

16 January 2022

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Eversdal
P.O. Box 351,
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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...

Where True Wisdom Begins part 1

He was a brilliant man. Those who knew him well and those who only knew him by reputation said he had more than merely “*raw*” intelligence. He had been given a particular gift and of course it was from God (**1 Kings 3:5-15**).

He was handed the kingdom on a platter. His father had already defeated the principle opponents in the struggle for the land. Now he had to build the temple to God to secure the borders of the kingdom and keep the peace.

Of course I’m writing about Solomon. Because of God’s gift of wisdom, he was considered to be the wisest of men (**1 Kings 4:29-34; cf. 1 Kings 10:1-7**).

We don’t really know when Solomon decided to write some of his “books” or reflections on life. He wrote many of the Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.

For this study I will be reflecting on his writings in Ecclesiastes. In Hebrew this is called “*Quoheleth*”.... which can be translated as “**wise ways or one who speaks to an assembly.**” We can call it writing of the Preacher. He wants to teach us about life and a warning for those who forsake their faith. That’s the job of a Preacher.

It is the realism of his words that is striking. They are brutally honest. What Solomon seems to be showing us is that life can be experienced from two distinct points of view one who fears the Lord and one who does not (**Ecclesiastes 7:16-18; Ecclesiastes 8:12-13**).

As I read his words, I know that he has experienced what he is teaching. He isn’t pulling any punches. He knows what these two choices mean in one’s life and he is sharing his world view.

“Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless” (**Ecclesiastes 1:14; Ecclesiastes 2:11,17,26; Ecclesiastes 4:4,16; Ecclesiastes 6:9**) This word meaningless, means “**vapor, breath, something transitory.**” It means something that eludes us and in actuality doesn’t bring fulfilment.

Solomon knew the meaninglessness of worldly goods. His conclusion was “.. The most important thing a person can do is to respect God and obey his commands. ..” Eccl 12:13-14.

Next week we will see how Solomon looked at different areas of life.

May God bless you in this new week.

Love Dereck

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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: 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

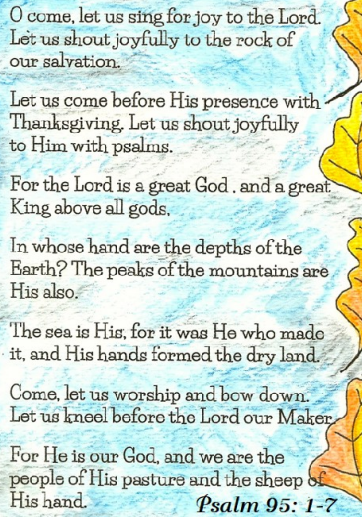
DATE	16 January	23 January
Age 2 to 4	In hall	In hall
Age 5 to 7	In hall	In hall
Grade 2 - 4	In hall	In hall
Grade 5 - 7	In hall	In hall

PRAYER REQUESTS

Those who are ill/surgeries: Gavin Fullard, Lauren Robertson, Maggie Luiz, Kyle Grunewald, Joanie Green, Kaiden Jacobs, Dorothy Boshoff, Heather Jenkins

The bereaved: Our prayers are with Bernadette Beyer & Family & 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.



O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord.
Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with Thanksgiving. Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In whose hand are the depths of the Earth? The peaks of the mountains are His also.

The sea is His, for it was He who made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. *Psalm 95: 1-7*

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"



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HD Botes	16 Jan
Morné VD Westhuizen	16 Jan
Marc de Kock	17 Jan
Bridgett Sass	19 Jan
Marietjie Manuel	21 Jan
Devereaux Manuel	21 Jan
Darryn Mclachlan	22 Jan
Zin'Lee Mitchell	22 Jan

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Chris & Mariliza Hayes—17 Jan
Kenny & Xavier Jacobs—22 Jan

TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS

Teaching: Sue
Time 10am
Announcements & prayer: Ali

THURSDAY GROUP

Durbanville group meeting at the home of Geoff and Steph Jäck
Johan will be teaching
Please contact Johan Gerber 083 233 4726 or Rohann 073 210 5526 for details



THIS WEEK 16 January 2022

NEXT WEEK 23 January 2022

AM		PM	DUTY ROSTER	AM		PM	
Dereck Beukes				ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes		
Joe Tshililo			SONG LEADER	Criston Sloan			
Rohann Marais			LORD'S SUPPER	Criston Sloan			
André Botes			SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Laurie Greyvenstein			
André, Rikki			AM SERVERS	Laurie, HD			
Dereck Beukes			PREACHING	Dereck Beukes			
Rohann Marais			CLOSING PRAYER	HD Botes			
			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