

06 June 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...*

## Many Will Seek to Enter and Will Not Be Able

Jesus "*went through the cities and villages*" of Perea and was "*teaching,*" while He was "*journeying toward Jerusalem*" for the last time (Luke 13:22). There were many things He needed to share with the people in these closing weeks of His life.

**One message that resonated with "one"** of His hearers was when Jesus spoke of "*few*" who would be "*saved*" (13:23). Perhaps this follower heard Jesus say, "*Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it*" (Matt. 7:14). Perhaps He heard Jesus say, "*For many are called, but few chosen*" (Matt. 20:16). The response of Jesus is striking when the man asked, "*Lord, are there few who are saved?*" Jesus did not say, "No! What are you talking about?" In fact, Jesus emphasized the point even more.

The words of Jesus in Luke 13:24 are sobering! He answered the querist intensely, "*Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.*" Jesus emphasized that the way to salvation is "*narrow*" (i.e., difficult to navigate), and that one must "*strive*" (Greek word is *agonizomai*) or "*agonize*" in every way to enter that narrow door. So, the first part of Jesus' response to the man is affirmative: "*Few will be saved!*"

**The second part of Jesus' response in this verse is just as affirmative.** Jesus plays from the word "*few*" who will be saved and focuses on the "*many*" who will not. Consider carefully what Jesus says: "Many (not a few!), I say to you (not someone else!) will seek to enter (a true desire and endeavour) and will not be able." How sad! How tragic! How sobering! Many will seek to enter heaven but will not. **Why not?**

Some seekers will not enter heaven because they have been deceived by human doctrines and are following manmade religion (Mark 7:6-13). Some seekers will not enter heaven because they do not have a love for the truth and have instead believed a lie (2 Thess. 2:10-12). Some seekers will not enter heaven because they think that their own goodness or the goodness of their family will secure their entrance (John 8:31-59). Some seekers will not enter heaven because they are led astray by the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches (Matt. 13:22). Some seekers will not enter heaven because they are gradually hardened by the deceitfulness of sin in their lives and do not even realize it (Heb. 3:7-18).

**This is no joking matter!** This is no "the preacher is too strict" matter! This is an eternal matter that caught a man's attention to ask, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" Jesus said, "Many will seek to enter and will not be able!"

As you walk this week please do not shy away from a true question from an honest seeker and speak the truth the same way Jesus did. We feel that we would not like to hurt people and may be tempted to either lie or withhold the Truth. Either way it is cruel as it could mean the difference from someone being in heaven as you want to or not.

In Christian love

Dereck

### CONTACT DETAILS

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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 Gerber 083 233 4726

**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:* Maggie Luiz, Anzonia Joseph, Dennis Stubbs, Kyle Grunewald, Kaden Jacobs, Virginia Salzmänn, Michelle Hodson

*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 leaders & world leaders, the frontline workers, doctors & nurses, those working to make our world safe again.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Kyla Salzmänn	06 Jun
Kimberley Tsingano	06 Jun
Christine Van Der Walt	06 Jun
Juan Thomas	09 Jun
Soma Ruiters	10 Jun
Patricia Anne Mitchell	11 Jun

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Johan & Katarina—11 June



**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Teaching: Coral

Topic: Sharing our Christian Walk

Announcements & Opening Prayer: Sue



**THURSDAY GROUP**

Teaching: Criston

The bible study is on zoom this Thursday

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



**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am**

DATE	06 June	13 June
Age 2 to 4	Downstairs	Downstairs
Age 5 to 7	Downstairs	Downstairs
Grade 2 - 4	Downstairs	Downstairs
Grade 5 - 7	Downstairs	Downstairs

**Hebrews 3:12-14 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; <sup>13</sup> but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup> For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,**

**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

**Dr. Mike Houts**

**Science & God**

**Date: Sat 12 June 2021**

**Time: 10H00 - 14H30**

**Bellville church of Christ**

THIS WEEK 06 June 2021		DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 13 June 2021	
AM	PM		AM	PM
Dereck Beukes		ANNOUNCEMENTS	Dereck Beukes	
		SONG LEADER		
Stephen Leibbrandt		LORD'S SUPPER	Joe Tshililo	
Criston Sloan		SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Rohann Marais	
		AM SERVERS		
		PREACHING	Dereck Beukes	
Charles Markotter		CLOSING PRAYER	Thama Mabuda	
		COMMUNION		
		FLOWERS		
Charles		Sound	Rohann	

**FINANCES**

Year 2021 budget  
(May 2021) - R520,000

Year 2021 actual  
(April 2021) - R543,937

Year-to-date surplus

(April 2021) - R 23,937

*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