

06 April 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...

Return to the Lord

Unlike the teachings of many today, a Christian can fall from grace. Paul warned in **Galatians 5:4** that a return to the traditions of the Old Law could result in falling from grace. In **Hebrews 3:12**, the Hebrew writer warned Christians to beware, *"...lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God..."* Also, in **1 Corinthians 10:12**, Paul warned the church in Corinth, *"Therefore let him who think he stands take heed lest he fall."* There is absolutely a possibility of apostasy.

Unfortunately, there are many that we know who have fallen away. Some returned to their former lusts, some suffered terrible loss, and brethren hurt others. In every case, they live in a state where there is no more sacrifice for sins (cf. **Heb. 10:26**), but that does not mean there is no hope for them. *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (**1 John 1:9**). They can always choose to return to the Lord.

Returning to the Lord, however, must be on His terms. At the end of the Book of Hosea, the prophet ends his indictment of the sinful nation of Israel by explaining what their return to God must look like. Despite Israel treating the Lord like an unfaithful spouse, He promised that He would allow them to return to Him (**Hos. 2:19; 3:5**), if they submitted to His conditions.

First, Israel had to recognise their fault. *"For you have stumbled because of your iniquity"* (**Hos. 14:1**). A Christian cannot be taken out of God's love (**Rom. 8:38-39**). But, every day, God's people choose to leave Him. To return to God, you must understand your guilt.

Second, Israel had to forsake their sins. *"Take words with you, and return to the Lord. Say to Him, 'Take away all iniquity...'"* (**v. 2a**). A Christian must abandon the sin that led him astray. We cannot continue in sin (**Rom. 6:1-2**).

Third, we must return our devotion to God. "Receive us graciously, for we will offer the sacrifices of our lips. Assyria shall not save us, We will not ride on horses, Nor will we say anymore to the work of our hands, *'You are our gods'*" (**vv. 2b-3**). Sometimes, the most challenging part of returning to the Lord is facing the church. It is embarrassing to fail in the eyes of our brethren. But we cannot be in fellowship with God if we do not fellowship with the church (cf. **1 John 1:6-7; Heb. 10:24-25**).

Do you need to return to the Lord? The Bible clearly states that if we forget the Lord, He will forget us (**Hos. 4:6**), but He has promised to restore us if we are willing. Are you ready to return?

God always keeps the door open for reconciliation to Him.

Why wander around outside of God's grace? You don't need to; confess that where you are is not where God wants you and that you desire to change your life around to Him.

I pray that you will stop being on the outskirts of His grace.

In Christian 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: Darryn McLachlan, Chriss-Mart Beukes, Connie Korsten, Eloise Elgar, Elijah April, Anna Hasenjager, Nicky Willemse & Dad

The bereaved: Our love & condolences to Sam Wishart & 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTH END FELLOWSHIP TEA

Sunday 27 April

ATHLONE MEN'S BREAKFAST

Date: Sat 24 May 2025

Time: 08h30—13h30

Athlone Church, Anthony Road,
Silvertown, Athlone

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Adrian Diedericks	08 Apr
Preston Whitmill	11 Apr
Reeve Whitmill	11 Apr
Tyler Peinke	12 Apr

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dennis & Ursula Stubbs—08 Apr



TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Sue

Book: Thought Garden

Ch 11 Planting seeds of our identity in Christ

Announcements & prayer: Ali



THURSDAY GROUP

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

Skot 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

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

Devotional evening

Date: Sun 13 April at: 6pm

Josh Benton is teaching



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	06 April	13 April
Cradle roll	TBC	TBC
Age 4—6	Anemari & Lauren	Anemari & Lauren
Grade 1—2	Lucy-May & Phoebe	Lucy-May & Phoebe
Grade 3 - 4	Lucy-May & Phoebe	Lucy-May & Phoebe
Grade 5 - 7	Liesl	Liesl

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AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
Johan Gerber		SONG LEADER	Joe Tshililo	
Jorren Sloan		LORD'S SUPPER	Johan Pienaar	
Jorren, Paul, John-Mark, George		AM SERVERS	Johan P, Criston, Skot, Gary	
Paul Diedericks		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Criston Sloan	
Dereck Beukes	Song & Prayer	PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	Devotional
John-Mark Iyi		CLOSING PRAYER	Skot Gordon	
		COMMUNION		
		TEA		
Charles		Sound	Eleanor	

FINANCES

God bless you

as you excel

In your giving -

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