

26 December 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 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...

He Is Our God He is alive

It is difficult for us to wrap our minds around the concept of an omniscient God. Because God's knowledge is perfect, there is no fact so obscure as to be beyond His awareness. This is a far cry from Hollywood's rendition of God. Some are just not comfortable with attributing to God qualities which are super-human. Even religious people seem bent on taking the punch out of God's power. Famous scholars have sought to explain away Bible miracles as merely natural events. They say that the ancient Israelites merely crossed over the Red Sea on swampy ground – that the Egyptians were unable to follow in their heavy chariots without getting stuck in the mud. Others have suggested that Jesus did not actually die on the cross, but that He merely passed out under the stress and later revived in the coolness of the tomb. It would be better if such critics would reject the Bible altogether than cast shadows on its reliability. After all, if the Bible teaches falsehood in one area, how can we rely on it in other areas?

God knows all things – past, present, and future. By comparison, we are limited to what we are able to learn from the past and what we can experience in the present. God's perfect knowledge can be disquieting to the one who prefers to dwell in darkness. But, "There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" (Heb. 4:13). We cannot hide from God.

On the other hand, the perfect knowledge of God can be quite reassuring to the one who has placed his or her trust in Him. The God who knows every time a sparrow falls to the ground and can name every star in the heavens is certainly able to watch over His people. He knows our needs better than we and is aware of our requests even before we are able to put them into words. He is the God who created the heavens and the earth. He is the God that we must serve and worship. Because we are limited in resources, we do not understand everything that happens in this life. But, we can trust in the wisdom of our all-knowing God who says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts higher than your thoughts" (Is. 55:8-9).

He is our God and we must acknowledge and accept Him for who He is without trying to bring Him down to our own level in our thinking. He is the all-knowing, highly exalted, self-existent, eternal King over all things and He is our God!

All praise and glory to Him as we celebrate the birth of His Son.

Love

Dereck

CONTACT DETAILS

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MINISTRY FACILITATORS

Worship: Don Griessel 021 976-2950

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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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who are ill/surgeries: Pat Grahame, Gavin Fullard, Maggie Luiz, Kyle Grunewald, Lydia Sinclair, Carmen Visagie, Joanie Green, Kaiden Jacobs, Dorothy Boshoff, Heather Jenkins

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



Cole Gordon	27 Dec
Colin Bonthuys	27 Dec
Bob Grahame	28 Dec

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Ryan & Cheryl McGregor—30 Dec

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS



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

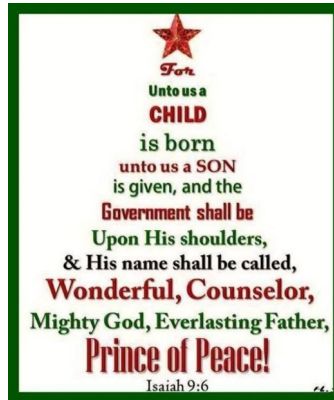
THURSDAY GROUP



Taking a break over the festive season.

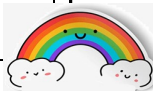
Will resume in 2022

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



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



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am

DATE	26 December	02 January
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

THIS WEEK 26 December 2021

NEXT WEEK 02 January 2022

AM		DUTY ROSTER	PM	
Dereck Beukes			ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes
Joe Tshililo		SONG LEADER	Criston Sloan	
Charles Markotter		LORD'S SUPPER	Glen DW Holmes	
Criston Sloan		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Don Griessel	
Criston, Thama		AM SERVERS	Don, Stephen	
Dereck Beukes		PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	
Thama Mabuda		CLOSING PRAYER	Stephen Leibbrandt	
		COMMUNION		
		FLOWERS		
Harrison		Sound	Charles	

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