

19 December 2021

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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 9.00- 9:45 AM.
Youth 9.00- 9:45 AM.

Sunday Worship

10.00 - 11.15 AM.
PM Suspended for time being

Living a new life in Christ

From the desk of Dereck...

Jesus Is the Reason for the Season

At this time of year, we hear the saying often, "**Jesus is the reason for the season.**" It's catchy. It's heart-warming. It's reassuring. However, the hyped "season" of Christmas, which man has designated as the birth-time of Jesus, has no Scriptural basis—neither in historical record or in authoritative command from God. As some have more aptly stated, "Jesus is the reason for every season."

Now, with that understanding, think about that saying in relationship to the "season" for which Christians do have authoritative command from God.

Jesus is the reason for the season of my behaviour! In the great Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavour, how shall it be **seasoned**? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men" (**Matt. 5:13**). Salt was used as a preservative (and still is) to keep food from becoming putrefied or corrupted. Jesus was emphasizing in this passage that the only hope that the earth (i.e., the inhabitants and civilizations of the earth) has for preservation is the seasoning of righteousness and godly living from God's people (see also **Proverbs 14:34**). **When it comes to my behaviour, it needs to be seasoned by Jesus.**

Jesus is the reason for the season of my speech! As Paul concluded one of the most practical sections in all of Scripture, he instructed Christians, "Let your speech always be gracious, **seasoned** with salt..." (**Col. 4:6**). As salt provides taste and flavour to our food, the words that we use will all have a certain taste or flavour to them—either a "**corrupt word**" or "**what is good for necessary edification**" (**Col. 4:6**). Another interesting characteristic of salt is that it heals, even though it may hurt or sting initially in the process. Wisdom says, "**Faithful are the wounds of a friend**" (**Prov. 27:6**). **When it comes to my speech, it needs to be seasoned by Jesus.**

Jesus is the reason for the season of my preaching! The instructions given to God's servant Timothy are insightful: "**Preach the word!**" (**2 Tim. 4:2**). But when? On Sundays? Wednesdays? Special occasions? The inspired penman continued, "Be ready **in season** and **out of season.**" As there is a "hunting season" and a "snowbird season," is there a "preaching season"? No! God says to preach...whether it is convenient or not...favourable or not...popular or not. **When it comes to my preaching of God's Word, it needs to be seasoned by Jesus.**

Are you seasoned by Jesus, seasoned with Jesus and seasoned for Jesus? He is the reason for every season!

God wants to be in our immediate frame all the time.

Stay focused over this season.

Love

Dereck

CONTACT DETAILS

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MINISTRY FACILITATORS

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Finance: Bradley Dearham 083 467 0943

World Bible School: Desiree Human 060 501 8540

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 G 083 233 4726 or Rohann 073 210 5526

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	19 December	26 December
Age 2 to 4	In hall	In hall
Age 5 to 7	In hall	In hall
Grade 2 - 4	In hall	In hall
Grade 5 - 7	In hall	In hall

PRAYER REQUESTS

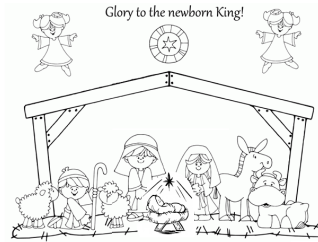
Those who are ill/surgeries: Pat Grahame, Keith Clark, Gavin Fullard, Maggie Luiz, Kyle Grunewald, Carmen Visagie, Joanie Green, Kaiden Jacobs,

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Elroy Snell	19 Dec
Xaria Williams	20 Dec
Tiffany Trevor-Jones	22 Dec
Willem Schoeman	24 Dec
Natalie Idas	25 Dec



And she shall bring forth a son,
and thou shalt call his name
JESUS;
for he shall save his people
from their sins.
Matthew 1:21

BELLVILLE FOOD BLESSING

If you would like to contribute to the frozen food ministry for those battling with illness please use the reference "Frozen Foods"



Stay Safe, Stay positive
Stay connected
You are loved

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Roy & Trudi Mchlachlan—22 Dec
Darryn & Danelle Mchlachlan—
22 Dec

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Has ended for the year
We will be back in the new year.

THURSDAY GROUP

Taking a break over the festive season.
Will resume in 2022
Please contact Johan Gerber 083 233 4726 or Rohann 073 210 5526 for details



THIS WEEK 19 December 2021

NEXT WEEK 26 December 2021

AM		PM	DUTY ROSTER	AM		PM	
Dereck Beukes				ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes		
Johan Gerber			SONG LEADER	Joe Tshililo			
Ian Kitching			LORD'S SUPPER	Charles Markotter			
Marc De Kock			SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Criston Sloan			
Marc, Jorren			AM SERVERS	Criston, Thama			
Dereck Beukes			PREACHING	Dereck Beukes			
Jorren Sloan			CLOSING PRAYER	Thama Mabuda			
			COMMUNION				
			FLOWERS				
Jorren			Sound	Harrison			

FINANCES

Year-to-date budget
(Nov 2021) - R1,144,000
Year 2021 actual
(Nov 2021) - R1,223,841
Year-to-date surplus 🟢
(Nov 2021) - R 79,841
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