

06 February 2022

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Roads,  
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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

10.00 - 11.15 AM.  
PM Suspended for time being

*Living a new life in Christ*

*From the desk of Dereck...*

## **"I wish I had taken my kids to church less" – article written by David Sproule**

An elderly woman lay motionless on her bed, drawing shallow breaths, occasionally casting loving glances at her family and speaking ever-so softly. In a few hours, she would take her final breath.

This beautiful lady was the gentle matriarch of a wonderful Christian family. She had raised three faithful children, lovingly stood by her husband's side as he served as an elder in the Lord's church for three decades, and she was esteemed highly by every member of her church family.

Her children and grandchildren had gathered at her bedside. They were talking and singing, and just loving on their Granny. They were tenderly trying to glean as much wisdom from her as they could, even in these last hours, but without pressing her too much. Finally, one of the granddaughters asked, "Granny, if there was one thing that you could have done differently, what would it have been?" In a crackling and yet silky voice, Granny responded, "I wish I had taken my kids to church less." The room went silent. Everyone glared at each other. *What did she just say?* Only a few seconds passed, but it seemed like minutes. Granny playfully peeked her eyes open. Her life was fading but her wit was still strong. "What nut said that?" she quipped. "Not this one for sure! Honey," she motioned to her granddaughter, "I wouldn't change a thing in the world! My family is all in the church and Gramps is with the Lord! There's nothing better than that!"

May I ask all parents a question? ***When you are laying on your death bed, what do you want more than anything else for your children?***

In your final breaths, what do you want to be able to say? "My boy won the little league championship and was the MVP"? "My daughter set new school records in every track event she ran"? "My son was the easiest child to raise and followed every one of our rules"? "My daughter graduated at the top of her class and went on to be the first female CEO of her company"? "My children paid to put me in the best assisted living facility in the state"?

OR, do you long to say in those last moments of earth-bound life, *"My family is all in the church"*? What parent doesn't want to be able to say that? But, a dream like that doesn't come true just by wishing it! It takes effort! It takes perseverance! It takes personal sacrifice! AND, it cannot start too early! ***"Train up a child in the way he should go"*** begins with your priorities even before a child's birth!

No Christian parent would ever say, "I wish I had taken my kids to church less," for "going to church" helps us to instill those eternal longings we yearn for all of them to have!

This article just struck me as cause for evaluation. It helps me to know that there are things far more important than the fickle achievements that are bandied as success. Its nice when your child does well and its great when they achieve these worldly things but when they lose their eternal salvation that's when we need to ask those hard questions. At what cost do I raise my child for the world or for eternal life.

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:** Stephen Leibbrandt 084 790 7721

**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	06 February	13 February
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:* Maggie Luiz, Gavin Fullard, Lauren Robertson, Tiziana Franzil Madera, Kyle Grunewald, 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.

*I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. Philippians 1:9, 10*

**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 BIRTHDAY**



Bernadette Beyer	06 Feb
David Enslin	10 Feb
Vaughn Visagie	10 Feb

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

André & Leonie Botes—11 Feb



**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Teaching: Coral

Lesson: Persevere to the end  
Announcements & prayer: Sue



**THURSDAY GROUP**

Durbanville group meeting at the home of Males & Karin Tomlinson  
Criston will be teaching

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



**FINANCES**

Year-to-date budget (Budg 2021) - R1,248,000  
Year 2021 actual (Act 2021) - R1,326,112  
Year-to-date surplus (Sur 2021) - R 78,112  
*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

THIS WEEK 06 February 2022		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 13 February 2022	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	Dereck Beukes	
Joe Tshililo		<b>SONG LEADER</b>	Johan Gerber	
André Botes		<b>LORD'S SUPPER</b>	Geoff Jäck	
Rikki Jäck		<b>SCRIPTURE &amp; PRAYER</b>	Johan Pienaar	
Tendani, Rikki		<b>AM SERVERS</b>	Johan P, Stephen	
Dereck Beukes		<b>PREACHING</b>	Dereck Beukes	
Tendani Mabuda		<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	Stephen Leibbrandt	
		<b>COMMUNION</b>		
		<b>FLOWERS</b>		
Harrison		<b>Sound</b>	Charles	