

15 August 2021

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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 2

Jesus set us free from the shadows. ***“For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His Son” (Col. 1:13).*** We have escaped into the kingdom, but a “domain of darkness” waits for those who want to go back.

It isn't that people want to be slaves. Most will deceive themselves into thinking they're returning to some kind of freedom. What they want is comfort at any price. They want someone to handle their problems but without telling them what to do. They want life to be what they want it to be. Faced with the monotonous manna of a righteous life, they are willing to slip back into a lesser life.

The wilderness is hard. It takes focus to fight the pull of Egypt, but what makes it even more difficult is when we make decisions as if we still lived in Egypt. Some of the shadows from the domain of darkness have remained in our head. This often results in bad decisions and strangely enough, this is the very kind of thing that can urge us to make the even worse decision of giving up and going back.

You can see it in how we handle trials. There are troubles in this wilderness. Some of them are allowed by God to test our heart. ***“You shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not” (Deut. 8:2).*** Others are simply bad decisions caused by the kind of thinking we did back in Egypt. When troubles kick down the door, our first urge is to look to the world for answers. God spoke about those ***“who execute a plan, but not Mine, and make an alliance, but not of My Spirit, in order to add sin to sin” (Isa. 30:1).*** Praying is often a last resort. We try to fix things ourselves. Instead of going to God, instead of looking to other Christians for encouragement, we gaze back at the comforting shadows of Egypt, little by little luring ourselves away from the light. We try to walk toward God but with our eyes on Egypt. One of the main reasons is that deep down we know that if we face forward and walk right behind Jesus, we will have to make some changes. Just about anyone is up for the message from the edges of Scripture. Even an actual verse or two that makes the day seem more bearable is good, but usually not if it conflicts with our own world views. Our moment of greatest fear and temptation is our greatest moment of growth. Don't miss this.

That was another reason the people of God wanted to go back to Egypt. When God sent prophets to help the people with their problems, the people didn't want to hear it. The people wanted help from God, but only if they got to keep doing what they wanted to do. We must be those that are obedient. Walk into the discomfort that discipleship requires and pay the cost of discipleship and in reward we will inherit eternal life.

Stay focused on Him.

Dereck

CONTACT DETAILS

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World Bible School: Desiree Human 060 501 8540

Prisons: Stephen Leibbrandt 084 790 7721

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

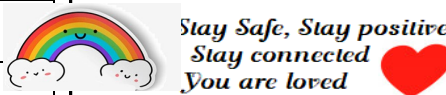
The bereaved: Our prayers are with all those who have lost loved ones. May the God of comfort be with you.

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.



BELLVILLE FOOD BLESSING

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Dereck Beukes	17 Aug
Dianne Branford	17 Aug
Anna Bywater	19 Aug
Laurette Iyi	20 Aug
Lauretta Iyi	20 Aug
Jorren Sloan	20 Aug
Joslyn Morkel	21 Aug

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

No one this week



TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Ali

Lesson: Becoming an Intentional Women of God

Announcements & prayer: Sue



THURSDAY GROUP

Teaching: Criston

The bible study is on zoom this Thursday



Please contact Johan Gerber for the details 083 233 4726 or Rohann 073 210 5526

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	15 August	22 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 15 August 2021		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 22 August 2021	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
		SONG LEADER		
André Botes		LORD'S SUPPER	Gen DW Holmes	
Marc De Kock		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Jorren Sloan	
		AM SERVERS		
Dereck Beukes		PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	
Rohann Marais		CLOSING PRAYER	Johan Gerber	
		COMMUNION		
		FLOWERS		
Rohann		Sound	Jorren	

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