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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...

# When He Left the Earth... adapted from article of Dan Jenkins

Most in Christendom believe that Jesus was the Son of God who came in human form to do the will of His Father. They believe that He arose from the dead and shortly afterwards ascended into heaven. What is often overlooked is what impact He had while on this earth, and what His plan was after He ascended.

Even a casual reader of the New Testament will immediately discover that He so often spoke of the kingdom. In the four gospel accounts of His life, the kingdom is mentioned over 130 times. Far too many have overlooked this truth repeated so many times, and in doing so, they fail to see just how that kingdom is related to what was involved in His plan after He ascended.

Have you ever considered just how many individuals announced that the kingdom was about to be established? John the Baptist taught that the kingdom was at hand (**Matt. 3:2**). When Jesus first began teaching, He told those who heard Him that the kingdom was at hand, it was about to be established (**Mark 1:15**). As He lived on this earth, He sent the twelve apostles out to teach every Jew in every city that the kingdom was about to come (**Matt. 10:7**). Later, He sent another 70 individuals to go among the Jews and promised them that the kingdom was about to become a reality (**Luke 10:9**). That's 84 messengers sent by God in a period of about three years who were telling everyone that God's new kingdom, led by the King of all kings, was about to become a reality.

Look at how specific Jesus was in telling those who listened to Him about the precise time that kingdom was to be established. His words are so easy to understand. *"Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power"* (Mark 9:1). Imagine that you had been standing there and heard Him say these words. What would you believe about when that kingdom would come into existence?

The reason some struggle with the words of these 84 prophets sent by God is because they have heard so many teachers talk about the fact that when He comes the second time at the end of the world, He would finally establish the kingdom. If that is true, you cannot reconcile this with the clear teaching of heaven's 84 messengers. Common sense says we should first listen to these witnesses instead of some televangelists and pastors today who say the kingdom is yet to come, in the future.

What is that kingdom like? Take time to read the book of Acts telling what happened just days after He ascended. When He left the earth, what did He leave on the earth?

Have a great week.

Love

Dereck

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## MINISTRY FACILITATORS

Worship: Hugh Kirby 082 3325434

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Prisons: Stephen Leibbrandt 084 790 7721

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Maintenance: Stephen Leibbrandt 084 790 7721

### 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	19 May	26 May			
Cradle roll	Tish	Tish			
Age 4—6	Anemari & Lauren	Anemari & Lauren			
Grade 1—2	Marietjie	Marietjie			
Grade 3 - 4	Stacey	Stacey			
Grade 5 - 7	Elise	Elise			

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who are ill/surgeries: Reg & Dianne Branford, Anzonia's Dad Melvyn, Leonie's mom Sannie, Chris & Zelda Gerber's daughter—Shéri, Sam & Cathy Wishart

The bereaved: Our love & condolences to Uncle Bob, Sean & Joyce and Brent Grahame. 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.

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## KfC & YOUTH

Parents please indicate on



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

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## COMMUNITY CARE PROJECT

Thank you for your support We have reached our target. If you still want to contribute, I'm sure we will find folk we can bless with your gifts of love.



#### Zelda Gerber 20 May Ethne Bresler 21 May Genevieve Manuel 22 May 22 May Dennis Stubbs **Reg Branford** 23 May Coral Sloan 24 May Ryan Peinke 25 May Glenda Van Heerden 25 May

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

No-one this week

## **TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Teaching: Coral Book: Forgive your way to freedom: Ch 1 The Power to set you free Announcements & prayer: Sue

### THURSDAY GROUP

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

Skot 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

Lads and Lasses to leaders

Date: Sun 26 May : at: 6pm

THIS WEEK 19 May 2024			NEXT WEEK 26 May 2024		<u>FINANCES</u>	
AM	РМ	DUTY ROSTER	АМ	РМ	Budget : Mar—Feb 2024 Budget = R130 000 x 12 mths = R1 560 000.00 Actual contribution = R1 335 961.36 Shortfall / Surplus	
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCE- MENTS	Dereck Beukes			
Stephen Leibbrandt		SONG LEADER	Jonathan Leibbrandt			
David Enslin		LORD'S SUPPER	Darryn McLachlan			
David, Jorren, Tendani, Andries		AM SERVERS	Darryn, Stephen, Males, Kyle		= -R 224 038.64 God bless you as you excel in	
Jorren Sloan		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Stephen Leibbrandt		your giving - 2 Cor. 8 : 7	
Dereck Beukes	Love where you wor- ship, Visitation feed- back	PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	Lads & Lasses to leaders		
Tendani Mabuda		CLOSING PRAYER	Males Tomlinson			
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Charles		Sound	Eleanor			