! That purpose is not to make **"provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts"** (Rom. 13:14), but our purpose is to glorify God (Isa. 43:7), exemplify Christ for others to see (Gal. 2:20) and win souls to Christ (Luke 4:43). Are you fulfilling your purpose? Are you focused on your eternal goal?

This week lets focus on that which serves our goal to get to be with God and place all other priorities in its proper place.

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:* Anzonia's Dad, Mike Botha, Celia Leibbrandt, Heather Johnson, Reg Townsend, Dianne Branford, Thinus Buys, Johan Kleynhans

*The bereaved:* Our love & condolences to Ethne Bresler, Cindy Peinke and family and 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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Johanna Atkins	13 Oct
Angelee Beyer	13 Oct
Jenny Robertson	17 Oct

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



Werner & Meghan Crous—19 Oct

**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Teaching: Martha

Book: In Christ Alone

A look at Blessings in Ephesians 1

Grace & Favor: Eph 1:5-8

Announcements & prayer: Sue



**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**

Devo evening

Date: Sun 13 October at: **6pm**

Lazama Hlela presenting devo

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Family Fun Day: Saturday 07 Dec

Sunday School Prize-Giving: Sun 08 Dec

Green Pastures Christmas Carols: Monday 09 December



**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am**

DATE	13 October	20 October
Cradle roll	Tish	Tish
Age 4—6	Devereaux & Lauren	Devereaux & Lauren
Grade 1—2	Anemari	Anemari
Grade 3 - 4	Anemari	Anemari
Grade 5 - 7	Darryn & Danelle	Darryn & Danelle

**THIS WEEK 13 October 2024**

**NEXT WEEK 20 October 2024**

THIS WEEK 13 October 2024		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 20 October 2024	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
Joe Tshililo			Johan Gerber	
Criston Sloan			Males Tomlinson	
Criston, Tendani, Jorren, Duan		AM SERVERS	Males, André, Neil, Netshiavha	
Tendani Mabuda		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	André Botes	
Dereck Beukes	Devo Evening	PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	Love where you worship
Jorren Sloan		CLOSING PRAYER	Neil Botes	
		COMMUNION		
		TEA		
Charles		Sound	Eleanor	

**FINANCES**

God bless you

as you excel

In your giving -

2 Cor. 8 : 7



**BANKING DETAILS**

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