

20 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...*

## Is Your Knowledge Lacking?

One of the takeaways from Bible College was that I wished every Christian could go and have the same kind of intensive study. Every day, I opened my Bible and was guided on how to better understand the stories and scriptures. I was challenged to wrestle with difficult passages and commands and apply them daily. Preaching school gave me the structure and freedom to grow in my knowledge of the Lord.

**Sadly, I could have been doing these things all along.** I didn't need a school to lead me by the hand and force me to study. I had all the tools necessary at my disposal. I had the scriptures any time I wanted, and I had teachers willing to help me understand. But I was not motivated to put the time in on my own, so my knowledge was lacking.

The Bible warns us to ensure we are diligent in showing ourselves approval, as Paul says in **2 Timothy 2:15-16**. We have a personal responsibility to study the scriptures and know their interpretation. We cannot rightly divide the word of truth if we don't spend time with it. We cannot shun profane and idle babblings if we haven't studied the Bible long enough to know what they are.

There are grave consequences for neglecting the scriptures. In **Hosea 4:6**, the Lord spoke to Israel, **"My people are destroyed for their lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children."** During the time of Hosea, Israel experienced plenty of economic security. But as their worries became less and less, so did their desire to understand and obey the word of God. As punishment, God allowed them to be destroyed and removed their priestly privileges.

God dealt severely with His children of the Old Covenant because they neglected His word. In this country, we have also been blessed with great wealth, and although there are unique pressures, every challenge presents new opportunities. Like Israel, we can quickly become complacent in our studies. It is far easier to watch another YouTube video or start a new show on Netflix than to open our Bibles and diligently search the scriptures. If we want to retain our privileges as the children and priests of Christ, we must grow in the knowledge of His word.

Is your knowledge lacking? Peter says we must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (**2 Pet. 3:18**). In **John 10:27**, Jesus says, **"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."** Do you know the voice of your Good Shepherd? The only way is to study the Bible (cf. **Heb. 1:1-4; 2 Pet. 1:19-21**). Start growing today!

I pray these thoughts will encourage you to dig deeper into God's Word. They will also keep you grounded amidst prosperity.

Stay grounded.

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:* Wayne Enslin, Dawn De Vries, Ursula Stubbs, Chriss-Mart Beukes, Elijah April, Anna Hasenjaeger, 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



Reg Townsend	21 Apr
Abigail Marais	25 Apr

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

No one this week



### TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Marietjie

Book: Thought Garden

Ch 12 Planting our thoughts in God's unconditional love

Announcements & prayer: Sue



### THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group will meet at the home of Males & Karin Tomlinson.

Charles 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

**Lads & Lasses to Leaders**

**Date:** Sun 27 April at: 6pm

Johan & Gaynor are teaching



### SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	20 April	27 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 20 April 2025**

### **DUTY ROSTER**

### **NEXT WEEK 27 April 2025**

AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Dereck Beukes	
Johan Gerber		<b>SONG LEADER</b>	Criston Sloan	
Zane Elgar		<b>LORD'S SUPPER</b>	Juan Thomas	
Zane, André Jnr, André, Werner		<b>AM SERVERS</b>	Juan, Jonathan, Tendani, Kyle	
André Botes Jnr		<b>SCRIPTURE &amp; PRAYER</b>	Jonathan Leibbrandt	
Dereck Beukes	Love where you live	<b>PREACHING</b>	Dereck Beukes	Lads & Lasses to Leaders
André Botes		<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	Tendani Mabuda	
		<b>COMMUNION</b>		
		<b>TEA</b>		
Jorren		<b>Sound</b>	Charles	

### FINANCES

God bless you

as you excel

In your giving -

2 Cor. 8 : 7



### BANKING DETAILS

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