

28 February 2021

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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/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...*

## Nothing can separate us from His love, Things Present...Things to Come

There are so many things that threaten us to lose our grip on God's grace. God speaks to us of His constancy and His irrevocable love. He speaks to us about the way He assures His children that despite things being tough, **"27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."** John 10:27-28

Included in Paul's wonderful description of **"the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"** is a list of things which cannot separate us from His love (Rm. 8:35-39). It is an inspiring passage for Christians going through difficult times. If God is for us, we overwhelmingly conquer through the power of a love supremely evidenced by the gift of His Son (vss. 31-32, 37).

Circumstances threatening to separate us from the love of Christ include tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, and the sword (vs. 35). Forces which might cause us to question His love include death, life, angels, principalities, powers, height, depth, and any other created thing. But, tucked neatly away in this list and often overlooked are **"things present"** and **"things to come"** (vss. 38-39).

While things of the past can burden the present; they are, nonetheless, things of the past—things from which we must extricate ourselves and move on with our lives. We must effectively deal with things of our past, making things right with God and our fellowman. In the language of Paul, we must forget **"what lies behind and [reach] forward to what lies ahead"** (Ph. 3:13).

Whether **"things present"** or **"things to come"**, we must not allow our focus to be drawn away from the blessing of God's love in Christ. Present circumstances change from day to day. But, Paul learned to be content regardless of his situation—whether living in prosperity or suffering need (Ph. 4:11-12). In the end, he declared, **"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me"** (vs. 13). Trusting in God brings a great sense of empowerment in dealing with present-day difficulties. Though **"the mountains slip into the heart of the sea"**; God remains **"our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble"** (Ps. 46:1-2).

As it pertains to **"things to come"**, we know that God knows **"the end from the beginning...that [His] purpose will be established"** (Is. 46:10). Furthermore, **"we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose"** (Rm. 8:28). God will take care of the future. In the present, we must fulfil His purpose in our lives. There is no need to fill today with regrets from the past or the anticipated problems of the future. **"Each day has enough trouble of its own"** (Mt. 6:34). We trust. We pray. We thank. We persevere. We keep on rejoicing. Why? Because of His undying love.

Pray you never forget that God is on your side, remember **"His true love continues forever."** (Ps 136)

Love in Christ

Dereck

### CONTACT DETAILS

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**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 suspended for now  
Contact: Sue 063 779 9914 or Ali 084 5584 508

**SMALL GROUPS**

**Thursday evening group, Bible Study**

Thursday 7.00—8.00pm on zoom

Contact: Johan Gerber 083 233 4726

**MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY CLASS**

Wednesday 7.00 - 8.00 pm on zoom

**YOUTH FRIDAYS**—suspended for time being

**Kids for Christ 8 - 13 years** Every 2nd Friday 6.30-8:00 pm

Contact: Tish 084 398 8556 or Gaynor 072 111 5220

**YOUTH 14-19 years** Every 2nd Fri 7.00 pm –9.00 pm

Contact: Ian & Tracey 083 300 6801

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Those who are ill:* Kyle Grunewald, Kaden Jacobs, Anzonia Joseph, Michelle Hodson,

*The bereaved:* Our love & condolences to Andy Jooste's family, Maggie Luiz & family & Avril Turpin & family. 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 and leaders, the frontline workers, doctors & nurses & the world at large and those working to make our world safe again.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Eric Bresler	28 Feb
Christa Gerber	28 Feb
Caren Jäck	28 Feb
Rachel Benton	01 Mar
Pamela Granger	02 Mar
Brione Schoeman	02 Mar
Tish Markotter	03 Mar
Joshua Benton	04 Mar
Luke Jacobs	06 Mar

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Jaco & Carmen Visagie—28 Feb  
Morne & Natalie VD Westhuizen—01 Mar  
Rick & Ali Webb—01 Mar  
Joe & Ndivhuwo Tshililo—02 Mar

**TUESDAY LADIES CLASS**

Ladies class will start on zoom this Tuesday.

Speak to Sue to get connected

**THURSDAY GROUP**

The Thursday night bible study is on zoom this Thursday

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



KfC has been suspended until it is safe to meet again.

**THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND RIGHTEOUS; OUR GOD IS FULL OF COMPASSION. THE LORD PROTECTS THE UNWARY; WHEN I WAS BROUGHT LOW, HE SAVED ME. RETURN TO YOUR REST, MY SOUL, FOR THE LORD HAS BEEN GOOD TO YOU.**

**PSALM 116:5-7 NIV**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am**

DATE	28 February	07 March
Age 2 to 5	Suspended until safe	Suspended until safe
Age 6 to 7	Suspended until safe	Suspended until safe
Grade 2 - 3	Suspended until safe	Suspended until safe
Grade 4 - 5	Suspended until safe	Suspended until safe
Grade 6 - 7	Suspended until safe	Suspended until safe

THIS WEEK 28 February 2021		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 07 March 2021	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
		SONG LEADER		
Criston Sloan		LORD'S SUPPER	Males Tomlinson	
Geoff Jäck				
		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Ian Kitching	
		AM SERVERS		
Dereck Beukes		PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	
André Botes		CLOSING PRAYER	Glen DW Holmes	
		COMMUNION		
		FLOWERS		
Jorren Sloan		Sound	Harrison Markotter	

**FINANCES**

Year 2020 budget  
(Year 2020) - R1 200 000  
Year 2020 actual  
(Year 2020) - R1 127 831  
Year 2020 **Shortfall** :-(  
(Year 2020) - R 72 169  
*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



**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