

13 April 2025

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P.O. Box 351,
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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...

The Church Is a BIG Deal to Christ!

"Well, that's a typical preacher thing to say. Of course, a preacher will say that the church is a BIG deal to Christ! That's what he's supposed to say!" I guess someone could respond that way, but let's approach this strictly from the viewpoint of the Bible. Let's not ignore what any ordinary man has said on this subject. What do we need to know about the church from Jesus's viewpoint?

The church is a BIG deal to Christ, as it was His eternal plan! The Bible tells us that *"before the foundation of the world"* (Eph. 1:4), God planned for Christ to come and redeem mankind (1 Pet. 1:18-20), and His church was *"the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Eph. 3:9-11). Now, that's a BIG deal!

The church is a BIG deal to Christ, as it was the subject of His preaching from beginning to end! From the start of His ministry until the moment of His ascension into heaven, Jesus preached about His church (Matt. 4:17; 16:18-19). He taught multiple parables about it (Matt. 13) and gave instructions on how to enter (John 3:3-5) and how to live in it (Matt. 18:4; 20:20-28). During the 40 days between His resurrection and ascension, He was *"speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God"* (Acts 1:3). Now, that's a BIG deal!

The church is a BIG deal to Christ, as He paid the highest price imaginable to purchase it! The church was not an afterthought for Christ and the payment for it was not a surprise. The shedding of *"the precious blood of Christ"* (1 Pet. 1:19) was in the eternal plan of God, by which He *"purchased"* the church (Acts 20:28). Now, that's a BIG deal!

The church is a BIG deal to Christ, as He devoted half of the New Testament to give instructions to His church! The purpose statement of First Timothy could really summarize the purpose of the books of Acts through Revelation: *"that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church"* (1 Tim. 3:15). Now, that's a BIG deal!

The church is a BIG deal to Christ, as He puts His saved safely inside of it! The church is the saved (Eph. 5:23), and the saved are the church (Acts 2:47). Jesus gave Himself to save the lost (Tit. 2:14), and when the lost are saved, He transfers them into *"the kingdom"* (Col. 1:13). Now, that's a BIG deal!

The church is a BIG deal to Christ, as He is going to return one day to take only His church home to heaven! When *"the end"* comes, He is going to deliver *"the kingdom to God the Father"* (1 Cor. 15:24). Now, that's a BIG deal!

Question: Is the church a BIG deal to you? Are you in His church and cherish it as He does you?

We pray the Lord draws you closer, so you see just how important you are to Him and how valuable your presence is with His people.

Have a super week.

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: Dawn De Vries, Chriss-Mart Beukes, Connie Korsten, 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 BRING & BRAAI

Sunday 27 April

Instead of month end tea we will have a bring and braai, please bring your meat & salads & utensils needed.

ATHLONE MEN'S BREAKFAST

Date: Sat 24 May 2025

Time: 08h30—13h30

Athlone Church, Anthony Road, Silvertown, Athlone

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Jaylin Snell	13 Apr
Caleb van Heerden	16 Apr
Jean-Pierre Roux	16 Apr
Annelene Thomas	18 Apr
Ian Johnson	19 Apr
Stephen Jnr Leibbrandt	19 Apr
Kyle Tsingano	19 Apr

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Ian & Heather Johnson—16 Apr

Ian & Janelle Sinclair—18 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 Johan & Katarina Gerber.

Jorren 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

Love where you live

Date: Sun 20 April

at: 6pm



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	13 April	20 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

THIS WEEK 13 April 2025

DUTY ROSTER

NEXT WEEK 20 April 2025

AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
Joe Tshililo		SONG LEADER	Johan Gerber	
Johan Pienaar		LORD'S SUPPER	Zane Elgar	
Johan P, Criston, Skot, Gary		AM SERVERS	Zane, André Jnr, André, Werner	
Criston Sloan		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	André Botes Jnr	
Dereck Beukes	Devotional	PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	Love where you live
Skot Gordon		CLOSING PRAYER	André Botes	
		COMMUNION		
		TEA		
Eleanor		Sound	Jorren	

FINANCES

God bless you

as you excel

In your giving -

2 Cor. 8 : 7



BANKING DETAILS

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