

05 October 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.

Sunday Worship

AM: 10:00 - 11:15

PM: 18:00 –19:00

Living a new life in Christ

From the desk of Dereck...

When I Can't Understand the Here and Now

Six times the psalmists call out to God with the words, *"Hear my prayer."* Once they call out with *"Hear my cry"* and four times with *"Hear my voice."* The psalmists were quick and eager to turn to the Lord in their moments of need. One such occasion is in **Psalm 102**.

The psalmist begins with that call, *"Hear my prayer, O Lord, And let my cry come to You. Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; Incline Your ear to me; In the day that I call, answer me speedily"* (102:1-2). It is apparent in these first verses and throughout the 28 verses of the psalm that the writer is in great distress. Let us see what we can learn and apply from this open-hearted message.

When I focus on ME, it is HOPELESS. The psalmist described *"my days"* like *"smoke"* (102:3) and *"a shadow that lengthens"* (102:11), being *"alone"* (102:7), and having *"mingled my drink with weeping"* (102:9). He describes his body as burning *"like a furnace"* (102:3) and being *"stricken and withered like grass"* (102:4, 11). He depicts his "enemies" as those who *"reproach him all day long"* (102:8). Even when looking at his earthly abode, he recognizes that it shall *"perish"* and *"grow old like a garment"* and *"they will be changed"* (102:26). Yes, when I focus on ME and MY, it is HOPELESS.

When I focus on HIM, it is HOPEFUL. The contrast in this psalm is stark. The first 11 verses lay out the grim picture and desperate situation in which the psalmist finds himself. Then, **verse 12** shifts with, *"But You, O Lord."* He's going to do that three times in this psalm: *"But You...but You...But You..."* (102:12, 26, 27). Life is short and unpredictable. Eventually, everything around us will come to an end. The contrast brings heaven's light to this dark reality. *"But You, O Lord, shall endure forever...They will perish, but You will endure...And they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will have no end"* (102:12, 26, 27). My whole perspective can change when I put my focus on HIM. Then, then, I have HOPE!

When I remember HIM, I can have PEACE. Note what the psalmist says that God will do. *"You will arise and have mercy"* (102:13). *"He shall regard the prayer of the destitute"* (102:17). While things look bad in those early verses, look at the confident peace in the final verse: *"The children of Your servants will continue, and their descendants will be established before You"* (102:28).

It is easy to focus on all the negatives in MY life and lose hope. But when I FOCUS on Him and REMEMBER Him, that's where my faith in His hope (Rom. 4:18) gives me peace (Phil. 4:7). No wonder the psalmist said that those who are *"yet to be created"* would read this and *"praise the Lord"* (102:18).

Our prayer is that as we continue our walk with God that as time goes on this all will make sense and we draw courage from following and trusting in Jesus and God alone.

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: Jackie October, Christina Lallam, Dennis Stubbs, Reg Townsend, Jenni Woolicot, Annette Day, Neil Taylor, Elijah April, Dorothy Boshoff.

The bereaved: Our love & condolences to Dorian Flynn's family & 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, and those affected by all the wars around the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SENIOR SAINTS BRAAI

Date: 12 October

Venue: Bellville church hall

Time: after service



MONTH END TEA

Date: Sunday 26 October

Venue: Bellville church

Time: After service

Please bring a tasty plate of eats to share and enjoy some fellowship with one another.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Stella Crous	06 Oct
Reagan Smith	09 Oct
Sharon Benton	10 Oct
Males Tomlinson	10 Oct
Denise Botes	11 Oct
Junaid Jacobs	11 Oct

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Males & Karin Tomlinson—11 October

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Taking a break over the school holiday.

Back on Tuesday 14 September
Rose will be teaching



THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Marietjie Manuel.

Joe 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

Song & Prayer

Date: Sun 28 Sept
at: 6pm



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	05 October	12 October
Cradle roll	TBC	TBC
Age 4—6	Devereaux & Lauren	Devereaux & Lauren
Grade 1—2	Konanani	Konanani
Grade 3 - 4	Konanani	Konanani
Grade 5 - 7	Lucy— May	Lucy— May

THIS WEEK 05 October 2025

THIS WEEK - 05 OCTOBER 2025		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK - 12 OCTOBER 2025	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jonathan Leibbrandt	
Johan Gerber		SONG LEADER	Johan Gerber	
André Botes		LORD'S SUPPER	Paul Diedericks	
André, Neil, Joe, Ridodzula		AM SERVERS	Paul, Males, Skot, Andries	
André Botes		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Males Tomlinson	
Dereck Beukes	Song & Prayer	PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	Devotional evening
Duan Stander		CLOSING PRAYER	Skot Gordon	
		COMMUNION		
		TEA		
Jorren		Sound	Charles	

FINANCES

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



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