

08 August 2021

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Rostand &
Chantecler
Roads,
Eversdal
P.O. Box 351,
Durbanville 7551



SERVICE TIMES

Bible Study & Sunday School

Bible Study 9.00- 9:45 AM.

Sunday School 9.00-9:45 AM

Young Adults/Youth

Suspended for time being

Sunday Worship

10.00 - 11.15 AM.

PM Suspended for time being

Living a new life in Christ

From the desk of Dereck...

God Rescues His People - Part 1

God has a history of faithfulness toward His people. He never slumbers and never sleeps.

God rescued His people from Egypt when they cried out to Him for help. When Pharaoh refused to let them go, God delivered a series of disasters to Egypt and its idea of them being the gods, in order to loosen Pharaoh's grip. When Pharaoh sent soldiers to recapture the people, God opened a sea to provide a way of escape. He made a way where all they saw was impossibility to survive. When Pharaoh's soldiers pursued God's people through this same passage, God covered Pharaoh's army with water. The Red Sea became the ultimate line-drawn-in-the-sand. Don't touch My people. God did all of this so that the Israelites would no longer be slaves. He repeatedly warned them that Egypt was all about oppression, hard-heartedness and false hope. He reminded them that He could provide for them, extricating them from Egypt and being seen as their provider.

When the Israelites faced tough times, they often spoke of going back to Egypt. Over and over again, when the heat was too hot, when an enemy approached, when the food was less than tasty, the people of God looked to one place in particular for help: Egypt. It wasn't that the people necessarily wanted to be slaves again, but they were quite willing to surrender their freedom for the sake of shelter. Just the spices of Egypt alone were enough to cause the Israelites to look over their shoulders, while the marks left by the whips of Egypt were still healing. Its bizarre that when folk look back rather than face the future with courage, they romanticise about the enslaved past.

God told them, even though Egypt had the things that looked like the answers to all their problems, it was a mistake to look to Egypt for help. ***"Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses, and trust in chariots because they are many and in horsemen because they are very strong, but they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the LORD"*** (Isa. 31:1)! When enemies approached the gate, the Israelites believed the military forces of Egypt were the answer. But the people of God had forgotten. An earlier version of this same answer was decaying at the bottom of the Red Sea. By looking to Egypt for help, they were looking away from God.

We have also left Egypt. When we became Christians, we were rescued from the slavery of sin. We crossed a Red Sea called baptism, and we continued to struggle on, through a wilderness that can often be difficult and discouraging. And back there, over our shoulder, beyond our decision to die with Christ, the world waits, eager to enslave us once again. We know this. Even now, we can see the tracks of those who have indeed turned back, returning to a life of comfort and chains.

When their relationship with God had been compromised, the draw of worldly things grew more enticing in their minds, the people turned around to go back to Egypt. God said they were disobedient. ***"Woe to the obstinate children," declares the LORD, "to those who carry out plans that are not mine, forming an alliance, but not by my Spirit, heaping sin upon sin; ² who go down to Egypt without consulting me; who look for help to Pharaoh's protection, to Egypt's shade for refuge. ³ But Pharaoh's protection will be to your shame, Egypt's shade will bring you disgrace.*** (Isa. 30:1-3 NIV). We must stay out of the shadows of the world that entices. God always provides a way for His people.

Stay faithful no matter what. He will save You, he always will and He is Faithful.

Dereck

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Prisons: Stephen Leibbrandt 084 790 7721

Benevolence: Johan Gerber 083 233 4726

Maintenance: Robert Trevor-Jones 074 653 1463

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 Gerber 083 233 4726

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: John Mark Iyi, Brad, Nicola, Emily & Rebecca Dearham, Ian, Tracey Kitching, Carmen Visagie, Anzonia Joseph, Joni Green, Lydia Sinclair, Kyle Grunewald, Kaden Jacobs

The bereaved: Our prayers are with 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 and especially — our country & leaders & world leaders, the front-line workers, doctors & nurses, those working to make our world safe again.

Therefore the LORD waits [expectantly] and longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; Blessed (happy, fortunate) are all those who long for Him [since He will never fail them]. ISALAH 30:18 AMP



BELLVILLE FOOD BLESSING

If you would like to contribute to the frozen food ministry for those battling with Covid please use the



*Stay Safe, Stay positive
Stay connected
You are loved*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Mike Botha	08 Aug
Joyce Grahame	08 Aug
Patsy Townsend	13 Aug

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

No one this week

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Sharing: Nancy Wheaton

Time 3pm

Announcements & prayer: Sue

THURSDAY GROUP

Teaching: Jorren

The bible study is on zoom this Thursday

Please contact Johan Gerber for the details. (083 233 4726)



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	08 August	15 August
Age 2 to 4	Online	Online
Age 5 to 7	Online	Online
Grade 2 - 4	Online	Online
Grade 5 - 7	Online	Online



Jar of Hope
Our project aiming to reach outside the church
Contents required:
Coffee jar
1 cup rice
1 cup soup mix
1 cup lentils
1 unwrapped stock cube
1 pkt soup powder
Contact
Lee 072 341 3511 or
Alison 084 5584 508



THIS WEEK 08 August 2021

NEXT WEEK 15 August 2021

THIS WEEK 08 August 2021		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 15 August 2021	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
		SONG LEADER		
Ian Sinclair		LORD'S SUPPER	HD Botes	
Males Tomlinson		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Marc De Kock	
		AM SERVERS		
Dereck Beukes		PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	
Charles Markotter		CLOSING PRAYER	Rohann Marais	
		COMMUNION		
		FLOWERS		
Charles		Sound	Rohann	

FINANCES

Year-to-date budget
(June 2021) - R624,000
Year 2021 actual
(June 2021) - R624,316
Year-to-date surplus
(June 2021) - R 316
God bless you as you excel in your giving - 2 Cor. 8 : 7



BANKING DETAILS

NEDBANK
ACC Name: Bellville Church of Christ
Cheque Acc. Nr: 1036015041
Branch Code: 103610